S. Korea Arrests 5 on Spying Charges 2/6/74

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SEOUL, Feb. 5-Five wellknown South Korean literary figures have been arrested on espionage charges after calling for institutional guarantees of individual rights and for amendment to the consti- tution have been sentenced to revision of the 1972 constitution.

A government announcement today said other promi- endum. Despite government year sentences. Six Protestant nent citizens, including the disapproval, the literary men clergymen are now being tried former editor-in-chief of the declared they could no longer by military court. country's most prominent remain silent "as defenders of newspaper, are also under in- the human spirit and spokes- crackdown, there had been tion published in Japan. vestigation as possible espio- man for the national connage suspects. Those whose ar- science." rests were announced today include novelists Lee Ho Chul, Park Chung Hee proclaimed press, academic groups and 43, considered one of the coun- two stiff emergency measures the clergy, all of whom had retry's most promising younger forbidding all opposition to cently been liberated from Ko-vestigation for espionage is writers, and Chung Ul Byung, the constitution under penalty rean CIA surveillance, had be-40, an author and a well- of up to 15 years imprison- gun to speak out more vigor-

are all literary critics teaching moved previous limitations on at Korean universities.

martial law and adopted without debate in a national refer-

ally unchecked powers in the the declaration of martial law The three others arrested new constitution, which re- in October 1972. his tenure in office.

public statement Jan. 7 calling the drive to revise the consti-ment. tution promulgated under 15-year terms. Seven univer- and about \$80 worth of Japasity students drew five to 10. nese yen were confiscated as

growing demands for political change and increasingly open leged espionage were made The next day President criticism of his rule. The public. known figure in the popula- ment. Park was granted virtu- ously than at any time since Dong- A Ilbo in 1966-69. He is

day were the first in which es- December to petition for a re-In the past month a total of Of the 19 critics of the con-pionage charges were leveled vision of the constitution.

19 persons have been arrested stitution who have been ar-jagainst critics of the constituon charges growing out of rested under the Jan. 8 de- tion. The prosecutor's antheir involvement in a cam- crees, Chang Jun Ha Ha, a for- nouncement charged that the paign to alter the constitution. mer National assembly mem-literary men had been in-All were among a group of 61 ber and prizewinning pub-structed by North Korean men of letters who issued a lisher, and another leader of agents to criticize the govern-

> A camera, a tape recorder evidence. Other "evidence" displayed for the press included copies of well-known literary and current affairs Before Park ordered the magazines of general circula-Hardly any details of the al-

The former editor named to-Chun Kwon Woo, who was among the 30 prominent civic and religious leaders who an-The arrests announced to-nounced a campaign in late