

and intervention in the elections by the traitors. Since the Soviet has boycotted the establishment of a central government, South Korea will be the expression of national opinion." (g)

Comment: The current Communist disturbances (Intell. Summary 2026) probably will consolidate the Rightists.

• 단독선거 반대소요 격화(1948. 4. 29)

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(c) Unrest Intensified: A decided increase has been noted in anti-election disturbances throughout South Korea, with the campaign centering in North Kyongsang Province and Cheju Island, the two areas in South Korea where Communist activity has been heaviest. The reign of terror has taken a heavy toll of Right Wing politicians and their families, while police boxes continue to be raided and policemen killed or wounded. (a)

Sabotage of communications in South Korea is increasing each day. Thirty-eight telephone lines, extending east and west of Cheju City, on the north coast of Cheju Island, were cut, and the telephone poles severed on 19 Apr. While Korean police were repairing the damage, they were shot at by snipers. This sabotage affected the communication system from a U.S. military position to the Cheju Airport. (c)

Comment: The Communists can be expected to intensify their antielection disturbances between now and the 10 May elections. They apparently have a well organized plan to harass South Korea in every way possible in anticipation of the UN postponing or cancelling the South Korean elections, or to intimidate the masses so as to discourage them from voting. The police are sufficient in strength to handle a normal situation, but it probably will be necessary to reinforce them if the disturbances increase in frequency and intensity.

• 폭력 사망자 4개월간 350명 발생(1948. 5. 4)

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