

killed 38 guerrillas, including two women, and captured 20 in North Kyongsang Province when 50 armed and 49 unarmed guerrillas were engaged in a five-hour fire fight 24 Nov. Guerrillas losses also included one heavy machine gun, 36 small arms and three swords. Two soldiers were killed during the action. On 25 Nov, elements of the National Police and 15th Regiment killed 10 guerrillas and confiscated small amounts of arms and ammunition when approximately 30 armed guerrillas were engaged in North Cholla Province. Twenty-one guerrillas were killed and 13 captured, 27 Nov, when elements of the 5th Division engaged approximately 50 guerrillas in South Cholla Province. One soldier and 18 guerrillas were killed, and three guerrillas were captured, 28 Nov, when elements of the 22d Regiment engaged a force of guerrillas in North Kyongsang Province. Four rifles and six hand grenades were captured from the guerrillas. (a) Korean Army Headquarters has announced that a total of 172 guerrillas were killed and 86 captured during the period. (b)

Of the 29 attacks launched by guerrilla forces, all except one were of a minor nature. On 29 Nov, approximately 90 unarmed and 10 armed guerrillas invaded a small village in North Kyongsang Province and killed 32 civilians and wounded 15. Ten houses were partially destroyed by fire, while 52 were totally destroyed. (a)

Source Comment: With the advent of winter, guerrilla raids on villages apparently are being conducted primarily in order to secure food and supplies. During the period, there were seven instances in which unopposed guerrillas destroyed homes by fire. The revival of this technique indicates that the guerrillas are attempting to instill fear in the people and force them to co-operate. Similar tactics were used successfully in the past by guerrillas on Choju Island. (a)

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Chinese Communists in Manchuria supply weapons and ammunition to North Korea.

North Korea signs new defense agreements with Chinese Communist Government.

North Koreans removed from office due to pressure from Chinese Communist Party.

⑥ SOUTH KOREA

Government forces kill 423 guerrillas during period 1-15 Dec 49; majority of incidents concentrated in South Cholla Province. Recapitulation of civil disturbances given.

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MISCELLANEOUS

1. Civil Disturbances 1-15 Dec 49:

a. Guerrilla Losses High: Ten National Policemen, 11 soldiers, 40 civilians, and 423 guerrillas were killed in civil disturbances during the period 1-15 Dec 49, according to a recapitulation of reports submitted for the period concerned. Although a few scattered incidents occurred along the eastern coast, a majority took place in South Cholla Province--long the scene of concerted guerrilla activity. The number of guerrilla losses dropped slightly under that for the corresponding period for Nov 49, when 435 guerrillas were killed (Intell. Summary 2657). Of the 58 incidents involving deaths reported during the period, 11 were instigated by the guerrillas, while 47 operations were conducted by the Government's armed forces. Only one serious incident occurred on Cheju Island--the former guerrilla stronghold in South Korea. A summary of important incidents reported during the period is given below. (a)

b. Recapitulation of Incidents:

37 - Cheju Island: Elements of the 1st Separate Battalion killed 15 guerrillas, 10 Dec. when they attacked 30 armed and 20 unarmed guerrillas. (f)

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INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS

④ NORTH KOREA

Chinese Communist Force unit of 9,700 and artillery regiment reported in North Korea. Soviet aid to Peoples Army in Jan 50 includes tanks, vehicles, aircraft. 2d, 3d Division dispositions reported.

⑤ SOUTH KOREA

Guerrilla-instigated incidents decrease during the period 3-10 Feb. Recapitulation of civil disturbances given for period 16-31 Dec 49; Government forces kill 576 guerrillas in 74 operations.