

populace. A Department of Internal Security report appearing in the Seoul Times on 4 June said that 3,126 persons were being held. The neutral Seoul Sin Mun (Seoul Daily News) on 29 May gave the number of casualties and kidnappings on Cheju-do as 600 since the outbreak of disturbances. Dr. Chough Pyong-ok, Director of National Police, on his return from an inspection trip to the island at the end of May, was quoted as reporting 64 policemen and 400 civilians on both sides as having been killed.

16. The rioters' demands were that the election be called off and that the police disarm, according to one newspaper story. Another added that the original trouble with police stationed on Cheju began over the appointment of persons from other provinces to police service, and the importation of young men of a northwest youth group to aid the police. The story went on to assert that rebels had trained for three months, that they took the police by surprise, and that they had Japanese machine guns.

17. Because it was impossible in most of Cheju-do to hold elections on 10 May, the date for voting in two of the province's three districts was indefinitely postponed.

PART VI

S O C I A L

SECTION 1

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Communicable Diseases

3. On 25 May several cases of smallpox were reported among the constabulary on the island of Cheju. Fresh vaccine was sent by air the following day and no further cases developed.

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NATIONAL ELECTION COMMITTEE
SEOUL, KOREA

21 May 1948

Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, U.S. Army
Military Governor, USAMGIK
Capitol Building
Seoul, Korea

Dear Gen. Dean:

Re Reports on the return of the Gen. Election

I report to you the new members of the National Assembly, elected on 10 May 1948 as per attached herewith. Also the resolution passed by the Committee on the North Cheju Electoral District.

I trust you will receive your due consideration and appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

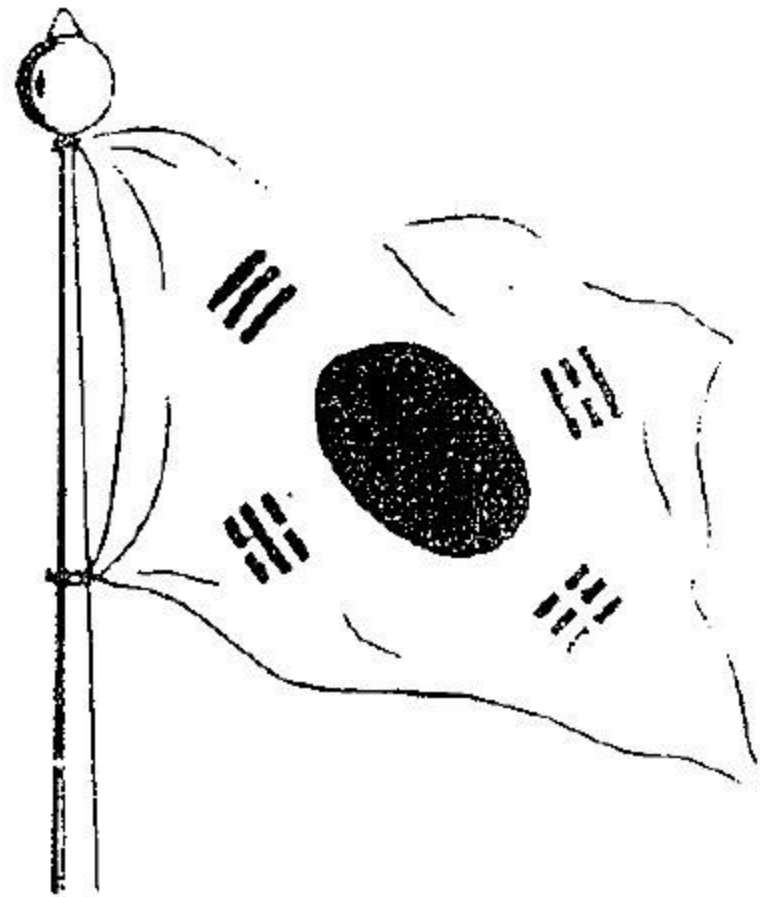
RO CHIN SUL
Chairman
National Election Committee
Seoul, Korea

LIST OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Electoral District	Name	Age	Number of Votes	Occupation	Party of Affiliation
10. [Che Joo Do]					
Puk Che Joo Gun A	New election to be held June 23, 1948				
Puk Che Joo Gun B	"	"	"	"	"
Nam Che Joo Gun	Oh Yong-kook	44	12,888	Member of KILA	None

• 제주도 반란 / <남조선과도정부 활동> 제33호(1948년 6월)

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Production Section

25. A total of 375 metric tons of dried sweet potatoes for the making of alcohol was reported available in Cheju-do. The alcohol plant there was closed because of inability to obtain further loans. An effort was being made to find other uses for the potatoes, such as feed for hogs and other livestock.

KOREAN COURTS

15. A representative from the Department of Justice made two trips to Cheju-do during June to assist in coordinating the trial of persons accused of rioting and other activities in connection with the guerrilla warfare on that island. It was deemed necessary to send judges and prosecutors from Seoul to assist in trying these cases.

SECTION 4

NATIONAL POLICE

DIMINISHED DISORDERS

1. In contrast to May's violence, June was extremely quiet. No labor strikes or sabotage of transportation facilities were reported. Only two policemen were killed, compared with the more than 30 who lost their lives in May. Fighting on Cheju-do slackened. Arrests during the month were chiefly for previous rioting or were of a precautionary nature. Little was said in police or press reports about the guerrillas entrenched in the mountains of the southern provinces. Only one hit-and-run raid was reported from this section. As in Cheju-do, one dampening factor here may have been the monsoon rains.

CHEJU-DO REBELLION

5. At the beginning of June, several papers sent reporters to Cheju-do. One said that there was no news from places more than 10 miles from the chief towns. All described the rebels as living in the mountains and receiving help from friends and families in the villages. But for this help, the fighting would have stopped long ago, reporters declared. A number of atrocity stories were told in gory detail.

6. Americans denied rumors that 200 Japanese who knew the island had been brought over to aid in its conquest. According to the Seoul Times of 14 June, "members of a certain private youth association have joined the police at the front, bearing arms." A specially-selected police force numbering more than 800 was sent to Cheju to join the constabulary force of several thousand. Both police and constabulary were under the high-level command of American officers.

7. On 18 June the commanding officer of the constabulary was murdered while he slept. The murderer escaped.

8. It was reported that 3,000 rioters had been arrested since the disturbances began. Newspapers asserted that few of the accused had been tried up to that date. None of those apprehended was over 25 and apparently there were no leaders among them.

9. Korean papers quoted the American commander as saying that he knew nothing of the causes of the rebellion -- his business was to restore order. The chief prosecutor of the Korean Supreme Court, after a visit to the island, reported, however, that the uprising was due (1) to the influence of the People's Committee, formed shortly after the liberation, (2) police brutality, (3) the belief of the people that the Pyongyang-conference of North and South Korean leaders was the best way to achieve national unity, and (4) communist agitation.

10. He recommended a reform of police and government officials and the ending of the struggle between police and constabulary. He urged that the members of the Northwest Young Men's Association, which was taking part in the campaign, be sent home. He suggested that a Chejuan who was trusted by the islanders be appointed to the chief administrative post until confidence in the government and the police could be reestablished.

11. In a petition sent to Korean and American authorities on 22 June, the Chejuans said the trouble on the island began more than a year ago, on 1 March 1947, when the police fired into a crowd of citizens. The local officials resigned in protest and were replaced, according to the petitioners, by persons who had come in from North Korea. The police brought in members of the Northwest Young Men's

Association to aid them. The police and their allies then proceeded to terrorize the people, many of whom fled to the mountains. The petitioners asked for a cessation of fighting and a reform in government.

12. Three days later the police director announced there would be no change in police policy. He said: "We will punish those who stand in the way of national independence through murder and incendiarism and will deal leniently with those who confess their faults and make amends for their past conduct."

13. He conceded that "it is the opinion of the authorities of every social field that responsibility for disturbances on Cheju lie in the misconduct of judges, administrative officials and policemen in that place, but the fact is that misconduct is indirectly, not directly, contrived." (Apparently this vague translation meant that various individual policemen had misbehaved, but that their conduct violated police procedures and was not police-sanctioned.)

14. At the end of the month the police reported the disorders were under control. At any rate, the monsoon ended all campaigning. According to a newspaper report of an interview on 21 June, the head of the constabulary on the island said "the rioters were becoming weaker" but it would take a long time to restore complete order. It was claimed that all but about 500 of the 4,000 reported arrested by the end of June had been given rice and sent home. The others were promised speedy trials.

15. Despite the uncompromising pronouncement of the police director, sensible reforms were carried out. Northwest Young Men's Association was ordered to clear out. Mainland policemen were being sent to other stations as rapidly as they could be replaced by Chejuans. A competent chief was sent in temporarily from Division A. Newspapers expressed the hope that police levies on goods and passengers from the mainland would be stopped. Another probability was that the constabulary would be removed from the island at an early date.

SECTION 5 INTER-ZONE ACTIVITIES

RADIO PYONGYANG INTERCEPTS

Cheju-do

9. The fighting on Cheju-do received Pyongyang's attention from time to time. American planes and warships were reported to be killing Koreans. "The American commanding officers say that all the residents on Cheju-do should be killed," said Pyongyang. "This shows how many people are fighting against the separate election and how strong the fight really is..... Seeing such brutal conduct, the people of Cheju-do can never cease their fight against the separate election..... and the police." Many election offices were reported attacked by rioters, and documents burned and stolen. The Americans and the Korean police concentrated their energies in slaughtering the people, employing every cruelty imaginable, declared the North Korean radio, explaining that the Americans were especially interested because of Cheju-do's great value as a military base.

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN KOREA
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15 June 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Activities of the Office of Civil Information,
USAFIK, 1 May 1948 to 31 May 1948.

TO : Commanding General, USAFIK

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