

Recent reports available to this mission from Korean and American sources suggest that pacification of the island has now been largely completed. The great majority of the Communist rebels, who over a period of several months perpetrated tremendous destruction and misery, have now been either killed or captured. Only a few remnant raiders appear now to be operating in the remote recesses of the dominant mountain massif.

Father George Carroll, an American Catholic priest who has been distributing relief supplies on the island and who returned from there on April 20th, has informed this mission that a new spirit now appears to permeate the inhabitants of Cheju. According to Father Carroll, the spirit of defeatism so prevalent on the island up to the beginning of March of this year has now been succeeded by a general feeling of optimism. Father Carroll has reported, for example, that the farmers are returning to their fields and that much reconstruction is now in evidence. Father Carroll has also reported that the movement of former Communist sympathizers from the mountainous outlands unabated. It appears that this movement stems not only from the complete rout of the rebels but from the good treatment being meted out to the former Communist sympathizers.

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President and Mrs. Rhee, accompanied by Supreme Chief of Staff and other Korean officials, left Seoul today by special train to visit South Korean Provinces. President and party plan return Seoul toward end next week. We understand President proposes make appearances at maximum number cities, towns and villages and deliver minimum of two or three speeches daily. Apart from trip Cheju Island April 9, this marks first time President has left Seoul since inauguration last August.

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