

He further said that the American Embassy could rest assured that after the discussions were ended, despite his studied avoidance of a directly negative reply, the Chinese would be no further advanced in the attainment of their objectives than they were in the beginning. He cautioned the Embassy officer that information on his position was of the most sensitive nature and asked the Embassy officer not to pass on such information.

11. The Embassy is aware that President Rhee, while sympathizing with the Chinese National Government in its struggle against international communism, and desiring to maintain close relations with the Generalissimo, is at the same time highly suspicious of Chinese conduct and motives, does not intend to be dragged into the internecine struggles with the Chinese communists, and is determined not to alienate Korean bases to any Power no matter how friendly that Power may be toward Korea. The President would probably not be adverse to the visit of Chinese naval vessels to Korean ports, but it is highly unlikely that he would turn over any of these ports to the Chinese navy as bases, or even permit the Chinese to operate from Korean ports.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

In reference to the Embassy's despatch no. 566, September 15, 1949, requesting the extension of the detail of Mr. John H. LASHER, who was originally sent to Seoul on a 90-day mission to assist in the reorganization of the Korean youth organizations, I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of Mr. Lasher's findings, together with recommendations, which he has submitted to President RHEE with respect to reorganization of the Korean Youth Corps.

The principal recommendations made by Mr. Lasher to President Rhee are these: (1) Reorganization of the present youth structure

with a view to simplification and consolidation; (2) appropriation of public funds totaling W1,700,000,000 for the ensuing fiscal year, W1,500,000,000 of which would be allotted to youth work programs and W200,000,000 to administration expenses; (3) establishment of strict financial control of expenditures; (4) reorganization of various programs presently under way, including the military training program, to conform to existing requirements; (5) stressing of technological training through work projects; (6) and devotion of more attention by the youth corps to existing social conditions.

During a recent conversation with Mr. Lasher, President Rhee indicated that he looked with favor on the implementation of most of Mr. Lasher's recommendations respecting the reorganization and streamlining of the youth corps. However, it was clear that the President is confronted with a difficult fiscal problem and that he is casting about for ways and means to obtain funds for maintenance of the youth corps by tapping ECA counterpart funds. It remains to be seen whether the President will in actual practice approach the National Assembly for an appropriation in behalf of the youth corps. In the meantime, Mr. Lasher is initiating several small-scale work projects and technical training projects. However, no large-scale reform program can be undertaken unless and until public funds are made available for the maintenance of the youth corps.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Everett F. Drumright
Counselor of Embassy

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Enclosure no. 2 to Despatch no. 596, dated September 27, 1949, from American Embassy, Seoul, Korea.

Exhibit C

Census of Trained Personnel

GREATER KOREAN YOUTH CORPS

July 25, 1949.

Province	Total Number	Available Number	Civil Engineer	Architect	Mechanical Engineer	Mining Engineer	Electrical Engineer	Agricultural Specialists	Labourers	Skilled
Seoul City	1,559	1,328	247	49	58	10	28	32	904	
Kyung-Chee	1,513	1,389	200	46	63	50	32	80	918	
South										
Choong-Chung	1,255	1,182	138	27	35	35	18	59	870	
North "	1,254	1,060	106	23	31	62	17	61	780	
South Chulla	1,310	1,161	160	35	42	25	69	29	801	
North Chulla	1,187	1,040	67	34	43	11	23	46	816	
South										
Kyung-Sang	1,546	1,392	234	47	57	45	22	55	931	
North "	1,620	1,305	183	44	46	43	22	69	898	
Kang-Won	1,262	871	80	21	48	47	30	35	610	
Yhan-Hai	758	571	51	14	13	12	12	26	452	
Jai-Joo	865	746	40	10	8	11	4	12	661	
TOTAL	14,129	12,065	1,506	350	444	351	268	504	8,641	

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