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"Those parties which do not understand our four principles of democracy should still join the People's Front as our party did, and should cooperate in the concentration of total energy to the Democratic People's Front."

1. THE CHOSUN IRMIN PO (KOREAN PEOPLE'S TIMES), 20 Feb 46 (Korean)

1-A. MEMBERS OF GENERAL AFFAIRS SECTION APPOINTED AT MEETING OF FIRST CENTRAL PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE'S FRONT.

On 18 February, the Central Permanent Committee held its first meeting since the completion of the People's Front. 37 of the total 47 delegates attended, selected LEE, Ta Choon; LEE, Kang Kook; and TCH'WAY, Ik Han, to set up regulations for the body and to amend its platform. The General Affairs Section was broken down into six subdivisions and department heads were selected as follows by the above mentioned three members:

General Affairs Section: LEE, Kang Kook; Organization Department: HONG, Dawk U; Propaganda Department: KIM, O Sawng; Culture Section: LEE, Ta Choon; Finance Section: CHAWNG, No Sik; Planning Section: TCH'WAY, Ik Han; Diplomatic Section: KANG, Chid.

Various special committees were subsequently organized, their members to be named by the Appointment Committee, composed of LEE, Kang Koo; LEE, Yaw Sawng; KIM, Won Bong and nine others. The new committee are:

1. Committee for Formulation of a Temporary Constitution.
2. Administrative Functions.
3. Economic Policy.
4. Farm Lands.
5. Education and Culture.
6. Labor Problems.
7. Diplomatic Policy.
8. Social Problems.
9. Investigation of Pro-Japanese and Traitors.

1-B. "GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY AND LEARN DEMOCRACY." COMMUNIST PARTY STATES REASON FOR JOHNSON'S EXILE.

Although it has been proven that the statement credited to PAK, Heun Yung, which caused much criticism in our press, was nothing more than a trick of JOHNSON's, on 18 February the Military Government's Information Department denied this in a new announcement. The Communist Central Committee then stated:

"There is considerable proof from other members of the press that our leader PAK, Heun Yung, did not actually make the alleged statement to JOHNSON. Furthermore, PAK asked to change his statement, as he thought misunderstandings might arise through language difficulties, but JOHNSON did not want it altered. We interpreted this action as a desire on his part to intrigue against us, therefore demanded that General HODGE return him to the U.S. so that he could relearn the ways of democracy. We regret that General HODGE then urged this new announcement of the Information Department, thereby protecting JOHNSON and his group and failing to send him home.

"Our stand is supported by statements from AP and STARS AND STRIPES correspondents and Korean newsmen. When questioned by members of the Korean Literary Union, JOHNSON admitted that he had been mistaken. Through our proclamations and broadcasts, everyone had been made to realize that we worked and are working for democracy. Our ideas being what they are, it is utterly inconceivable that PAK could have made such a statement. It is nothing more than a JOHNSON trick to divide the people. We want him to go back to AMERICA and study more democracy, regret that Military Government will not give him an opportunity to do so.

We warn the Korean people never again to be deceived by such erroneous reports."

2. DAI DONG PRESS (THE GREAT EASTERN NEWS), 20 Feb 46 (Korean)

2-I. UNITED STATES ARMY PERMITS PROPOSAL OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL TO COMMEMORATE DECLARATION OF KOREAN INDEPENDENCE DECLARED MARCH 1, 1919.

The Southern KOREA Representative Democratic Council proposed the commemoration of the March 1 Korean Independence Day to General HODGE, the commemoration to be held on March 1, 1946. This day commemorates the 27th year since March, 1919, when KOREA first declared herself independent from Japanese tyranny, and this hope of independence has been fulfilled. It is a commemoration day for all Korean patriots, and the proposal presented to General HODGE was recognized and approved.