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30 December 1947

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SUBJECT: Rehabilitation of Rubber Industry in Osaka Prefecture

TO: Commanding General  
I Corps, APO 301  
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Sec

Attached is a report on the above subject.

*Malcolm E. Craig*

MALCOLM E. CRAIG  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

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As indicated

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343  
ATTN: Mil Govt Section

Special report on rubber industry in Osaka Prefecture is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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necessary to send to Army  
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47/E/IR/#6Rehabilitation of Rubber Industry in  
Osaka Prefecture1. Number of Rubber Factories in Osaka.

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Rubber Mfg. Plants in Osaka</u>
1936	253
1947	187 (72% of 1936)

The above figures show that the number of rubber plants decreased during war, mainly through wartime readjustment of industrial plants and by destruction by fire during air-raids. The existing plants have installed better equipment and although the number of plants have decreased, the production capacity has increased.

The number of rubber plants in Osaka is approximately 23% of that in the entire country which signifies the importance of this industry in this area.

2. Production.

Following are the production figures before and after the cessation of hostilities.

Table 1. Rubber Industry, Year 1937

	<u>Production</u>	<u>No. of Plants</u>	<u>Average Production per Plant</u>	<u>Total No. of Workers</u>
All Japan	¥184,760,000	842	¥219,000	30,959
Osaka Pref.	¥ 23,590,000	178	¥132,000	4,291

Table 2. Principle Rubber Products, Year 1937

<u>Rubber Products</u>	<u>Osaka Pref.</u>	<u>Percentage for All Japan</u>	<u>All Japan</u>
Aircraft and Automobile Tires	¥ 220,000	0.6%	¥34,840,000
Bicycle and Ricksha Tires	¥1,850,000	13.5	¥13,640,000
Machine Accessories	¥1,780,000	20.7	¥ 8,580,000
Shoes and Foot-wear	¥4,140,000	11.3	¥36,470,000
Toys	¥ 270,000	5.5	¥ 4,860,000
Hose	¥3,460,000	32.8	¥10,550,000
Belting	¥2,010,000	11.7	¥17,080,000
Hard Rubber Products	¥1,180,000	15.0	¥ 7,840,000
Rubberized Fabrics	¥1,100,000	7.7	¥14,200,000

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Table 3. Principle Rubber Products (September 1947)

<u>Rubber Products</u>	<u>Production Capacity</u>	<u>Actual Production</u>
Foot-wear	437,000 kg.	58,272 kg.
Automobile Tires and Tubes	80,000	44,463
Bicycle Tires and Tubes	263,000	49,719
Rubber Products for Industry	170,000	36,540
Belting	83,000	23,225
Hose	50,000	19,005
Rubberized Fabrics	36,000	4,677
Rubber Products for Medical Purposes	46,000	2,287
Gum Rubber	12,000	10

Production before war is listed in yen values while the present production is in weights. While it is difficult to compare the figures from the results of all investigations in this field it is safe to say that present production is approximately 40% of that in 1936.

It is noteworthy that productions of belting, hose, tires, foot-wear and industrial articles are large compared with other commodities.

### 3. Materials for Rubber Industry.

The following figures show the situation of materials in reference to present manufacturing capacity:-

Table 4. Allocation and Consumption of Materials (Sept 47)

<u>Items</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>% of Allocation to Consumption</u>	<u>Stock</u>
Raw Rubber	242,584 kg.	100%	269,912 kg.
Gasoline	73,400 "	70	46,344 "
Sulphur	21,683 "	100	98,215 "
Carbon-black	37,122 "	80	93,002 "
Stearic Acid	2,113 "	20	4,946 "
Coal	2,511 ton	60	1,473 ton
Fiber	358,530 sq. yard	50	906,733 sq. yard
Calcium Carbonate	84,367 kg.	15	383,779 kg.
Activator	3,545 "		29,450 "

Table 5. Percentage of Shortage to Production Capacity (September 1947)

Principle Raw Materials .....	80%
Other Materials .....	40%
Power and Fuel .....	60%
Funds .....	40%
Workers .....	0%

Generally speaking, the allocation of materials to rubber industry is bad, and the lack of raw materials, such as carbon-black and stearic-acid, is the principle bottleneck on rehabilitation of this industry.

4. Status of Non-membership in Osaka Rubber Industry Association.

Table 6. Rubber Industry Association in Osaka (Nov 1946)

	<u>Rubber Association Member</u>	<u>Non-member</u>
No. of Enterprises	64	36
No. of Employees	5,827	1,975
Production Capacity (in raw-rubber)	760 ton	90 ton
Actual Production (in raw-rubber)	229 ton	?

Of the 36 non-member plants, five are operated by Japanese and the rest by Korean and Chinese. Their products are rubber balloons, shoes, bicycle tires and tubes, etc.

5. Rehabilitation Bottle-neck and Future Prospect.

Rubber industry in Osaka as previously mentioned occupies an important position in the national production of rubber goods. In this respect the rehabilitation of plants is going on very smoothly. However raw material required is not produced locally but has to be imported. In this respect, the rehabilitation of actual output is very difficult.

As stated before approximately one-third of the industry is operated by Koreans and Chinese who went into business recently without much experience, the quality of goods produced in these plants is inferior, also lack of experience and skill together with lack of raw materials are hindering the production of quality goods.

In order to successfully rehabilitate this industry it is necessary to increase imports of crude rubber, carbon black and stearic acid, also increase allocations of electric power and cotton fabric and work out a fair allocation system for other materials.

Furthermore a system of technical guidance to improve the quality of product as well as manufacturing techniques is very urgent. Upon satisfactorily solving these problems the rehabilitation of rubber industry in Osaka offers good prospects for exports to Oriental markets.

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HEADQUARTERS  
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
APO 25

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8 December 1947

47/E/IR/#5

SUBJECT: Special Report, Iron and Steel Industry of Osaka

TO: Commanding General  
I Corps, APO 301  
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Sec

Attached is a special report of the iron and steel industry of Osaka based on studies made by the Osaka Mil Govt Team.

1 Incl:  
As indicated

MALCOLM E. CRAIG  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343  
ATTN: Mil Govt Section

1. Attached special report on the iron and steel industry of Osaka is forwarded for your information.

2. This headquarters wishes to invite special attention to paragraph 1, page 2 of the special report. This paragraph indicates that since the war, the ratio of office staff to factory workers was increased from one office worker to ten factory workers to one office worker to three factory workers. This situation is not confined to the iron and steel industry, but it is common to all Japanese industry today. It is particularly

BASIC: Ltr. Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Special Report, Iron and Steel Industry of Osaka", dtd 8 Dec 47.

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damaging in the coal mining industry where the requirements for special materials, extra rations of food, the need for electric power, etc. necessitates the maintenance of an office force out of all proportion to the production of the mine.

3. Large clerical forces are necessary to perform the administrative work involved in any controlled economy. However, it is believed that the time has arrived when Japan can profitably relax many of the controls which are hamstringing Japanese industry today.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WILDER A. JOHNSON  
Capt. A. G. D.  
Asst. Adl Gen.

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SYNOPSIS

SUBJECT: MEMO - "Manufacture of Fishing Rods by the Japanese"  
FROM : , KMGR  
TO : CG  
DATE : 28 Oct 47

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HEADQUARTERS  
KINKI MIL GOVT REGION  
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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**SUBJECT:** Responsibilities with Respect to Closing Colonial and Foreign Banks and Special Wartime Institutes

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- Commanding Officer, Fukui Military Government Team, APO 713
  - Commanding Officer, Kyoto Military Government Team, APO 713
  - Commanding Officer, Hyogo Military Government Team, APO 917
  - Commanding Officer, Nara Military Government Team, APO 25
  - Commanding Officer, Osaka Military Government Team, APO 25
  - Commanding Officer, Wakayama Military Government Team, APO 25
  - Commanding Officer, Shiga Military Government Team, APO 25

1. References:

- a. Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG CO4 (AG-F),  
subject: "Surveillance of Closed Institutions," dated 12 December 1946.
- b. Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG CO4.2 (AG-F),  
subject: "Responsibilities with Respect to Closing Colonial and Foreign Banks and Special Wartime Institutes," dated 9 August 1947.

2. The attached inclosure which supercodes the listing of closed institutions forwarded with reference letter, paragraph 1b, above, indicates the name and closing dates of all institutions closed during the period 30 September 1945 to 30 September 1947 pursuant to directives issued by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, is forwarded for your information and file.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DEVINE:

1 Incl:  
List of Closed Institutions

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Capt., ACD  
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS  
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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SUBJECT: Responsibilities with Respect to Closing Colonial and Foreign Banks and Special Wartime Institutions

TO : Commanding Officer, Hyogo Military Government Team, APO 317  
Commanding Officer, Kyoto Military Government Team, APO 713  
Commanding Officer, Osaka Military Government Team, APO 25

1. References:

a. Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 004 (HQ-F),  
subject: "Surveillance of Closed Institutions", dated 12 December 1946,  
a copy of which is attached hereto as Inclosure 1.

b. Japanese Government, Ministry of Finance, Ordinance No. 75,  
subject: "Establishment of the Closed Institutions Liquidating Commission",  
dated 8 March 1947.

c. Japanese Government, Ministry of Finance, Ordinance No. 74,  
subject: "Powers and Jurisdiction of the Liquidating Commission over  
closed Institutions", dated 8 March 1947.

2. Inclosure 2, which indicates the names and closing dates of all institutions closed during the period 30 September 1945 to 29 July 1947 pursuant to directives issued by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, is forwarded for your information and file.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

2 Incls:

1. Ltr, 8th Army,  
dtd 12 Dec 46 (one)
2. List of Closed  
Institutions (one)

CHARLES WOODRUFF  
C. W. WOODRUFF  
ASST. ADJ. GEN.



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HEADQUARTERS  
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
APO 660

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26 May 1947

SUBJECT: Petition for Improvement of Business Conditions within  
the Bicycle Industry in Osaka Prefecture

TO: Commanding General  
I Corps, APO 301  
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Sec

1. Attached is a petition from the director of the Cooperative Association of Bicycle Trade in Osaka. In the petition, the writer has stated that present conditions underlying the bicycle industry are not satisfactory and in continuing has made suggestions, which in his opinion, will make an improvement in the industry.

2. The petition is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:  
Petition

EDWARD B. MILLETT  
Major, F. A.  
Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr, Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Petition for Improvement of Business Conditions within the Bicycle Industry in Osaka Prefecture," dtd 26 May 47

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 29 MAY 1947

TO: CO, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 660

1. A petition similar to that contained in inclosure 1 to basic communication has previously been submitted by the Cooperative Association of Bicycle Trade in Hyogo Prefecture, and was forwarded by this headquarters to higher headquarters for consideration. Petition of this nature should be submitted by interested individuals, directly to the Consumer Goods Board, Price Control Rationing Division, ESS, SCAP, through the Central Liaison Office of the Japanese Government.

2. The Petition of the Cooperative Association of Bicycle Trade in Osaka Prefecture is returned to your headquarters for appropriate action.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

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HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
APO 317

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23 April 1947

SUBJECT: Distribution of Bicycles

TO : Commanding General  
I Corps  
APO 301

ATTN: Mil Govt Section

1. Enclosed petition is forwarded to your headquarters for information and possible action.

2. This headquarters wishes to point out that it is common in many Japanese industries today for the cost of production to exceed the established controlled price. However, it is felt that the present method of distribution which allows 50% of production to be bartered for raw materials or sold at unrestricted prices should be corrected. In order for a controlled economy to be effective the distribution of at least 90% of the product must be controlled or the control becomes a farce and should be removed in its entirety.

3. At the prefectural level no action can be taken to change either controlled prices or distribution systems. It is therefore recommended that the enclosed petition be forwarded to higher headquarters and ultimately brought to the attention of the Central Japanese Government.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Louis C. Hutton  
/t/ LOUIS C. HUTTON  
Major, Cav  
Executive Officer

1 Incl: Petition

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BASIC: Ltr, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, subj: "Distribution of Bicycles",  
dtd 23 APR 47.

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Hq I Corps, APO 301.

30 APR 1947

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

This headquarters concurs in the recommendation contained in paragraph 3, basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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SUBJECT: Manufacture and Sales of Office Inter-communication System  
and Parts

TO : Commanding Officer, Osaka Military Government Team, APO 660

1. Reference is made to SCAPIN 1583 and Information of General Application pertaining thereto, subject: "Manufacture and Sales of Office Inter-communication System and Parts", dated 26 March 1947.
2. The companies listed in inclosure 1, located in Osaka Prefecture, will be informed that no manufacture or sales of any office inter-communicating sets or parts will be undertaken by them.
3. Routine surveillance will be exercised to carry out the provisions of the above referenced SCAPIN. Plants other than those listed capable of producing such items will be included in this surveillance. Violations of SCAPIN 1583 will be the subject of a special report to this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

1 Incl:  
List of Radio Manufacturers  
in Osaka Prefecture. (dup)

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