

and intervention in the elections by the traitors. Since the Soviet has boycotted the establishment of a central government, South Korea will be the expression of national opinion." (g)

Comment: The current Communist disturbances (Intell. Summary 2026) probably will consolidate the Rightists.

• 단독선거 반대소요 격화(1948. 4. 29)

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1. Candidacy Registration:

(c) Unrest Intensified: A decided increase has been noted in anti-election disturbances throughout South Korea, with the campaign centering in North Kyongsang Province and Cheju Island, the two areas in South Korea where Communist activity has been heaviest. The reign of terror has taken a heavy toll of Right Wing politicians and their families, while police boxes continue to be raided and policemen killed or wounded. (a)

Sabotage of communications in South Korea is increasing each day. Thirty-eight telephone lines, extending east and west of Cheju City, on the north coast of Cheju Island, were cut, and the telephone poles severed on 19 Apr. While Korean police were repairing the damage, they were shot at by snipers. This sabotage affected the communication system from a U.S. military position to the Cheju Airport. (c)

Comments: The Communists can be expected to intensify their antielection disturbances between now and the 10 May elections. They apparently have a well organized plan to harass South Korea in every way possible in anticipation of the UE postponing or cancelling the South Korean elections, or to intimidate the masses so as to discourage them from voting. The police are sufficient in strength to handle a normal situation, but it probably will be necessary to reinforce them if the disturbances increase in frequency and intensity.

• 폭력 사망자 4개월간 350명 발생(1948. 5. 4)

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2. Civil Unrest:

(b) Deaths Mount: During the period 1 Jan to 26 Apr 350 persons were killed in South Korea. Current information indicates that the rate for violent deaths in April will be slightly higher than for February and March, but not alarmingly so. Among those killed in April, however, were at least seven known election officials and two candidates. This has caused considerable alarm among election officials and has caused the National Election Committee to bring the matter to the attention of the U.S. Military Governor. During the period 2 Apr - 26 Apr 51 deaths occurred on Cheju Island, including eight policemen, 15 rioters, and 26 nonrioters (Rightists).

Deaths due to violence are as follows:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total	
Police	0	33	20	15	68	
Rioters	1	74	73	47	195	
Nonrioters (Rightists)	1	14	14	58	37	
Total	2	121	107	120	350	(c)

• 제주도 소요 상황(1948. 5. 11)

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MISCELLANEOUS

1. Civil Disturbances: (Refer to Map No. 1)

(a) New Attack Method: Members of the Communist-dominated South Korean Labor Party tell the police of hidden U.S. goods and, when the police investigate, the dissidents attack taking their arms and ammunition. (a) A Labor Party member stated that a bounty is being given for killing a policeman-- 10,000 yen for a private, 15,000 yen for a sergeant, and 20,000 yen for a