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184. Strike statistics were not being compiled by the Japanese Government prior to 21 October 1945, but arrangements have been made by the Welfare Ministry to collect such data.

LABOR REPARATIONS

185. In preparation for the impending visit of the Reparations Commission, the following tentative conclusions concerning Japanese labor reparations have been reached:

(1) Deportation of Japanese from Japan to perform labor reparation service should be confined to specialists needed to install and to manage transplanted industrial establishments.

(2) Retention of Japanese technical and managerial personnel already in Korea, Manchuria and China is essential for the economic stability of these areas.

(3) By-passed Japanese military and civilian personnel in the Southwest Pacific should be utilized to rebuild damaged areas and to construct new developments in order to take advantage of their otherwise idle and restless manpower.

It is felt that the enforcement of these measures would not cause material suffering or a deterioration of economic conditions in Japan.

ADVISORY LABOR COMMITTEE

186. The War Department was requested on 5 October 1945 to dispatch an advisory labor committee from the United States to advise and assist the Supreme Commander on matters relating to labor in Japan and Korea. Personnel qualified in the following fields were suggested: lawyers experienced in labor legislation, statisticians familiar with wage studies and wage controls, experts on social insurance and employment exchanges, employer-employee consultants, and persons qualified in the general field of Japanese-Korean labor. This committee is expected to arrive about the middle of November.

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

187. In order that civilian employees of the War Department may be procured and administered in this area, an Office of Civilian Personnel is being established. This agency will be responsible for all phases of civilian personnel procurement and administration.

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