

Committee Formed to Combat Tuberculosis

According to the announcement made by the Tokyo Military Government Team, the conference which was held in Welfare Ministry, 16 March, is the first of the kind ever held in Japan. The conference came out successful, with the attendance of six hundred representatives and officials. After the procedures of Tuberculosis control in the United States was outlined by Dr. A. R. Monitoff, Public Health officer of the Tokyo Military Government Team, a committee composed of eight noteworthy persons, was formed by Dr. Koyama, head of Tokyo-to Health Bureau.

The Tokyo Military Government Team considers this an important step taken to save many lives and prevent the spread of the dread disease of Tuberculosis.

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結核対策委員会生る  
 東京軍政部発表によれば去る十六日厚生省で開かれた結核予防対策協議会はこの趣のものとして日  
 本最初の会議で、関係者六百名も出席し、非常な満足すべき結果をあげた。米軍における結核予防について軍政部のA.R.マニトフ博士が説明し、東京健康局長小山田士ら八名の結核対策委員会が設置された。軍政部側ではこれは結核治療の重要な第一歩であるとする意図を強調している。



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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS TO HOLD CONFERENCE FOR THE DISCUSSION OF TUBERCULOSIS

Tokyo Military Government Team Public Health Officials announced today, that plans have been completed for a General Public Health Officials Conference to be held at the Welfare Ministry Auditorium on the afternoon of 16 March.

The main purpose of this conference is an effort to create a close liaison between National and Private Tuberculosis Sanitoriums and the Health Centers through out Japan, to prevent the spread of the dread disease of Tuberculosis. This will give the victims more adequate care and result in the saving of many lives.

This conference and proposed program is in accordance with the New Health Center Law #101 promulgated by SCAP. New problems and expanding Public Health Services are visualized by the Tokyo Military Government Team Public Health Officer.

It is a well known fact that one of the most vital of Japan's health problems is Tuberculosis. Its control is essential, if any progress is to be made, in the general health of Japan's population.

Directors of all Tuberculosis Sanitoriums and Health Centers in the Tokyo area have been invited to attend this conference with their Chief Nurses. Officials of SCAP Public Health Section, Welfare Ministry Officials, Tokyo-to Health Bureau officials and representatives of Tokyo Military Government Team Public Health Section will be present for the discussions.

A complete outline of the procedure of control as conducted in the United States, for the treatment of Tuberculosis, will be discussed and given to the Japanese for their guidance. The Japanese will be encouraged to form their own committees for working out the details of establishing the close liaison between the Health Centers and Sanitoriums and in the Treatment of the disease. The results will be closely scrutinized, with much interest, by all concerned, stated the Tokyo Military Government Team Public Health Officer today.



**Tokyo Military Government Team Emphasizes  
the need to Preventing the Spread of Tuberculosis**

According to the announcement made by the Tokyo Military Government Team, a conference of Directors of Tuberculosis Sanatoria, and Health Centers in Tokyo area was held at the Welfare Ministry in the afternoon of March 16, under the guidance of officials of SCAP Public Health Section and Tokyo Military Government Team. This conference was aimed at the prevention of Tuberculosis. Tokyo Military Government Team is encouraging Tokyo-to Health officials concerned to cooperate in their efforts to prevent the spread of the dread disease of Tuberculosis, by striving for closer liaison between the Health Centers and National and Private Tuberculosis Sanitoria.

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東京 聖政 部の  
重要な結核予防を奨む軍政部長と  
厚生省および保健局長代表の結核  
予防会議は十六日午後衛生省で開  
かれたが、軍政部長は予防に  
関する日本人関係者間の特別の努  
力を奨励を要している



A Conference was Held to Study How to  
Combat the Spread of Tuberculosis

A conference was held in the Welfare Ministry Tokyo, on 16 March, under the guidance of officials of SCAP Public Health Section, and Tokyo Military Government Team, with an object of studying practical measures how to prevent the spread of tuberculosis. The conference was attended by the directors of National and Private Sanitoria and Health Centers, officials of Welfare Ministry and Tokyo-to Health officials, together with the representatives of the Tokyo Military Government Team.

After listening to the report on the tuberculosis prevention program in the United States, they discussed how to work on the same subject in Japan.

ASAHI SHIMBUN

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結核対策を協議  
厚生省では東京軍政部公衆衛生部  
局長指導のもとに肺結核予防の実験  
対策を協議するため十六日国立若  
よび私立結核療養所、福留所代表  
を集め司令部官舎、厚生省若よ  
び都府県当局、東京軍政部代表  
など出席、米軍における結核対策  
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The constitution of the newly formed committee was approved by the members. Most of the record system set up for reports were discussed and approved. The committee is now ready to submit the constitution to the Prefectural Governor for approval.

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**2nd TB Conference Held**

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Military Government Team 26 March 1948.

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- Dr. J. Kurosawa ----- President of Tokyo Medical Association
- Dr. K. Hashimoto ----- Superintendent of St. Lukes Hospital
- Dr. T. Koyama ----- Director of Tokyo-to Public Health Bureau
- Dr. H. Terada ----- Chief of Hospital Affairs Section of Tokyo-to Health Bureau
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Dr. Koyama, head of Tokyo-to Health Bureau was chairman of the committee which met for the discussion and formulation of plans to set up the close liaison between National and Private Tuberculosis Sanatoria and the Health Centers.

A system of reporting was decided upon which involves a reporting card system. These cards will be printed and distributed throughout all medical professional channels in Tokyo-to.

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YOMIURI SHIMBUN

28 March 1948

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Tokyo: 350,000

【東京政界発表】廿六日東京電  
 部公衆保健当局者は最近設置さ  
 れた東京都結核委員会について次  
 のように発表した。  
 都保健局長小山博士を委員長と  
 する結核委員会は保健施設間の  
 密接な連絡計画を審議決定する  
 目的で第一回会議を開いたが各  
 療養所、保健施設からの報告を  
 カードにしてこれを都内の医療  
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 よび同委員会を代表するとして  
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PRESS RELEASE

This news item was released by Tokyo Military Government Team 20 March 1948.

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM MUST NOT SLOW DOWN

Tokyo Military Government Team officials today in conference with Tokyo-to Water Bureau officials and Tokyo-to Health Bureau officials again urged all persons in this area to continue saving and not wasting precious water.

Many people it is believed may have been misled by the recent two days rainfall. This rain has not helped the program to any great extent. It was not a heavy enough downfall and there was very little run off. The only thing that will materially help the situation is a continued heavy down pour over several days.

Likewise Tokyo Military Government Team officials pointed out there is little or no snow in the mountains, to melt and help the situation. It is expected the low point of water storage will be reached around the first part of May, according to present statistics.

All persons are seriously <sup>CAUTIONED</sup> ~~cautioned~~ against using any water for internal consumption that has not been boiled or chemically purified. A serious epidemic could be the result and this must be avoided at all costs, Tokyo Military Government Team officials stated today.



Shortage of Water is Still Serious

Many people seem to have been misled by the recent two days rainfall. This rain has not helped the program to any great extent.

Tokyo Military Government Team officials on 20 March in conference with Tokyo-to Water Bureau officials and Tokyo-to Health Bureau officials again urged all persons in this area to continue conserving water.

The officials warned that unless we have a continued downpour for several days, the water situation will not be helped in any great way. There is only little snow to melt in the mountains. The low point of water storage is expected to be reached about first part of May.

All persons in this area are cautioned not to drink any water without having it boiled or chemically purified before using.

KOGYO SHIMBUN

22 March 1948

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<p><b>水不足依然深刻</b></p> <p>東京軍政部警告</p> <p>(東京軍政部二十日発表) (三三三)</p> <p>三日來の降雨で水不足が緩和されたように誤解する者が多いが、東京軍政部当局は二十日、東京都の水道局、厚生局当局と会談した。東京市民は依然節水に努力しなくてはならないと次のとおり警告した。</p> <p>今度の降雨量は充分でない、水不足の現状が緩和されるには数日間大雨が降り続けることが必要である、山岳地方には雪は皆無かほとんどないに過ぎない、これが溶けて増水を促すことは望めない、統計によれば五月初旬には貯水量がほとんどなくなつてしまふ恐れがある、一方濃縮も化学消毒もしていない水を飲むことは傳染病発生のもととなるから、市民は絶対に生水を飲まないことが必要である。</p>	<p>くつはならないと次のとおり警告した。</p> <p>今度の降雨量は充分でない、水不足の現状が緩和されるには数日間大雨が降り続けることが必要である、山岳地方には雪は皆無かほとんどないに過ぎない、これが溶けて増水を促すことは望めない、統計によれば五月初旬には貯水量がほとんどなくなつてしまふ恐れがある、一方濃縮も化学消毒もしていない水を飲むことは傳染病発生のもととなるから、市民は絶対に生水を飲まないことが必要である。</p>
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### Water Shortage is Still Keenly Felt

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The officials continued to say that it was not a heavy enough rainfall. The only thing that will materially help the situation is a continued heavy downpour over several days. There is only little snow in the mountains to melt, and it is expected that the low point of water in storage will be reached about the first part of May.

All persons are seriously cautioned against using any water for internal consumption that has not been boiled or chemically purified. Epidemic diseases must be avoided at all costs, Military Government Team officials stated.

SEKAI NIPPO

21 March 1948

Circulation: 70,000

Tokyo: 40,000

**水不足依然深刻** 東京軍政 部が警告

【東京軍政部廿日発表】三三、三日來の降雨で水不足が緩和されたと誤解する者が多いが東京軍政部當局は廿日、東京部の水道局、厚生局當局と會談したさい、東京部民は依然節水に努力しなくてはならない、と次のとおり警告した。

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LET US CONSERVE WATER  
Shortage of Water is Still Keenly Felt

Many persons seem to have been misled by this two days rainfall to believe that we have no more shortage of water.

Tokyo Military Government Team officials, however, in conference with Tokyo-to Water Bureau officials again urged all people in this area to continue conserving water. For, the officials said, the recent rainfall has not helped the situation to a very great extent. Moreover, there is not much snow in the mountains to melt. If we do not have heavy continuous downpour, the low point of water in storage will be reached about the first part of May.

All persons are seriously cautioned not to drink any water without having it boiled or chemically purified before using it. Spread of epidemic diseases must be avoided at any cost.

TOKYO TOMIN SHIMBUN

21 March 1948

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Tokyo: 33,000

## 節水しよう

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JANUARY, 28, 1948

## Bank Robber Poisons Sixteen In Daring Coup—Twelve Die

Police Hunt for Mass Murderer Who Reportedly  
Makes Off With ¥1,000,000

A dentist in Toshima Ward was singled out as a most likely suspect by the police which launched upon a large-scale manhunt for the criminal who poisoned workers of the Shiina Branch of the Teikoku Bank.

Twelve employes of the Shiina Branch of the Teikoku Bank were dead from poisoning and four others continued to be critically ill as a sequel to the sensational bank robbery in which an ingenious criminal resorted to mass poisoning.

The sensational "poison bank holdup" case was perpetrated about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, shortly after the bank had terminated business for the day, when a man about 45, attired in a grey overcoat, wearing an arm band, entered into the building from a side entrance and asked for the bank manager.

As the bank manager was absent at the time, the man met acting-manager Takejiro Yoshida and informed him that he had come on a medical mission for the Tokyo

Sanitation Department.

The man said that since a number of dysentery cases had broken out in the vicinity of the bank, he had been assigned to deliver preventive oral medicine for the bank employes, and presented two bottles of fluid.

He casually demonstrated how the "medicine" should be used and departed. Since the man's action gave no cause for suspicion, 16 of the bank employes who were present at the time took turns in taking their prescribed doses.

All of them, however, were subsequently stricken violently ill, vomiting and losing consciousness. Their serious plight remained unknown to the public until one of the victims, a 22-year-old girl, painfully dragged herself outside and stopped a passerby.

When help came from the police, however, 10 of the victims had already died from the poison. One died immediately after being rushed to the St. Maria Hospital and another died during the night. The remaining four were

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still in critical condition as doctors strove frantically to save their lives.

Police said that the so-called preventive medicine given to the bank employes had been prussic acid. Fatalities so far included seven men and five girls, with two men and two other girls still in critical condition.

Owing to the serious condition of the remaining victims, police were as yet unable to ascertain the exact extent of the robbery. As the door of the safe had been left open, it was believed that the bank robber had reentered and stolen money after making sure that all of the bank employes had taken the poison.

The police, however, found bank notes amounting to ¥300,000 and other piles of money untouched.

A police search is being conducted for the bank robber, who, according to one report, made off with ¥1,000,000 which was believed to have been in the open safe.