

Rightists  
 Communists

7	1	-
27	1	-
39	11	6

In addition, 133 persons were arrested by South Korean police during this period in connection with the pre-election disturbances. (a)

(b) Sabotage on Upswing: During the period the number of acts of sabotage apparently increased in frequency as had been anticipated for the period just prior to the 10 May elections. Specific incidents included the following:

- Six police boxes attacked
- 24 locomotives damaged
- Two railroad tracks cut
- One bridge destroyed
- 17 telephone lines cut
- Five ballot boxes destroyed
- 6,000 ballots burned
- 14 companies on strike
- Five electric power interruptions
- Seven wells polluted

Comment: Most of these incidents occurred in the southern and southeastern provinces of South Korea with the exception of the incidents resulting in the death of Communist rioters, the majority of which occurred on Cheju Island, approximately 50 miles off the south coast of Korea, where police continued suppressing the actions of anti-election rioters (Intell. Summary 2094). The intensity of civil disturbances for the week end of 7-9 May shows a definite increase over the preceding week end. Apparently these incidents were part of the anticipated increase in anti-election disturbances designed to frighten South Koreans away from the polls on 10 May.

(c) Drinking Water Polluted: Seven wells were polluted in a town about 20 miles northwest of Seoul on 8 May. As yet no evidence has been uncovered to prove who was responsible. It is possible, however, that it was done as an example of anti-election terrorism by members of the South Korean Labor Party to frighten Koreans in that vicinity. The substance taken from the wells was a bluish green crystal material resembling soda flakes. No cases of sickness among Koreans using the wells were reported and dogs that drank the water apparently suffered no ill effects. Samples of this substance are being analyzed but no report has been disclosed. (b)

(d) Police Box Attacked: Approximately 50 North Korean Constabularymen crossed the 38th Parallel near Nulmang-Mi, about 35 miles northwest of Seoul, on 6 May and fired two rounds at a South Korean police box. The police returned the fire. The North Koreans then threw seven sticks of dynamite toward the police box and withdrew north of the parallel. No casualties were reported. (c)

Comment: Although attacks of this type by North Korean Constabulary have occurred fairly frequently in the past, this particular incident apparently is a clear-cut act of harassment coinciding with the increase of civil disturbances during the past week in South Korea aimed at disrupting the 10 May elections.

(e) Election Day Casualties: The 10 May elections in South Korea apparently were comparatively quiet and orderly. Available information indicates that there has been no large-scale violence or serious incidents of any nature. No reports have been received from the outlying provinces. Eighteen persons were killed during the elections, including five policemen, nine Communists, and four Rightists. Even though this figure may increase as information becomes available, it is believed that the elections will not be seriously affected. The total casualties among the 20 million Koreans is likely to be comparatively small. Voting in Seoul was heavy with more than 90 per cent of the registrants voting. Reports from other provinces also indicate a heavy vote. To date there have been no reports of involvement of United States troops stationed in Korea.

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Guerrilla warfare exists on Cheju Island. U.S. destroyer dispatched to help restore order. Additional 17 dead, 29 wounded in South Korea. Sabotage continues. Ninety per cent of registered voters cast ballots. RHEE Syngman apparently wins.

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**MILITARY SITUATION**

**1. Cheju Island Uprising:**

(a) U.S. Destroyer Dispatched: The U.S. Military Governor of Cheju Island has reported that a state of minor guerrilla warfare exists throughout the island. Two U.S. destroyers and an unannounced number of fighter planes were requested by U.S. authorities on 11 May to aid in quelling the disturbances. The U.S. Destroyer Craig was dispatched to the island, 50 miles off the south coast of Korea, on 12 May to establish a patrol to prevent smuggling of arms and illegal entries which may be attempted to reinforce Communist dissidents in their reign of terror. A Korean Constabulary regiment has been reinforced to full strength to assist U.S. authorities in restoring peace and order. It is contemplated that fighter planes will be used to maneuver over the island during the period of the emergency so as to be available if the occasion should warrant their use. (a,b)

Comment: Minor civil disturbances have occurred on Cheju Island since the beginning of U.S. occupation of Korea. The majority of these disturbances reflected Korean Communist-inspired resentment of U.S. occupation policies. The number of incidents increased sharply during the latter part of March and have continued increasing. The dissidents concentrated their attacks on policemen, election officials and candidates, and Rightists, principally members of the Dai Dong Youth Corps and United Young Men's Party. Only one attack against U.S. forces on Choju Island has been reported. This attack occurred 24 Apr when a U.S. plane was fired on by snipers as it took off from the Cheju air strip. Korean Communists were reported to have been landed on the north coast of the Island during April, probably with instructions to continue civil disturbances with emphasis on antielection incidents.

(b) 17 Dead, 29 Wounded: Communist-inspired disturbances in South Korea have resulted in an additional 17 deaths and 29 wounded. The following list of incidents have been reported:

	Killed	Wounded
South Korean Police	2	14
Election Officials	1	—
Rightists	8	8
Communists	6	7
Total	17	29 (c,d,e, f)

## 2. Successful Election:

(a) Heavy Voting: The National Election Committee of South Korea has announced that approximately 90 per cent of the registered voters in South Korea cast their ballot on 10 May. Unbiased observers believe the election was a success. The large number of voters indicates the ardent desire of the South Koreans to form their own Government by a democratic process despite threats, intimidation and subversive activities of nondemocratic elements.

(b) Successful Candidates: Incomplete returns for the Seoul area indicate that the following candidates apparently were voted in office on 10 May: Dr. RHEE Syngman, leader of the Rightist National Society for the Acceleration of Korean Independence; YOON Chi Yong, a Princeton graduate and former secretary of Dr. RHEE; LEE Yoon Yawng, chairman of the Chosun Democratic Party, a Presbyterian Minister and a North Korean refugee; CHANG Myon, former member of the South Korean Interim Legislative Assombly (SKILA); Gen LEE Chong Chun, head of the Dai Dong Youth Corps; YOON Chai Ook of the United Young Men's Party; KIM Do Yawn, former member of SKILA, president of the Seoul Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Hankook Democratic Party (HDP); KIM Dong Wan and LE Yawng Choon of the HDP; and KIM Sang Don, a nonpartisan. (g)

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Incomplete returns indicate Rightist win 47 seats in National Assembly; Non-partisans, 36; Communists, one. High percentage of ballots cast. Thirty-five deaths on election day. Gen Hodge claims victory for democracy over communism. RHEE Syngman expects "skeleton constitution" to be adopted. To make examples of Communists. Fears attack by N. Korean PA.

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### POLITICAL REPORT

## 1. South Korean Election Results: