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SUBJECT: TRIALS AND SENTENCES REPORTED OF POST-MAY 17  
- ARRESTEES,

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1. (U) SEOUL DAILIES AUGUST 3 REPORTED THE TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL OF 45 POLITICAL OFFENDERS, MOSTLY PEOPLE ARRESTED SINCE THE EXTENSION OF MARTIAL LAW ON MAY 17. OF THE 45, 28 WERE RELEASED AFTER SHOWING REPENTANCE, AND 17 WERE CONVICTED AND SENTENCED. MOST OF THE 45 WERE STUDENTS AND JOURNALISTS. THE 28 RELEASED WERE NOT IDENTIFIED, BUT ONE PRESS ACCOUNT SAID 26 OF THEM WERE STUDENTS.

2. (U) THOSE CONVICTED WERE: (CHARGES IN PARENTHESES)

--KIM TONG-SON (M-R), 37 EDITOR OF KOREAN JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION'S (KJA) HOUSE ORGAN; (UNAUTHORIZED PUBLISHING OF PRINTED MATERIALS); 3 YEARS.

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--PAK CHONG-SAM (M-R), 35, KJA AUDITOR; (UNAUTHORIZED PUBLISHING OF PRINTED MATERIALS); 3 YEARS.

--AHN YANG-NO (M-R), 38, REPORTER FOR SEOUL DAILY HANKOOK ILBO; HOLDING AN UNAUTHORIZED GATHERING; 1 YEAR.

--PAK SANG-HYOK (M-R), 21, PRESIDENT OF SOGANG UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY (REFTEL); (UNAUTHORIZED STREET DEMONSTRATIONS)

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3 YEARS.

--KIM CH'OL-WON (M-R), 21, STUDENT AT METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY; (BURNING POLICE VEHICLES); 3 YEARS.

--KIM SOK-CHIN (M-R), 23, STUDENT AT METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY; (BURNING POLICE VEHICLES); 3 YEARS.

--PAK YUN-SU (M-R), 35, EVANGELIST AT GREAT LIGHT CHURCH, SEOUL; (CHARGE NOT SPECIFIED); 1 YEAR

--O SE-KU (M-R), GRADUATE STUDENT AT A SEMINARY; (UNAUTHORIZED MEETING - SEOUL YMCA CASE, NOV., 1979); 2 YEARS, EXECUTION SUSPENDED FOR 3 YEARS.

--THE FOLLOWING EIGHT STUDENTS WERE SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR FOR HOLDING UNAUTHORIZED MEETINGS AND STAGING DEMONSTRATIONS; IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER EACH STUDENT WAS CHARGED WITH BOTH OFFENSES:

--YIM SONG-U, 23, PRESIDENT OF STUDENT BODY AT METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY;

--KIM T'AEK-SHUN, (M-R), 31, JUNIOR AT SOGANG UNIVERSITY (REFTEL)

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--YI KYUNG-CHAE, (M-R), 21, JUNIOR, KORYO UNIVERSITY

--YI POM (M-R), 21, JUNIOR, KORYO UNIVERSITY

--HAN HWA-YONG (M-R), 22, SENIOR, KYUNGHUI UNIVERSITY

--SIN MYONG-SIK (M-R), 23, SENIOR, KYUNGHUI UNIVERSITY

--CH'OI YONG-IL (M-R), 23, JUNIOR, KOREA METHODIST SEMINARY

--YI YONG-CH'OL (M-R), 22, SENIOR, UNNAMED SEMINARY.

3. (U) HAPTONG ALSO ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 2 THE RELEASE OF 162 PEOPLE "DETAINED FOR INTERROGATION IN CONNECTION WITH KWANGJU REBELLION". ACCORDING TO HAPTONG, THIS BRINGS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HELD FOR KWANGJU INTERROGATION AND LATER RELEASE TO 1,984.

4. COMMENT: BY KOREAN STANDARDS OF RECENT YEARS, THE COURT'S ACTIONS WERE COMPARATIVELY LIGHT, BOTH IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE RELEASED AND IN THE SEVERITY OF SENTENCES HANDED DOWN. MONJO

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