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HEADQUARTERS  
CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION  
ECONOMICS SECTION  
Labor Division

2 February 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Record

SUBJECT: Free Trade Union

1. Mr. Harada Masaishi, Chief, Onoda PESO and Mr. Shindo Shogo, Deputy Mayor of Onoda city visited this office to report on casual workers as follows:

a. Onoda city covers 400 casual workers daily in the unemployment relief project. Average wage per person is 190 yen plus 20 yen for supplementary rice ration. Average work days per month is 20.

b. Onoda city decided to employ 550 persons daily from 1 February 1951, as indicated by the prefectural government on the condition that wage will not exceed the national standards (175 yen). As a result, the average work days per month is considered to be about 16. Furthermore, the city office decided that, hereafter, 20 yen for supplementary ration will not be paid for the reason that no budget exists for such purposes.

c. The Onoda Free Trade Union strongly opposed to reduction of wage and work days.

d. The city office and the PESO will strongly carry out the new policy inspite of the opposition by the Free Trade Union.

e. Ochi, Chairman, Omura (Korean) Chief secretary, Watanabe, Committeeman, Uehara, Committeeman are the four Free Trade Union representatives who often visits the PESO and the city office, and are considered to be a communist fellow traveller. These persons are the people who were arrested for violating city ordinance on 18 October 1950, and are now out on bail. The first hearing is due on 6 February 1951.

2. The Labor Officer suggested as follows:

a. All violences and disturbances should be reported to the police immediately.

b. Decision of the city office based on prefectural policy should be carried out without hesitation, and workers, in such case, should be notified on the bulletin board in front of the PESO.

c. The PESO and the city officials are prohibited to hold collective bargaining with the union. Reference was made to cabinet ordinance 201.

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