

pended because of its policy of underplaying certain government releases and allotting excessive space to material less popular, with the present administration. The weak Government complaint is additional proof that only in name do Koreans enjoy freedom of the press. (a)

b. Youths Join New Group: Former members of the Korean National Youth Corps, formerly headed by LEE Bun Suk, reportedly are joining a new group called the Eagle Friendship Society. The new organization is obtaining funds from several Seoul business enterprises and by undercover barter with North Korea. (B-3) (a)

Source Comment: Prime Minister LEE was persuaded by President RHEE to bring his organization into an amalgamated youth group (Intell. Summary 2300), the Great Korean Youth Corps. LEE probably is supporting the new organization in order to retain his grip on a large faction of Korean youth. (a)

c. New Leftist Party: The Cheju Friendship Association, avowedly organized to promote the welfare of the people on troubled Cheju Island, is being organized in South Korean mainland cities. With a membership confined to former residents of Cheju Island, the group is suspected of fronting for Communists. (C-3) (a)

Comment: If this report is true, the Communists may be attempting to build up their strength on Cheju Island, where they have intimidated a large percentage of the population into following their doctrine. Although guerrilla forces have been active on the island for several months, reports indicate that they are being brought under control gradually by loyal forces. The Communist rule-or-ruin policy has been demonstrated through a scorched earth program, including the burning of the provincial capital on 3 Jan (Intell. Summary 2315). The Korean Army has met marked success in eliminating rebels from the island, and USAFIA estimates that only 300-500 remain there.

• 도두리 습격(1949. 3. 27)

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**1. Rebel Activity:**

a. Organization: Rebel strength in western South Kyongsang Province consists of 310 men, divided into eight companies of about 38 men each (F-2), according to a recently captured former Korean Army soldier of the old 14th Regiment, elements of which precipitated the Yosu-Sunchon revolt of Oct 48 (Intell. Summary 2242). HONG Sun Suk commands the rebels and is assisted by KIM Chi Whei.



chief of staff (F-1), the source said. Each company reportedly has two light machine guns, with the remainder of the men armed with M-1 rifles and carbines. (F-5) The rebels obtain information of the National Police and movements and plans of the Korean Army through civilians, who are members of the South Korean Labor Party. (F-1) (a)

Source Comment: The number of light machine guns appears greatly exaggerated. Many of the rebels are armed with Japanese rifles and homemade weapons. The source may have confused the machine guns with automatic rifles or sub-machine guns. (a)

## 2. Civil Disturbances 16-28 Feb 49:

a. Activity in Southern Provinces: The majority of civil disturbances in South Korea from 16-28 Feb occurred in South Cholla Province, which continues to be the hotspot on the Korean mainland. More than 175 rebels were killed during clashes with the Republic's armed forces, although approximately 25 soldiers and policemen and 20 civilians were killed trying to suppress the dissidents. (b)

b. Recapitulation of Incidents: (Refer to Map No. 2)

1 - Todu: The People's Protective Corps used spears in executing 76 rebels on 20 Feb. (c)

2 - Dodu: Six civilians and 34 rebels were killed on 16 Feb, when the police clashed with rebels who had attacked the village. (d)

3 - Chaju: One policeman and 26 rebels were killed when rebels attacked the village on 19 Feb. (d)

• 제주도 폭도소탕 완료중 (1949. 4. 2)

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