

BALANCE SHEET OF THE OCCUPATION

OF KOREA

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ASSETS:

1. Good intentions in turning over an improvised government to Koreans picked by the MG.
2. Labor legislation.
3. Health measures.
4. Construction of roads and buildings.
5. Tackling the problems of food and inflation.
6. No press censorship, and practical abolition of provost courts.
7. Enlistment of civilians in penal and child welfare reforms.

LIABILITIES:

1. No constitution; law or training for government.
2. Military govt. a paradox in a liberated country.
3. Selection of Korean legislators and administrators by arbitrary and unrepresentative methods; and without real power.
4. Inadequate and partisan police force, following many Japanese methods, and anti-left with MG backing.
5. Provost court trials for all sorts of offenses in speech, unauthorized meetings etc. with long sentences.
6. Toleration of terrorism against the left, with no distinctions between unlawful Communist activity and lawful labor action.
7. Unreasonable censorship of the mails, meetings, radio.
8. Inability or refusal of the Legislature to pass an election law, a purge act, and land reform.
9. No effort to organize foreign trade and stabilize yen.
10. No effective effort to enlist middle-of-the-road elements to offset extremists.
11. No consistent democratic policy to offset Communism.