

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 - Idu: 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)

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INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS

③ SOUTH KOREA

U.S. soldier killed 1 Apr by South Korean policeman. Forty-three rebels killed in South Cholla Province 18-19 Mar. Army finishing elimination of dissidents from Cheju Island. Power production up to 79,500 kilowatts daily.

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MILITARY SITUATION

1. Current Developments:

a. U.S. Soldier Killed: U.S. Army Recruit Ray A. Nix was fatally shot at 0250 hours, 1 Apr, by a Korean policeman on duty at the Central Communications building in Seoul. A police report states that the soldier was challenged several times by the policeman. After the arrival of two reinforcements, the policeman fired three rounds into Sgt Nix when he put his hand into his pocket, apparently to draw a weapon, according to the police report. It was not until after the incident, that it was discovered the victim was a U.S. soldier, the report concluded. (a)

A preliminary investigation by U.S. officials has disclosed that Sgt Nix was in a lighted area when shot; was challenged in Korean, which he did not understand; and was shot twice instead of three times. (a)

Source Comment: Apparently the policeman was trigger-happy, since U.S. officials found three empty cartridge cases and three rounds of ammunition at the scene of the incident. U.S. officials are continuing the investigation. (a)

b. Armed Forces Aggressive: Two soldiers of the Korean Republic, including the commanding officer of the 20th Regiment, and 43 rebels were killed from 18-19 Mar in South Cholla Province. The armed forces confiscated one submachine gun, 10 M-1 rifles, five carbines, and three Japanese rifles during the period. (b)

Comment: Aggressive and effective action by police-Army forces in South Cholla Province has taken a heavy toll on dissidents. USAFIK estimates that approximately 300 well disciplined, closely organized Communists are responsible for most of the disturbances in the province. Good weather probably has been a major factor in continued Communist activity.

c. Cheju Island Quiet: Communist-inspired disturbances on Cheju Island are declining on every front, according to Prime Minister LEE Bum Suk, who recently visited the island. LEE said that the Army is in its final stage of eliminating dissidents from the island and that "hundreds of Communist sympathizers are surrendering to government forces every day." (c)

ECONOMIC REPORT

2. Kilowatt Production Up:

a. Higher Production Expected: South Korea's electric power production averaged 79,500 kilowatts daily 19-26 Mar. The output was an increase of 8.6 per cent over that produced 12-19 Mar, and indicates that the Republic's hydro-electric plants are operating more efficiently. A U.S. Power Advisory group estimates that a daily average of 130,000 kilowatts can be produced by Oct 49, if the coal supply and rainfall are sufficient. (b)

Comment: It is estimated that an average of 120,000 kilowatts daily would adequately furnish South Korea with sufficient electricity to take care of industrial and individual needs. Although the departure of some U.S. units from Korea eased the drain on the kilowatt output, further need for industrial use has occurred. South Korea was consuming an average of 100,000 kilowatts daily when all electricity originating in North Korea for use in South Korea was suspended on 14 May 48 by the Soviet-controlled North Korean People's Committee (Intell. Summary 2108). South Korea, with U.S. aid and advice, has made marked progress in rehabilitating its power-producing facilities.

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