

Amended to become effective in 90 days, the Assembly passed the bill by a vote of 86 to 83, and it was again returned to the President. (b)

Source Comment: It would appear that a dangerous parliamentary precedent was set when President RHEE returned the measure initially without a formal veto. Assembly opponents of the Chief Executive, unable to muster a two-thirds vote, evaded the rejection by slightly modifying the measure and securing sufficient votes to pass the revision by a simple majority. The President has been placed in a political quandry which will necessitate the vetoing of a measure that has popular public appeal or signing away much of his patronage powers. He probably will adopt the latter course. (b)

c. Cheju Island Elections: Speaking to a large crowd in the public square at the City of Cheju on 9 Mar, President RHEE indicated that elections would be held on Cheju Island, on 10 May, to fill two seats in the National Assembly. The seats have been vacant since the main election of 10 May 48, when the U.S. Military Governor invalidated the ballots in two of the three electoral districts because of Communist terrorism and disruption of voting activities (Intell. Summary 2122). The Chief Executive was accompanied by SHIN Sung Mo, Minister of National Defense, on his one-day aerial visit to Cheju Island. (B-1) (b,c)

Comment: The successful election of two delegates to the National Assembly from Cheju Island will complete the 200-man Assembly for the first time in the Republic's existence. Apparently President RHEE believes that rebel activity on the island will be eliminated or sufficiently under control by 10 May to enable elections to be held in the two districts. The Chief Executive's appearance on the island may instill confidence in the natives, who traditionally dislike and oppose all orders, edicts, and proclamations issued on the Korean mainland.

d. Apostolic Delegate Appointed: Monsignor Patrick J. Byrne, apostolic visitor to Korea, recently was advised by his superiors in Rome that he had been appointed apostolic delegate to the Korean government. (b)

Source Comment: The appointment of the clergyman, who represents the Vatican in lay matters, constitutes papal recognition of the Korean government. (b)

• 소련, 북한에서 비행기 제조(1949. 4. 24)

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Soviet manufactured airplanes at North Korean airfield; Soviet advisors stationed with People's Army Air Force Training Center; night flights observed.

Vice Minister PAK Yong Sam heads North Korean Police Constabulary Department.

KIM Il Sung, North Korean Premier returns to Pyongyang from Moscow.

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SOUTH KOREA

Majority of civil disturbances, 1-15 Mar, occur in South Cholla Province; 358 rebels, 87 soldiers and policemen and eight civilians killed in period.

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MILITARY SITUATION

1. Civil Disturbances 1-15 Mar 49:

a. Armed Forces Aggressive: The majority of civil disturbances in South Korea from 1-15 Mar, occurred in South Cholla Province, which continues to be rebel stronghold for activities on the Korean mainland. Aggressive action by the Republic's armed forces resulted in the death of more than 385 rebels during the period. Approximately eight civilians and 87 soldiers and policemen were killed, while suppressing the dissidents. A summary of incidents reported during the period is given below: (a)

b. Recapitulation of Incidents: (Refer to Map No. 3)
1. Awol: Two rebels, two soldiers, and one civilian were killed on 7 Mar when police and Korean Army forces raided a band of rebels. (b)

• 제주도 폭도들 은신처로 도주 (1949. 4. 25)

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SOUTH KOREA

One hundred and eight officers, 560 enlisted men of Korean Army suspected of leftist activities; suspects are under constant surveillance. Korean armed forces disperse rebels. Majority of civil disturbances 16-31 Mar in South Cholla Province; Cheju Island quietest since May 47. Six civilians, 24 policemen and soldiers killed suppressing dissidents, 175 rebels killed.

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