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South Korean National Assembly meets; Dr. RHEE, temporary chairman, makes opening address. Gen Hodge addresses Assembly; states that deliberations are to be responsibility of members; stresses that Assembly is not adjunct or part of Military Government of South Korea. New elections ordered for two electoral districts on Cheju Island.

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POLITICAL REPORT

2. Cheju Island Election Void:

(a) New Election Ordered: A new election has been ordered for two of the three electoral districts on Cheju Island. Acting upon the recommendation of the National Election Committee (NEC), Maj Gen William F. Dean, Military Governor of South Korea, declared the election held 10 May in the two districts null and void, and has ordered that a new election be held on 23 Jun. Gen Dean decided to nullify the elections after a consultation with the NEC, which took into consideration the fact that voting was held to a minimum due to activities and violence of subversive elements. Under such conditions the election in the two electoral districts is not considered a true expression of the will of the people. (e)

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POLITICAL REPORT

1. Cheju Island Election Postponed:

(a) Disorders Cause Postponement: Maj Gen William F. Dean, Military Governor of South Korea, has postponed indefinitely the election on Cheju Island that he had ordered to be held 23 Jun after declaring the 10 May election null

and void in two of the three electoral districts (Intell. Summary 2122). Gen Dean's decision to postpone the election was motivated by the desire to guarantee the voting population of the two districts a peaceful and undisturbed election which would represent the will of the people, and by unsuppressed disorders by subversive elements on the island, which would be aggravated, with a corresponding loss of life, if the election were held on 23 Jun. Postponement of the elections was discussed with the recently appointed Liaison Committee of the new South Korean National Assembly, and an agreement was reached that the election should be postponed indefinitely rather than create a cause for agitation by admitting the two candidates to the Assembly who received the highest number of votes from the less than 50 per cent of the registered voters, who actually voted on 10 May. The Liaison Committee believes that Cheju Island will be well represented by one candidate from the southern district of the island (where the election was successful) until a satisfactory election can be held in the other two electoral districts. (a)

2. Political Conference Held:

(a) Conference for Uniting Korea: Dr. KIM Kiu Sik and KIM Koo, South Korean political leaders, recently held conferences with their followers, allegedly to devise measures for accelerating the unification of North and South Korea. KIM Koo's Korean Independence Party was represented by CHO Si Moon, UEE Hang Sup and KIM Kee Wan, while Dr. KIM's National Independence Federation delegates were WON Si Hoon, KIM Poong Jun, and YU Suk Hyen. The conferees conducted their first meeting on 4 Jun, acting as a standing committee for the unification of Korea. Dr. KIM and KIM Koo are urging support for the unification movement and issued a joint statement which contained the following proposals: (1) an organization to further the unification movement should be developed and strengthened; (2) the public should be convinced of the idea and methods of attaining independence through an organization; (3) the reconstruction of Korea and promotion of prosperity can succeed only through peaceful methods; (4) sabotage, terrorism and murder must be rejected as a means of gaining true independence; and (5) world opinion should be sought to support Korean efforts for the unification.

Although Dr. KIM and KIM Koo have great hopes for their program, the unification movement is not attracting much attention among the average Korean. This political conniving by the two KIM's detracts to a certain extent from more wholehearted support of the National Assembly on the part of all factions, and gives the Communists a field for agitation. (b,c)

Comment: Apparently Dr KIM and KIM Koo are endeavoring to regain their political prestige which they lost after attending the conference of North and South Korean political leaders at Pyongyang in April (Intell. Summary 2089). Both KIM's are presently considered politically dead. However, if they can convince assemblymen of the nonpartisans and small parties that their unification movement is the paramount need of Korea, the possibility of either or both KIM's regaining political prestige and power becomes greater.

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