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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, GOVERNMENT SECTION

SUBJECT: Clearance of Legislation

1. All legislative proposals submitted to GHQ for clearance on or before 10 April have been either cleared for introduction in the Diet, or disapproved, except the following five:

- a. Bill for Partial Amendment to the Salt Monopoly Law. No objection by LS; ESS objects because "it must be assumed that the losses accrued by the government monopoly...would have to be absorbed by price-pooling to raise prices to other users of salt". ✓
- b. Bill for Partial Amendment to the Law concerning Non-Life Insurance Rating Organization. No objection by LS or PH&W; ESS objects because "the effect of the submitted legislation would be to permit all private insurance companies in Japan to form rating organizations which would fix insurance rates for all members thereby stifling normal competitive practices which are inherent in a democratic economic structure of free enterprise...and would be in conflict with basic principles enunciated in SCAPIN 244". ✓
- c. Bill for Partial Amendment to Japan Monopoly Public Corporation Law. No objection by NRS or LS; ESS objects insofar "subject Bill would permit the Monopoly Corporation to maintain cash deposits in these agricultural co-operative associations and federations which are presently authorized under law to make loans to and receive deposits of their members." ✓
- d. Bill concerning Disposition of Surplus Assets of Japan Silk Association, a Closed Institution, and of Cocoon & Raw Silk Price Stabilization Fund Reserved by Japan Silk Control Company, Ltd., a Closed Institution and Exceptions Relating to Taxation Thereon. No objection by NRS or LS; ESS objects because "the bulk of the funds representing the tax liability of the Japan Raw Silk Association have already been paid (approximately ¥1,300,000,000) and the remainder is to be paid at an early date. In order to be operable the subject Bill should be amended to cover only the residual allowance due from the association members, and, in addition, should be expanded to specify the methods of silk industry promotion". ✓

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- e. Bill for Partial Amendment to the Juvenile Law. IS, G2/PSD and PH&W concurrently object to Articles 41 and 68 because "the judicial police officer who detects a misdemeanor of a juvenile...will no longer be bound to refer the juvenile in this age group (18 to 20) to a family court but may send him to the public procurator". ✓

2. Decision requested.

5 Incls  
Draft Bills Referred  
to Above

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*8 May 51*

*Dr. Williams*

*Please inform sponsors of above bills that clearance is denied for the reason that they violate Occupation policies, citing the specific objections stated by the competent GNR staff sections.*

*JK*