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Political Killings in Korea

SEOUL, KOREA (by cable from QUICK correspondent Ray Falk)—South Korean firing squads had executed hundreds of men, women and children accused as Red sympathizers before Pres.



Syngman Rhee

Rhee (r.) stopped the practice last week and set up a special board to review death sentences.

One woman and a baby strapped to her back were shot together. When U. S. soldiers told him the baby obviously was not a Communist, a Korean policeman replied: "Who would care for the child?"

"Their Parents Are Communists"

In another case, members of the Young Patriotic Assn. shot a group of children because "their parents are Communists and they would grow up to be Communist sympathizers."

So far there have been more than 73,000 arrests on charges of collaboration. A third of these people have been released. In Seoul, the execution rate for a while averaged 80 persons a day. Among those put to death were girls between 14 and 18, described by Home Minister Pyong Ok Chough as "most vicious—for they spy, burn houses and murder."

Under pressure of the U.N. commission on Korea, 200 children have been taken from among the 4,000 persons held in Seoul's Westgate prison and have been placed in orphanages.

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