

KOREA

Military, Political, Economic, Social Situation, Press Review, Civil Intelligence, Miscellaneous

Selected Items for the Information of Commanders
and Staffs of the Far East Command

MILITARY SITUATION

1. Recent Developments: (Refer to Map No. 2)

a. Armed Forces, Rebels Clash: More than 105 rebels were killed during the period 5-12 Feb by the aggressive action of the Korean Republic's Army and police forces. Approximately 16 soldiers, three policemen, and one civilian were killed during the period. Operations generally were confined to South Cholla, South Kyongsang, and North Kyongsang Provinces and Cheju Island. Forty rebels, one soldier, and one policeman were killed in South Cholla Province during three clashes with Army-police forces. Rebels later attacked and burned a police station. Twenty rebels and two soldiers were killed during mop-up operations conducted by the Korean Army in South Kyongsang Province. Four rebels and two policemen were killed when rebels attacked a police box and police raided a rebel hide-out in North Kyongsang Province. Fifteen soldiers, one civilian, and one rebel were killed on Cheju Island when rebels ambushed an Army convoy. The rebels captured 150 rifles which the convoy was carrying. Forty rebels were killed during a subsequent Army-police operation against them. (a)

A delayed report states that rebels, disguised as police, attacked a police box in North Chungchong Province on 29 Jan. The chief of police was wounded. (a)

Source Comment: The rebel's disguise probably will contribute to a disregard for the uniforms of the Republic's police and the adopting of a "shoot first and ask questions later" policy by both police and Army forces. In addition, civilians may develop a general disrespect for uniforms. (a)

· 민보단, 폭도 즉결처형(1949. 3. 11)

SECRET		
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FAR EAST COMMAND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION, GENERAL STAFF		
TABLE OF CONTENTS		
NO. 2375	Selected Items for the Information of Commanders and Staffs of the Far East Command	DATE 11 March 1949

KOREA

Military, Political, Economic, Social Situation, Press Review, Civil Intelligence, Miscellaneous

Selected Items for the Information of Commanders
and Staffs of the Far East Command

MILITARY SITUATION

1. Rebel Activity:

a. Police Ambushed: Two civilian drivers, six members of a local defense corps, and 19 policemen were killed in South Cholla Province recently when rebels ambushed a police column. The incident was the only serious disorder

reported in South Korea during 26 Feb-5 Mar. The rebels captured one light machine gun, eight carbines, and 10 Japanese rifles. Delayed reports state that 39 rebels, eight civilians, nine policemen, and two members of local defense corps units were killed in 16 clashes between the Republic's armed forces and rebels in South Cholla Province during 14-24 Feb. Other delayed reports for the same period state that 11 rebels were killed in five clashes between police and rebels in North Kyongsan Province. Using spears, members of the People's Protective Corps executed 76 rebels on Cheju Island on 20 Feb.

National police in Seoul arrested 58 leftists suspected of planning riots and disturbances for 1 Mar, and 69 students, members of the Democratic Students' Alliance, a leftist organization. However, no reports have been received concerning serious civil disturbances, Communist uprisings, or riots occurring on 1 Mar, Sam Il Day. (a)

Source Comment: Sam Il Day on 1 Mar is an historic day in Korea. It derives its significance from the revolt of Korean patriots against the Japanese occupation in 1919. In the past, it has been marked by widespread Communist uprisings and demonstrations. Extensive counter-preparations by the police probably discouraged the Communists from implementing plans for widespread disturbances on 1 Mar 49. Brutality against humans, even though rebels, and the denial of due process of law, has been forcefully brought to the attention of high Korean officials, and it has been pointed out that such action by mobs is contrary to U.S. precepts of democracy. (a)

Comment: The decreased number of civil disturbances in South Korea may be due in part to aggressive military action and the screening of dissidents from the armed forces. Also, the people may realize that the Government is in control of the situation, and capable of punishing dissidents.

• 좌익의 온상 제주도, 통제되기 시작(1949. 3. 18)

SECRET		
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FAR EAST COMMAND		
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION, GENERAL STAFF		
TABLE OF CONTENTS		
<i>Selected items for the information of Commanders and Staffs of the Far East Command</i>		
NO.		DATE
2382		18 March 1949

KOREA

**Military, Political, Economic, Social Situation,
Press Review, Civil Intelligence, Miscellaneous**

*Selected items for the information of Commanders
and Staffs of the Far East Command*

No. 2382

POLITICAL REPORT

1. Recent Developments:

a. Newspaper Suspended: The Korean Republic's Office of Public Information suspended publication of the "Kook Chai Shin Mun," one of Seoul's two largest newspapers, on 5 Mar. The newspaper has been a consistent supporter of Prime Minister LEE BUN SUK. (a)

Source Comment: Government spokesman reported that the newspaper was sus-