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with Annexes as listed on the cover sheet, page 1.

BASIC REPORT

1. Political and Government.

A by-election was held in the first district of Niigata to fill
two seats in the House of Representatives. A total of 89,088 votes were
cast, from which Mr. Matsuki, Japan Liberal Party received 23,439 votes
and Mr. Funazaki, Democratic Party received 21,885 votes.

2. Public Health

This team was without a Medical Officer the greater part of
this reporting period.

3. Public and Private Welfare

No definite instructions for Child Welfare has been received by
this Prefecture, however, a start has been made by supplying mid-day
meals for day nurseries. Improvements have been accomplished at the
Niigata prison. Inmates are not paid for the work done, but are given
a reward or prize. On working days, two (2) hours are given when inmates
can borrow books to read in individual rooms. On Sundays and annual
holidays, they are free the whole day. Food calories range from 3,500
to 2,000, the lowest. Food expenses are ¥2.50 per day per person not
including rice expenses. The Niigata Branch of the Fraternity Mutual
Assistance Association has decided to disburse ¥3,930,000 to build nine
(9) apartments or 70 houses for the poor and repatriates within the year.
Each house will have two rooms (6 and 4 mat rooms) and a garden attached.

4. Labor Surveillance

The labor dispute at the Nihon Cold Storage-Co, Niigata Branch office which involved 190 small factories in Japan, was discussed and settled at the central headquarters of both the union and the company in Tokyo. It has been apparent that the two (2) national labor organizations JFL (Sodomei) and NCIU (Sanbetsu), are actively engaged in a program to increase the membership of their national organization. This program is very active at this time. It has been discovered by this office that two representatives of the JFL are working on a commission basis; that is, these men are receiving a bonus for each union that affiliates with the JFL through their efforts.

5. Economics Summary

Export items produced by this prefecture are: tableware, rubber goods, radio tubes, piston rings, Christmas decorations, cutting and hand tools. Electric power for industry, business and home use is being allocated by a quota system for each consumer. Threshing of rice and other cereals as well as delivery to collecting points was affected greatly by the electric power shortage. Now that the "link" system includes rice, the shipment of fish is expected to increase rapidly. There was no reparations plant or dispersal area rated as unsatisfactory.

6. Civil Information and Education

Since neighborhood associations have been abolished, the schools have difficulties in collecting money by donations. A system of local taxation seems to be the final solution. A field trip was made together with the Commanding Officer and Economics Officer of this organization to urge Japanese farmers to meet their rice quotas. False rumors stating that sites for a new university had been selected and that Niigata was not on the list served to stimulate the desire for more definite plans for the establishment of a University in Niigata City. Emphasis has been placed on integrating women's activities into all phases of military government work rather than segregating them into separate "Women's Program."

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MONTHLY MILITARY GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1947

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

1. Political Activities and Political Parties: There have been no unusual events of a political nature reported to this headquarters.

2. Status of Japanese Governmental Administration:

a. On 19 December 1947, a by-election was held in the first district of Niigata to fill two seats in the House of Representatives. The above vacancies were created by the purge of two former members of the house. Eight candidates ran for election, but voting was very light due to deep snow and blizzard conditions. The results were as follows:

- (1) Mr. MATSUKI - Japan Liberal Party, received 23,439 votes
- (2) Mr. FUNAZAKI - Democratic Party, received 21,885 votes
- (3) Total votes cast - 89,088 (male 57,036 - female 32,062)
- (4) Total registered voters - 270,397

b. In November the Mayor of Kamo-machi resigned after a disagreement with the Town Assembly. A by-election was held in November which resulted in his re-election. The 17 members of the Town Assembly, who disagreed with him, then resigned. On 27 December 1947, a by-election was held in Kamo-machi, Niigata ken, for 17 members of the Town Assembly, as there was 17 vacant seats and only 17 candidates no voting was necessary. The Town Assembly now consists of 28 members.

3. Degree of Compliance of Japanese Authorities with SCAP Directives:

a. Excellent.

4. Ample inspection of penal and public institutions were conducted during the period covered by this report. They were found to be satisfactory.

5. Violations of ordinance No. 311 and 165 have resulted in the following convictions:

- a. Illegal possession of weapons - 10 convictions
- b. Illegal possession of Occupation Forces' property - 1 conviction

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6. Mr. Blakemore of SCIP, Legal Section, spent one week inspecting courts and court procedure in this Prefecture. Numerous conferences were held with Judges, Procurators and the Bar Association. The results of this inspection indicates that both the Judiciary and Procurators Sections are overworked, undermanned and under paid.

7. A concerted drive is underway in this prefecture, against all forms of blackmarketing, by this team and the procurators.

8. A regular three day meeting of the Prefectural Assembly was called 22 December 1947. An additional budget to provide funds for the remainder of the year was passed.

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MANTLEY MILITARY GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1947
PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES

1. Hospital Administration:

Inspections were made at five (5) hospitals and conditions are improving.

2. Veterinary Affairs:

204 cattle, 41 horses, 182 swine, and 10 goats were slaughtered. None were condemned.

3. Preventive Medicine:

No cases of major communicable diseases were reported in the past month.

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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WELFARE ACTIVITIES

1. Public Assistance:

a. Prefecture program for the period 1 December to 31 December 1947 was as follows.

- (1) Total number of persons who received public assistance: 80,401
- (2) Net amount of cash grants in Yen: ¥ 9,534,209
- (3) Total number of persons being cared for in institutions: 11,825
- (4) Total cost of assistance in kind: ¥ 11,711

b. Administrative review was held at Nagaoka City, with the welfare dept. and Minsei-iin.

Most of the Minsei-iin did not understand their job, or know how to act in obtaining the necessary information or article, required for the families on relief.

Some Minsei-iin, had only 3 families under their care and knew less about them than the Minsei-iin who had 15 to 20 families to care for. No attempt had been made to check families with possible male workers to engage for employment and in some cases the Minsei-iin did not know if the men were employed or not.

A meeting was planned, but had to be cancelled due to heavy snow fall. When travel is possible a meeting will be called again at a later date.

Status of City:

- (1) Population in October.
11,331 families

26,579	...	male
28,379	...	female
54,958	...	total

- (2) Numbers of persons receiving relief.

553	male
919	female
<u>1,472</u>	total

(3) Number of welfare commissioners (Minsei-in)

60	male
13	female
<u>73</u>	total

(4) Community chest quota ¥ 200,000.-

Due to 30% for City and 70% for Prefecture, contributions have been slow because people are not well informed regarding the allocation of the 70%.

This has been brought to the attention of the Prefectural Welfare Section and a clearer outline is being broadcast over the radio.

2. Child Welfare;

To date no definite instructions or plans for child welfare have come to this Prefecture, however, a start has been made by supplying midday meals for day nurseries.

3. Welfare and Penal Institutions Visited.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>
Niigata-ken Rinkai-so	Apartment
Furukawa-so	Apartment
Nagaoka National Health Insurance Association Meeting	Meeting
Nagaoka Municipal Vocational Training Center & Nursery	Training & Nursery
Nagaoka Eastern Day Nursery	Nursery
Nagaoka Japan Red Cross Hospital No. 3 Kosei-ryo	Apartment
Zizodo-nachi Welfare Meeting	Meeting
Niigata Prison	Prison
Tekiya Nursery	Nursery
Niigata Municipal Nishibori Social Center	Training
Catholic Baby's Home	Accommodation
Charity exhibition	

Penal institution NIIGATA PRISON visited Dec. 17. '47
Capacity to date : male 920, female 9, total 929.
Numbers of Guards : 150 men.

a. Prisoners with heavy sentences have single rooms. Those with light sentences, are 5 to 9 in larger rooms.

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- b. All rooms are kept neat and clean.
- c. Female Prisoners are kept in a separate building from the male Prisoners and are separated also according to ages and crime's committed.
- d. Persons present in this jail are almost all sentenced from 1 to 2 years. 10 year sentences are the limit for this prison. For Sentences over 10 years, males are sent to Sendai Prison, and females to Tochigi Prison. Below 18 years of age are sent to Matsumoto Prison, Nagano Prefecture.
- e. Working sections are as follows:
 - (1) Carpenter shop . . . making desks & seats for school use.
 - (2) Tailor shop making clothing for inmates.
 - (3) Bamboo shop weaving baskets.
 - (4) Grass & rice straw weaving making mats & hand made ropes.
- f. Inmates are not paid a wage or salary, but are given a reward or prize for the work they do. Other incomes coming from the products go to the government. Monthly average income per person is about ¥ 30.-
- g. Recreation: On working days, 2 hours are given when prisoners can borrow books to read in the individual rooms. Sundays and annual holidays group entertainment at the hall and they are free the whole day.
- h. Average food expense:
¥ 2.50 per person per day not including the rice expense.
Highest calories 3,500.. Lowest calories 2,000.
- i. At time of inspection, inmates were all receiving typhus injection.

Nagaoka Japan Red Cross Hospital No. 3 Kosei-Ryo.
Hospital is only partially used due to having been bombed, and repairs have been slow.
At time of inspection 26 patients hospitalised were on relief. There are no cooking facilities or central Kitchen. Relatives of the Patients do their cooking in what was once the solarium. This will be discontinued, for it causes an unsanitary condition and fire hazard. It has been suggested to ask for Voluntary aid from Japanese Red Cross members, on the same plan as the American Red Cross Grey Ladies in the U. S. did the Hospital domestic dutys.

4. Homeless persons.

During the month 65 Vagrants were either send home, or were

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send to a prefectural institution, at Uchino-Machi, a juvenile delinquent reformatory.
This institution will be inspected when transportation is possible.

5. On December 8 a meeting was held at Nagaoka in behalf of the National Health Insurance Association.

It was impressed upon the people of the benefits to be derived thru their membership and that the necessary dues must be promptly paid, to make the association able to meet their obligation, both financially and to carry out their duties to the members.

Social Security Employment Offices Throughout The Prefecture Location are as follow:

<u>Niigata</u>	<u>Murakami</u>	<u>Taka-machi</u>	<u>Ojiya</u>	<u>Nagaoka</u>
<u>Niigata</u>	<u>Shibata</u>	<u>Kashiwazaki</u>	<u>Koide</u>	<u>Yasuzuka</u>
<u>Takada</u>	<u>Niitsu</u>	<u>Maki</u>	<u>Muika-machi</u>	<u>Tochio</u>
<u>Sanjo</u>	<u>Ryotsu</u>	<u>Itoigawa</u>	<u>Naoetsu</u>	

6. Foreign Nationals:

Nationality	No	Monthly distribution per head							
		Wheat	Butter	Sweet potatoes or Irish potatoes	Cooking oil	Sugar	Canned goods	Rice	Soy
German	10	kg 1.428	lb 1	kg 11.25	l 0.166	lb 1.32	lbs 5	kg -	l -
Javanese	3	2.142	-	3.75	0.166	1.32	5	4.4	0.166
Korean	3676	Same as Japanese							
Stateless	3								

7. Repatriation.

Repatriates are housed in so called "apartments." These are long buildings poorly ventilated and most of them have no central kitchen for cooking, or chimneys. The cooking is done on main floor or stairs and smokes all over the building, no facilities for children's recreation, or day nursery rooms.

The Niigata Branch of the Fraternity Mutual Assistance Association has decided to disburse ¥ 3,930,000 out of

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¥ 13,000,000 of the contribution to build 9 apartments or 70 houses for the poor and repatriates within the year. 7 apartments or 50 houses will be built at 2 chome, Tanakamachi (covering 2354 tsubo) and 2 apartments or 20 houses (700 tsubo) at Yamanoshita. Each house will have 2 rooms --- 6 and 4 matted ones, with a garden attached which will accommodate some 350 people.

The following is a Relief Grant basis used for Repatriates Housed in Public buildings.

No. of person	Relief Amount		Lowest basis of housing cost	
	per month	per day	No. of person	Monthly Amount
1	474.00	15.80	1	711.00
2	811.00	27.05	2	1,217.25
3	1,002.00	33.40	3	1,503.00
4	1,192.50	39.75	4	1,788.75
5	1,335.00	44.50	5	2,002.50
6	1,477.50	49.25	6	2,216.25
7	1,620.00	54.00	7	2,430.00
8	1,762.50	58.75	8	2,643.75
9	1,905.00	63.50	9	2,857.50
10	2,047.50	68.25	10	3,061.25

Remarks: The amount of relief is reduced according to one's other source of income. That means if a person earns ¥ 200.- per month, his relief amount will be ¥ 274.-

Remarks: If a person income is below ¥ 711.- per month he is released from paying rent and other maintenance fee to the institution.

On the fifth of December nine new county offices were established in the following Guns: Kitakambara, Naka and Higashi-kambara, Minami-kambara, Nishi-kambara, Santo and Koshi, Kariwa, Naka-kubiki, Iwafune, Sado.

Since the start in October of the Community Chest Goal of ¥ 13,000,000, up to December 17 hardly ¥ 2,013,557 or 15% of the goal had been collected: ¥ 820,110 (68% of the quota) at Koshi, Kariwa and Santo-gun; ¥ 200,000 (44% " " " " " Nagaoka, and none at Takada.

To accelerate the movement the Prefectural Office is planning to announce the results of collections made by each district and city once every week.

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LABOR SURVEILLANCE REPORT

1. Identification:

- a. Prefecture Covered: Niigata
- b. Report for month of: December 1947
- c. Report prepared by: Arthur F. Loeben, 1st Lt., AC

2. Labor Procurement:

a. There exists a difficulty in fulfilling labor requisitions for the following categories of labor.

- (1) Interpreters
- (2) English speaking clerk typists

b. The average number of workers employed daily throughout the Prefecture was 247.86 individuals.

3. Wages and Working Conditions:

a. The recent wage increase for employees of the Occupation Forces had a tendency to help in securing a higher calibre of employee for the work on this team.

b. There is no change in working conditions from that reported in the November report.

4. Labor Relations:

a. (1) This office investigated the labor dispute at the Nihon Cold Storage Company, Niigata Branch Office. The dispute was nation-wide, involving 190 small factories in all Japan. A basic increase in wages was desired along with full employment and a retiring allowance.

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Representatives of the union and management were conferred with and details of the dispute were discussed. This office took no direct action other than seeking information, and encouragement to mediate was given.

This union is affiliated with Sanbetsu, and the All Japan Cold Storage Workers Union. A one (1) day strike was called by the national union, supposedly to encourage the management toward haste in settling. There was no action to be taken at this level, for the dispute was discussed and settled at the central headquarters of both the union and the company in Tokyo. The union agreed without further strike to accept the company's offer.

(2) The Mechanical Department Local of the National Railways Labor Union appealed to the local Labor Relations Committee for settlement of their dispute. After deliberation, the Committee decided to accept this case with the knowledge that these workers are employees of the Ministry of Transportation. The decision to accept was based on the request of the union for a winter cost of living allowance, and it was felt that this request is a local request in Niigata and not nation wide. In addition to this the committee included the request of the communication workers (ZENTEI) with the railway workers; in that both groups are requesting winter allowances.

At the completion of four (4) committee meetings a mediation plan was submitted consisting of the following:

Expense for fuel	¥1900
housing expense	¥1980
food expense	¥ 320

Total ¥4200

This figure represents a deep snow living allowance, as the minimum for a family of three (3) members.

(3) A small dispute occurred at the Goto Braid Company of Washiwazaki City. There are 31 employees in this union, working on the spinning of cotton yarn. The union requested an opening of collective bargaining, and the employer responded by deciding to close his factory due to financial difficulties. The union at first thought of operating this plant, but as time passed they decided it would be impossible as their managerial ability was insufficient.

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a. representative of the Labor Relations Committee investigated the dispute and has submitted a letter of recommendations. In sense, the plant under all possible circumstances, and that both labor and management work together toward a more efficient operation of the plant. A final decision on this situation has not been made by either party to date.

b. The Japanese police, procurator, or courts, were not implicated into labor disputes during this period.

c. As reported in last month's report the All Japan Machine and Apparatus Union has charged the Fujikoshi Steel Co. with a violation of Art 11, Trade Union Law. It is claimed the employer in prohibiting the right of trade unions to affiliate with unions of their choice.

During the month of December the Labor Relations Committee has held three (3) "Little Committee" meetings on this subject, and as yet no decision has been made. The committee has decided that in January a definite decision will be forthcoming.

It is apparent from the committee's action, that the case is a delicate one, and a complete investigation is required. It is also apparent, that the committee is hesitant in taking the initiative on the decision. This office believes the present committee is attempting to delay this case until February, when a new committee will be formed.

5. Employment:

a. The following agencies have absorbed employment as indicated:

(1) Private Industry	:	764
(2) Public works	:	82
(3) Vocational Training	:	48
(4) Other	:	4500

b. Immigration and repatriation has increased the unemployment figure by 356, during December 1947.

6. General Observations:

a. During this monthly period fewer labor disputes were recorded than in the previous three (3) months. This is an

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unusual turn of events, in that the present winter, is a hard one, and it was anticipated that much unrest in the labor ranks would occur.

b. The labor dispute at the Kashiwazaki Rikon Industrial Co., reported last month, appears at a "standstill", and no new developments as to settlement have occurred. The union is in a distracted condition, in that there are two factions at work, one radical, and one conservative. These two factions are "jockeying" for position and ultimate control of the union. The leaders of both factions have been interviewed, and are both strong men, well informed and ambitious. The leader of the radical faction is an active communist party member, while the other leader has no apparent political connections. A turn of events should be forthcoming very soon.

c. During this period an additional seventy-two (72) newly formed unions were registered at the Prefecture. This increase in trade unions results in the following statistical information for Aikata Prefecture at the close of the year 1947:

- (1) Number of Unions: 706
- (2) Total membership in these unions - 139,329.
Of this figure 35,133 are female members.
- (3) Number of unions affiliated with the JFL
(Sodomei) - 42
- (4) Number of unions affiliated with NCIU
(Senbetsu) - 199
- (5) Number of unions affiliated with other national
organizations - 94

d. Labor Education:

- (1) During this period the labor administration section of the Prefecture published and distributed 3,690 copies of a weekly labor news pamphlet.
- (2) During this period five (5) labor lectures were held throughout the Prefecture primarily concerned with education of both laborer and management. These lectures were not applicable to any provisions of the labor standard law. These lectures were sponsored by the labor administration section with encouragement from this office.

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e. Among the ranks of labor, there is wide disagreement with the basic average wage of ¥1800 established by the national government. It is the opinion of most labor leaders that this wage does not constitute a living wage. It has been further pointed out, among the larger industrial corporations, that this average wage has been exceeded. Therefore, the trend in this area is to request wages beyond the ¥1800 average wage.

f. It has been apparent that the two (2) national labor organizations, JFL (Sodomei) and NCIU (Sanbatsu), are actively engaged in a program to increase the membership of their national organization. This program is very active at this time. It has been discovered by this office that two (2) representatives of the JFL (Sodomei) are working on a commission basis; that is, these men are receiving a bonus for each union that affiliates with the JFL (Sodomei) through their efforts.

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ANNEX D-1

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 ECONOMICS SUMMARY

1. Annex D-1 Industry

a. All industries in this prefecture dependent on electric power experienced a serious decrease in production during this period due to the electric power shortage. Many industries suffered from the heavy snowfall while others were unable to obtain raw materials by rail or dispose of their product due to an approximately forty-five percent (45%) reduction of freight cars by the Niigata Railroad Division.

Several industries which did show an increase in production in spite of the hindrances mentioned were the Petroleum, Textile and Chemical Medicine industries.

Export items in production by this prefecture are: tableware, rubber goods, radio tubes, piston rings, Christmas decorations, cutting and hand tools.

b. Surveillance of shipbuilding.

No unauthorized construction of ships was found during this period.

c. Other economics matters.

- (1) The electric power supply for this month including the quota from Nippatsu Co. (Nippon Electric Generation & Transmission Co) and the power generated by Tohoku Haiden (Electric Power Distribution Co) is as follows:

Total Capacity of Allocation by K.W.H.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Quota by Nippatsu</u>	<u>Amount Produced by Tohoku Haiden</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dec 5	393,300	763,500	1,156,800
Dec 10	630,000	903,000	1,533,000
Dec 15	613,800	836,000	1,449,800
Dec 20	741,600	464,000	1,205,600
		Monthly capacity	35,367,530
		Daily capacity	1,178,920

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- (2) As the daily amount in the total capacity of allocation by K.W.H. listed above, shows the figure at the generating station, the figure received by the consumer will have declined to 982,430 K.W.H. due to transmission loss.
- (3) Electric power for business and home use since 15 November and that for industry since 1 December has been allocated by a quota system for each consumer.

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ECONOMICS SUMMARY

2. Annex D-2, Natural Resources.

a. Agriculture

- (1) No crops are being produced at this time due to climatic conditions. Rice, other cereals, and sweet potato harvest has been completed prior to the heavy snowfall which prevented damage to those crops. Threshing of rice and other cereals as well as delivery to collecting points was effected greatly by the electric power shortage in addition to the difficulties of transportation over the heavy snow.
- (2) Staple food collection figures as of 31 Dec 1947 are as follows:

Rice	1,915,740.7	Koku	84.5%
Sweet Potatoes	4,458,446	Kan	83.7%
(Barley	2,503	Koku)	
(Oats	193	Koku)	84.6%
(Wheat	1,535	Koku)	
Potatoes, White	4,935,109	Kan	127.8%

b. Fishing

- (1) Due to continuous bad weather the fish catch for December showed a 9% decrease compared to the previous month. A total of nine hundred and seventy-eight (978) tons of sea-food was caught during the month using four hundred ninety two (492) boats.
- (2) Fishermen report that the allocation of fuel oil is only about 70% of their requirements and that they are getting about 10% of their rope requirements.
- (3) Now that the link system includes rice, the shipment of fish is expected to increase rapidly.

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- (4) Recent raids by the prefectural police resulted in the diversion of a large amount of illegal fish from blackmarket to the proper rationing channels.

c. Other natural resource factors.

- (1) Lumbering in this prefecture was practically at a standstill during December due to the heavy snow and the power shortage. However, by the use of stockpiles from previous months the following production was achieved:

Lumber	8,112,120 bd ft
Logs	18,667,800 bd ft
Charcoal	6,524 ton
Veneer	47,803 bd ft
Plywood	6,187 bd ft
Bamboo	19,109 kg.

- (2) Mine production for December was as follows:

<u>Name of Ore Concentrate</u>	<u>Metal Content of Ore Produced.</u>
Gold	6.603 lbs
Silver	58.518 lbs
Copper	8.241 tons
Zinc	46.096 tons
Lead	26.903 tons
Coal	1,061.700 tons

- (3) Crude oil production was as follows:

<u>Quantity Produced in Gallons</u>	<u>No. of Operating Wells</u>
867,188	2,496

- (4) Natural Gas production was as follows:

<u>Quantity Produced in cubic feet</u>	<u>No. of Operating Wells</u>
48,278,520	1,713

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ECONOMICS SUMMARY

Annex D-3, Reparations

a. The following reparation installations have been inspected by members of this headquarters and have been rated as follows:

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>(1) Service</u>	<u>(2) Maintenance</u>	<u>(3) Repair</u>
29-01	Air C.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-02	Air C.	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-03	Air C.	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
29-04	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-06	Munition	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-08	Munition	Very satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-09	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-10	Munition	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-11	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-12	Mach Tls	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-13	Mach Tls	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
29-14	Mach Tls	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-15	Mach Tls	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-16	Mach Tls	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-17	Mach Tls	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-18	Mach Tls	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-19	Mach Tls	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-20	Sulph Ac	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-21	Soda	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-22(B)	Arsenal	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-24(A)	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-25	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-31(b)	Arsenal	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-32	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-33	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-34	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-35	Lab	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory

b. The below listed reparation dispersal areas located in Niigata Prefecture have been inspected by members of this headquarters and have

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been rated as follows:

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>(1) Service</u>	<u>(2) Maintenance</u>	<u>(3) Repair</u>
30-10	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Excellent
13-11	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Excellent
10-9(66)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
10-9(67)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
10-9(68)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
10-16(141)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
10-16(142)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory

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Prepared by: RALPH E. WRIGHT ANNEX E
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 CIVIL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

1. Education

a. School Inspection -- Check inspections were made at the following schools during the month:

- (1) Imegasaki Elementary School
- (2) Sakaya Elementary School
- (3) Kamo Girls High School
- (4) Kamo Middle School
- (5) Kamo Elementary School

One of the most difficult problems at the present time is school finance. Due to inflation, the income from government sources is more inadequate than before. Since neighborhood associations have been abolished, the schools have had difficulties in collecting money by donations. A system of local taxation seems to be the final solution. In order to meet the present emergency, better and more democratic methods of money collecting will be needed.

b. Social Education -- Several conferences were held with the members of the Prefectural Social Education Section. A long range program of plans and goals for 1948 and programs for the months of January, February, March 1948 were discussed. Among the plans discussed was a Boy's and Girl's program.

2. Information

A new feature was added to this section's information program with the inclusion of announcement of pertinent bits of information from the Daily "Democratic Notebook" being announced over the Public Address Systems in the movie theatres between shows.

A field trip was made together with the S.M.G.O. and the Economic Officer to urge the Japanese Farmers to meet their rice quotas. In addition to the field trip, all informational medias were used, to drive home the need to meet the rice quota.

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The Educational Films "Freedom to Learn" and "A Better Tomorrow" were shown in 9 towns throughout this prefecture to a total of 17,600 persons during the period 20 - 30 December.

3. Religion

The Christmas celebration in Niigata Prefecture was more extensive than a year ago. Most of the Christian churches had services throughout the entire week. One protestant church had a special candlelight Christmas Hymn service at which the occupation forces were special guests, and the Christmas sermon was delivered in both Japanese and English by the local Japanese Minister. A Catholic Church produced a Christmas Cantata before a large audience in a public auditorium. One U.S. military unit gave a party for the orphanage in Niigata City, and other welfare organizations received private gifts from individual members of the Occupation Forces.

The CI&T Section received requests from teachers and students of social studies and English to explain the meaning of Christmas. This was done to the fullest extent possible.

The Christmas season was selected by education officials and pupils to express appreciation for the American food for the hot lunch program.

4. Other CI&T Affairs

a. Section Organization -- A maximum amount of time possible during December was spent by all members of the CI&T Section in long-range and coordinated planning based on the "Work Priority" established by higher headquarters. Since the Yokohama Conference for Women CI&T personnel, emphasis has been placed on integrating women's activities into all phases of military government work rather than segregating them into a separate "Women's Program".

The CI&T Section has been divided into two divisions -- Information and Education. The work of the Information Division will deal largely with information media, organizations, social education, Citizens Public Halls, and CI&T Reading Rooms. The Education Division will emphasize school inspections, "6-3-3" reorganization and decentralization, in-service training, and school organizations.

b. Special Problems

(1) Completion of a portion of reports (CI&T-A, required by OD 57, has completely depleted the supply of paper allotted to the CI&T Section. Most of the information required by this directive has been compiled, but preparation of the report in its final form at this time would create a paper shortage for the entire team which

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would seriously handicap the entire organization in its other important administrative and reporting functions. For these reasons, submission of the complete reports have been indefinitely postponed.

c. University Movement -- The plans for the establishment of a University in Niigata City have been progressing since June. Members of the Association for the Advancement of the University recently were rather excited about a rumor that the sites for a new university had been selected and that Niigata was not on the list. This rumor was clarified and found to be false, but it has served to stimulate the desire for more definite plans in the near future.

5. Women's Affairs

a. A member of the section attended the CI&T Women's Conference held in Yokohama 1-3 December. The month has been spent in planning and coordinating women's conference work.

b. The CI&T Officer wrote a letter recommending that paper quota be allowed for establishing a women's paper in the prefecture.

c. Members of the section were invited to meet with leading women of Niigata, a representative of Bank of Japan, and a reporter from Niigata Nippo to initiate a Thrift Movement among women of the prefecture.

d. Two members of the section attended the December meeting of the JACA. Plans for future programs and meeting places and membership were discussed.

e. A women's meeting was attended at Goson on 13 December.

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- (1) Evangelistic meetings
- (2) Entertainment and gifts for children of air raid victims
- (3) Donations for community chest
- (4) Christmas presents for orphanages

4. Other CI&E Matters

a. Mr. J. W. McElhaney, Chief of CI&E Section of Tokai-Hokuriku Military Government Region and Mr. Gustafson, new CI&E Officer of Shizuoka Prefecture, visited the Gifu CI&E Office as a part of the orientation of the latter CI&E Officer.

b. Magazines were collected from house to house in the dependent housing area for the use of CI&E Reading Rooms.

c. Request was made to the Chief of Information Section, SCAP for permission to show to the Japanese nine (9) Army educational films with English sound tracts available from Eighth Army Central Film and Equipment Exchange.

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Annexes as listed on the cover sheet, page 1.

BASIC REPORT

1. Political and Government.

Reikichi Kita and Kenkichi Ishiyama, members of the House of
Representatives were rejected in a recent purge. By-election will be
held 19 December 47. Mr. Bannai, young Mayor of Kamo Machi was re-
elected 28 November 47 by a vote of 6,160 to 3,415 over that of his
former opponent.

2. Public Health

Miss Pickens of SCAP outlined future plans for public health
nurses, general nurses and midwives at a meeting held at Niigata City.
The production and refrigeration of vaccines and penicillin has been
greatly interfered with by the recent curtailment of electric power.
Arrangements are being made to exempt these companies from the restric-
tion. An educational program is being taken to stimulate interest in
the control of tuberculosis and V.D.

3. Public and Private Welfare

Spot checks of cash relief to needy families were made and it
was found that the increases authorized in August are being granted. Of
the nineteen (19) institutions inspected, three (3) were found unfavor-
able and one (1) unsanitary. The Dobo Engo Kai of this prefecture have
provided homes for fifty nine (59) widows and children and are now
planning day nurseries to be set up in temple buildings. The Red Cross
has organized medical teams as their contribution to the Prefectural
Disaster Plan. Children of families on public assistance are furnished
school lunches by means of supplementary payments made by the town and
city welfare offices.

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4. Labor

The labor dispute at the Kashiwazaki Riken Industrial Company arose over a wage increase to ¥4,000 excluding tax over the present wage of ¥1,750, and a "cost of living" allowance of ¥2,000 for the four (4) plants in Niigata Prefecture. This plant, one of twenty in the Riken Industrial Corporation, a national concern and a reparation plant, is affiliated with the "All Japan Machine and Tool Workers Union" of Tokyo. A contract was signed in October 46 between the Riken Corp. and the Union for a period of three (3) years, in which it was agreed that each Riken Plant would pay the salaries of all the union officials. While these officials spend full time on the union affairs, they do not actively participate in work for the plant. There are twenty (20) officials at this plant receiving full time salaries for their union work. Among these twenty is a man named Yoshio ANDO who is receiving a monthly salary of ¥2,300 and in addition to his duties in the union, is assistant chief of the Niigata NCIO (Sanbetsu) and an active member of the Niigata District Committee of the Japan Communist Party. Reliable sources indicate that this man is guiding the union and promoting this dispute as the "man behind the scene". A disagreement arose between the Governor, Vice Governor and the Conference of Niigata Prefectural Labor Unions when the Conference of Labor Unions refused to recommend and nominate candidates for the Labor Relations Committee to be appointed during December. A report received from the local Toshiba Sekiya Factory Labor Union (JFL) reveals that anti-communistic factions have been organized in nineteen (19) factories of the Toshiba Corps. There are forty five (45) Toshiba factories in Japan.

5. Economics

Harvest of crops in this prefecture was completed about the 10th of November. Due to the poor harvest of wheat, the deficit amount is being substituted for by delivery of Irish potatoes. Due to the fact that the producers are dissatisfied with the differences in cost of production of charcoal and prices of the manufactured products, only 36% of the consumers yearly requirements have been rationed. Change in location of construction of four (4) one hundred and thirty five (135) ton tuna ships from the Kawaminami-Uranosaki shipyards to the Niigata Iron Works has been authorized by SCAPIN 1807 dtd 24 Oct 47. Twenty seven (27) Reparation Plants and seven (7) Dispersal Areas were inspected and rated as indicated in Annex D. Due to the curtailment of the electric power to two (2) days per week as of 25 November it is feared that the greater number of producing plants will be compelled to release their workers and lower their production to such an extent that it may create a difficult economic problem in this prefecture.

6. Civil Information and Education

A two day Adult Education Conference, sponsored jointly by the Niigata Mil Govt Team and the Prefectural Social Education Section, were held at Kawaharada Machi on Sado Island, Ojiya Machi, Kashiwazaki City and Niitsu Machi with 1,850 persons attending. Leaders of the Boy Scout Movement in Kashiwazaki were requested not to push the Boy Scout Movement too rapidly until SCAP policies on the Movement were more

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clearly defined. Sixteen (16) bulletin boards, the first of a series were erected throughout the Prefecture as part of the Information Program. Posters on rice collection and the blackmarket were printed by the Prefectural Social Education Section with guidance from this Section.

7. Unit Occupational History

The strength of this organization as of 30 November 47 was seven (7) officers, twenty (20) enlisted men and six (6) DACs. There is an anticipated loss of four (4) enlisted men and one (1) officer in December. There were no promotions. An eighteen (18) months enlistment was extended to three (3) years by Cpl Richard A. Cheer.

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TO

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POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

1. Political Activities and Political Parties: There have been no unusual events of a political nature reported to this headquarters.
2. Status of Japanese Governmental Administration:
 - a. Two members of the House of Representatives, Reikichi KITA and Kenkichi ISHIYAMA, have lost their seats in the recent purge. The two members represented the first district which comprises Niigata City, Nishikambara Gun and Sado Gun district. A by-election for this district will be held 19 December 1947. Five candidates have filed to date.
 - b. The Mayor of Kamo-machi, Minamikambara Gun, Mr. BANNAI, a young progressive individual, resigned after a disagreement with and at the request of the town council. A by-election for mayor was held 28 November and he, running against his former opponent, was re-elected. Detail results are as follows:
 - (1) Total votes cast - 9,684, valid votes - 9,575
 - (2) Total eligible voters - 14,987
 - (3) Mr. Bannai received - 6,160 Opponent - 3,415 votes
3. Degree of Compliance of Japanese Authorities with SCAP Directives.
 - a. Excellent.
4. Ample inspections of penal and public institutions were conducted during the period covered by this report. They were found satisfactory.
5. As a result of an investigation by this team, three manufactures in Mitsuke Machi, Minamikambara Gun, are being tried, in Japanese courts, for illegal possession and sale of former Japanese Army goods.

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6. Blackmarketing: Japanese courts, in an effort to halt black-marketing, have stiffened their sentences for illegal transportation of rice thru out the prefecture. As a result the traffic in illegal rice is much smaller than last year.

7. Violations of Ordinance No. 311 and 165: have resulted in the following convictions:

- a. Illegal possession of weapons - 14 convictions
- b. Illegal possession Occupation Forces' property - 2 convictions

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES

1. Hospital Administration:

A system of periodic inspections of hospitals by Japanese Officials at all health centers has been instituted. The conditions are slowly improving as a result of these inspections.

2. Veterinary Affairs:

One case of swine erysipelas and 52 cases of white diarrhea of chickens were reported in this period.

292 cattle, 70 horses, and 95 swine were slaughtered. None were condemned.

463 lbs. of butter and 85 lbs. of cheese was manufactured.

3. Dental Affairs: Negative report.

4. Nursing Affairs: A meeting of all public health nurses was held at which time the medical officer of the Military Government Team gave an address on the subject of "What the Public Health Nurse Can Do To Prevent the Spread of Disease." Another meeting of public health nurses, general nurses, and midwives was held at which time Miss Pickens, of SCAP, outlined future plans for these groups. She also held a meeting of nursing directors in Niigata City.

5. Medical Supply Situation:

The recent drastic curtailment of electric power has interfered with the production of and the refrigeration of vaccines. The production of penicillin is also hampered. Arrangements are being made to exempt these companies from the restriction.

A large shipment of D.D.T. products for the control of lice is being requisitioned. Adequate numbers of dusters and sprayers are on hand to carry out the program.

6. Preventive Medicine:

There were no cases of major communicable diseases reported in the past month.

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The typhoid immunization program is about 25% completed. The majority of the people in this prefecture had been immunized with the old strains of typhoid in 1946 and the first part of 1947. However, the reimmunization program is being pushed.

7. Sanitary engineering: Negative report.
8. Laboratory Activities: Negative report.
9. Nutritional surveys: Negative report.
10. Port Quarantine: Negative report.
11. Miscellaneous
 - (a) Lack of funds continues to be the major problem hampering public health projects.
 - (b) In general the Japanese are doing a good job in carrying out public health programs within the economic limitations imposed.
 - (c) No medical school surveys performed.
 - (d) An educational program is being taken to stimulate interest in venereal disease and tuberculosis control.
 - (e) None.
 - (f) None.
12. Negative report.

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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WELFARE ACTIVITIES

1. Public Assistance:

a. Prefecture program for the period 1 November to 30 November 1947 was as follows.

- (1) Total number of persons who received public assistance: 81,838
- (2) Net amount of cash grants in Yen: ¥9,487,766
- (3) Total number of persons being cared for in institutions: 11,505
- (4) Total cost of assistance in kind: ¥169,770

b. Spot checks of cash relief to needy families were made, and it was found that the increases authorized in August are being granted.

Of the fourteen gun offices, three were inspected; of the six independent city offices, three were inspected; one town office was also inspected. The following points were noted:

- (1) Records maintained in the city offices are incomplete and not up-to-date.
- (2) One minsei-in in a repatriate camp was found to be responsible for 39 families, while other minsei-in from the same city office were assigned only 2 families. Additional minsei-in were recommended.
- (3) Minsei-in meetings are held regularly each month, at which changes in the Daily Life Security Law are explained as well as current welfare developments, but minsei-in are not required to attend. It was recommended that minsei-in be required to attend the monthly meetings.

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- (4) There is no regular system of review of cases. This is left to the minsci-ian. It was recommended that all bases be reviewed on a systematic basis.
- (5) The following classifications are used in the Niigata welfare offices:
- a. War sufferers
 - b. Repatriates
 - c. General needy
 - d. Families of men still overseas
 - e. Families of deceased soldiers
 - f. Families of wounded soldiers
 - g. Families of demobilized soldiers

If there are persons on public assistance who are not eligible for relief, they will be found in the "c" classification which will be spot checked in connection with further welfare office inspections.

2. Welfare and Penal Institutions:

- a. The following institutions were inspected during November:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Condition</u>
Sensai Widow's & Chil.	Accomodation	Fair
Murakami Apartment	Apartment	Fair
Nakajo-machi Vocational Training Center	Giving job.	Favorable
Sekiya Nursery	Nursery	Favorable
Futaba Nursery	Nursery	Favorable
Kubota-cho Nursery	Nursery	Favorable
Niigata Public Nursery	Nursery	Favorable
Niigata Municipal Nishibori Social Center	Kindergarten & Giving job.	Favorable
Misono Babies' Home	Nursery	Good
Niigata Municipal Old men's Home	Caring for aged	Good
Niigata Municipal Bandai Public Nursery	Nursery	Good
Kamitokorojima Apartment	Apartment	Unfavorable
Banzan-Ryo	Apartment	Unfavorable
Ayame-So	Apartment	Unsanitary
Shibata-Ryo	Apartment	Unfavorable
Shibata National Hospital Vocational Training Center	Giving job.	Good
Shibata Mother's Home & Vocational Training Center	Giving job.	Fair

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Kuzusuka No. 1. Vocational Training Center	Giving job.	Fair
Kuzusuka No. 2. Vocational Training Center	Giving job.	Good

3. Homeless persons

a. Vagabonds do not present a problem in this prefecture. Dobo Engo Kai has assumed the responsibility in the towns of caring for the vagabonds and either sending them home or to a prefectural institution. In the larger cities, the police are responsible for vagabonds. During the reporting period the ken welfare section reported that None vagabonds were picked up.

b. Since this prefecture is a rice-surplus area, and was undamaged by the war, thousands of refugees and repatriates have come here. Housing has been the major welfare problem, and due to the severe climate, an effort has been made to get this group sheltered before winter. Two-thirds of the 45 military establishments in this prefecture are being used for welfare purposes, and 9,480 repatriates and war sufferers are now housed in these buildings. Dobo Engo Kai supervises the management of seven of these housing centers.

4. Relief Supplies.

The following statistical information is submitted for the period November.

(1) On hand at beginning of month:

Household furniture	7,800
Clothing	10,950

(2) Added during month:

None

(3) Distribution during month:

Household furniture	7,800
Clothing	10,950

(4) Total distribution to date from April 1, 1947 of former Japanese military goods:

Dry Biscuits	156,875 kg.
Canned goods	227,247 kg.
Blankets	11,801
Shoes	22,603

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Clothing	89,902
Household furniture	7,800

(5) On hand at end of month:

None

5. Foreign Nationals.

a. The following foreign nationals are now living in this prefecture, according to figures submitted by the ken welfare section:

(List) 6 German

6. Repatriation

a. Total number of repatriates who have returned to prefecture is 69,458.

b. Number of repatriates requiring public assistance is 18,863.

7. Other public welfare matters and comments.

a. A cross-section survey of minsei-iin in Niigata City during the reporting period revealed that (1) 17% are women (2) 92% are between the ages of 40-70 years (3) 50% have been homei-iin (4) 61% have had 8-11 years of education (5) 60% are responsible for ten families or less while the remaining 40% are responsible for 11-28 families (6) More than 50% of them visited their families at least twice during the past month, and had attended at least three minsei-iin meetings during the past three months. (7) The leading occupations were business men (21%); factory workers (16%); priests (11%); farmers (8%).

b. A welfare conference was held 10 November at which the welfare officials from the 14 gun office and the six independent city offices, members of their staffs and the ken welfare section were present. The following points were discussed: (1) uniform record-keeping procedures (2) the importance of reviewing all cases regularly (3) continuing minsei-iin training program (4) extending the welfare program to include services to special welfare groups.

c. Community Organisation

(1) A meeting of the directors of the Dobo Engo Kai was held 7 November, and their welfare activities were discussed. Their program includes management of seven housing centers and five Jusan Jo work centers, care of vagabonds, distribution of relief goods, provision of food at cost to the unemployed, and travel expenses for

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repatriates. They have provided homes for 59 widows and children, and are now planning day nurseries to be set up in temple buildings. Current annual budget is 8,331,400.

- (2) A meeting was held at the prefectural branch office of the Japanese Red Cross Society. Activities of the Red Cross Society which is now conducting a fund-raising campaign to secure 8,600,000 yen, and the re-establishment of the Junior Red Cross was discussed. There are now 91 Junior Red Cross groups in the prefecture. The Red Cross has organized medical teams as their contribution to the prefectural disaster plan.
- (3) Conferences were held during the reporting period with groups from the Women's Organizations, and they were urged to participate in the public assistance program by serving as minsei-in and on the minsei-in kai. They are especially interested in the welfare problems of widows and orphans.
- d. A meeting was held with the prefectural Disaster Council, at which their newly revised Disaster Plan was presented, and thoroughly discussed.
- e. School Lunch Program: During this reporting period the school lunch program was conducted in 52 schools which served 52,230 school children a minimum of two meals per week at an average cost of 1.29 yen per child per serving. Children of families on public assistance are furnished school lunches by means of supplementary payments made by the town and city welfare offices.
- f. Welfare Publications: The ken welfare section has issued individual Minsei-in Record Books which provide for a day-by-day reporting of all home visits to assist the minsei-in in keeping their records up-to-date. The ken also publishes a welfare bulletin every other month which contains articles on the welfare program and changes in pertinent welfare laws. Copies are sent to the 3,138 minsei-in in Niigata prefecture through the 392 branch offices.

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LABOR SURVEILLANCE REPORT

1. Identification:

- a. Prefecture : Niigata
- b. Period of Report : November 1947
- c. Report Prepared by: Arthur F. Loeben, 1st Lt., AG

2. Labor Procurement:

a. There exists a difficulty in fulfilling labor requisitions for the following categories of labor.

- (1) Interpreters
- (2) English speaking clerk typists

b. The average number of workers employed daily throughout the Prefecture was 224.76 individuals.

3. Wages and Working Conditions:

a. Japanese Nationals working in rest hotels, under a "personnel clause" in a procurement demand are receiving higher wages than the same category in labor requisition. This situation has been true for a continuous period of 1½ years. Labor employed by private industry producing material for the Occupation Forces are receiving a larger "take home pay" than those on labor requisition.

b. Employees of private industry do not enjoy the same number of holidays as do employees of labor requisition. The former receiving less holidays per month, and the working hours of labor requisition employees are less than those of private industry. It is an accepted Japanese custom to grant special "cost of living" allowances in the fall of each year for the high cost of living in the hard winter months. This is generally being done by private industry, but government employees are not receiving this. Employees of the Occupation Forces are receiving special priority in transportation.

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4. Labor Relations:

a. This office has investigated the labor dispute at the Kashiwazaki Riken Industrial Co., Kashiwazaki City. Conferences were held with both Labor and Management at different times, and also with the Prefecture Labor Section. The following information is believed quite accurate and a true account of the action: The plant employs 850 workers, and is producing piston rings and accessories for gasoline and steam engines. The local union is a very active member of "Sanbetsu" (NCIO), and apparently in good financial condition. The dispute arose over a wage increase to ¥4,000.00 excluding tax over the present average wage of ¥1750.00, and a "cost of living" allowance of ¥2000.00 for the four plants in Niigata Prefecture. The union is affiliated with the "All Japan Machine and Tool Workers Union" of Tokyo. This plant is one of twenty (20) in the Riken Industrial Corporation, a national concern, and this plant in Kashiwazaki is a reparation plant. The whole corporation of twenty (20) plants is involved in the wage dispute, and the dispute is before the Central Labor Relations Committee in Tokyo for agreement. The winter living allowance is a local dispute centered in four (4) plants of the Riken Corporation located in Niigata Prefecture. Of the four plants the one in Kashiwazaki is the largest and is taken as the leading example of the negotiations. The union requested the ¥2000 living allowance on 12 November, and the demand was denied in view of the pending wage dispute. On 17 November the union and management negotiated for thirty (30) continuous hours over the allowance, and to some degree of forcefulness, the union forced the management to remain at the meeting. This force was more of a demonstration by the union members, than it was actual physical force. A large number of workers were present, whereas a very few members of management were present. This negotiation produced a promise by the local president of the plant to forward the union demand to the corporation office in Tokyo. This promise was revoked by the President on the following day, because he felt that after thirty (30) hours of negotiation he was beyond the point of reasonable thinking, and that he was somewhat forced to make this promise. This Headquarters at first advised both the Labor Union and Management to place their problem before the Local Labor Relations Committee; but further investigation revealed that the local president can not make a decision as to wages or allowances. In view of this, the only solution is to include the allowance request with the wage request now before the Central Labor Relations Committee. This Headquarters will continue to advise both parties to present their dispute to the Central Labor Relations Committee. An interesting aspect of this case is that a contract was signed in October 1946 between the Riken Corp. and the Union for a period of three (3) years. In the contract, it was agreed that each Riken Plant would pay the salaries of all the union officials, while these officials spend full time on the union affairs; they do not actively participate in work for the plant. There are twenty (20) officials at the Kashiwazaki Plant receiving full time salaries for their union work, among these twenty is a man named YOSHIO ANDO who is receiving a monthly salary of ¥2300.00.

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Mr. Ando in addition to his duties in the union is assistant chief of the Niigata NCIO (Sanbetsu), and an active member of the Niigata District Committee of the Japan Communist Party. Reliable sources indicate that this man is guiding the union and promoting this dispute as the "Man-behind-the-machine". At this writing no new developments have occurred, and the next move of either party is unknown. There has been no work stoppage or strike, nor any case of sabotage or delay. The plant is operating three (3) days per week due to shortage of electric power, and the employees are spending one day in repairing the reparations machinery with the remaining three days a holiday. During this period of 1/3 work, the employees continue to draw their full months salary.

b. The Japanese Police, Procurator, or Courts did not enter into labor activities during this period.

c. In the Muika-machi plant of the Fujikoshi Steel Industry a case of violation of Art II, Trade Union Law has occurred. This plant is small, 155 workers, but is producing refined metals and industrial raw materials. The workers had been negotiating for a wage increase for some time, and no progress had been made. During this time the union was independent, and after two (2) months of negotiating, it was felt by the majority of the union that their position as an independent was weak, and that they did not have the where-with-all to reach an agreement. Thus, it was decided to affiliate with the "All Japan Machine and Apparatus Labor Union" a national union of "Sanbetsu" (NCIO). As a result of this decision, the management refused to recognize the local union, and proposed a "lock-out" of all workers. At the same time management proposed that if the Union withdraw from the "Sanbetsu" (NCIO), and the All Japan Machine and Apparatus Union, the management would grant the wage increase and labor contract. The local union presented their problem to the Niigata L.R.C. for settlement, and then a few days later the Local Union did withdraw from the National Union, and was granted the wage increase. As a result of this action the All Japan Machine and Apparatus Union placed three claims before the Local Labor Relations Committee, demanding a settlement. Their claims are as follows:

- (1) That the management violated Art II of Labor Standard Law by discrimination against a Union.
- (2) That the management should be duly tried and sentenced by court for his violation of laws.
- (3) That the local union be permitted to choose its own affiliation.

The Labor Relations Committee will meet on 4 December to discuss and settle this claim. No action has been taken by government parties other than investigation prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

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d. The Local Labor Relations Committee is working on the cases cited above, and there has been no report of other cases during this month.

5. Employment:

a. The following agencies have absorbed unemployment as indicated.

(1)	Private Industry	:	164
(2)	Public Works	:	714
(3)	Vocational Training	:	43
(4)	Other	:	3000

b. Immigration and repatriation has resulted in an additional 283 unemployed persons during this period.

6. General Observations:

a. During this period twenty-seven (27) Labor Unions were registered as newly formed, with a total membership of 3255 persons. For the most part these unions are very small, and remain independent. It is the opinion of this office that these are not in the true sense "Labor Unions" but they are more of a social enterprise. However, they are composed of working people all working at the same place, thus they are called "Labor Unions."

b. The following table of information is submitted as a guide to the Labor Union situation in this Prefecture.

No.	Name of Federation	Number of Labor Unions Affiliated	Number of Members of Labor Unions Affiliated
1.	Niigata Prefectural Conference of Sanbetsu Labor Unions	96	30,051
2.	Niigata Prefectural Conference of All Government and Public Office Workers Unions	118	47,166
3.	Niigata Prefectural Federation of J.F.L. (Sodomei)	38	11,648
4.	Niigata Prefectural Federation of Labor Unions	22	6,878
5.	Niigata Prefectural Branch of All Japan Seamen's Unions		2,576

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No.	Name of Federation	Number of Labor Unions Affiliated	Number of Members of Labor Unions Affiliated
6.	Shinetsu Branch (Niigata and Nagano Prefectural Branch) of Teikoku Oil Workers Unions	15	4,088
7.	Niigata Prefectural Federation of Private Railway Workers Unions	5	1,718
8.	Agricultural Association Workers Unions in Niigata Prefecture	19	2,324
Total		313	106,449

This does not include all unions in this Prefecture; there are 650 individual labor unions in the Prefecture, of this number the 313 indicated above are the largest and most noteworthy.

c. During the period April through September 1947 there were 90 lectures presented on labor education throughout this Prefecture. This number of lectures and attendance reflects 10% of the total labor lectures given in all Japan. These lectures and discussions were presented by the following agencies:

Labor Administration Section	14
Labor Relations Committee	13
Individual Labor Unions	25
Federation of Labor Unions	20
Management	4
Political Parties	7
Other (Including GHQ, SCAP and M.G.)	7

d. A disagreement appeared between the Governor, Vice-Governor, and the Conference of Niigata Prefectural Labor Unions. The disagreement arose when the Conference of Labor Unions refused to recommend and nominate candidates for the Labor Relations Committee to be appointed during December this year. The trouble stems from a political difference of opinion, and dates back to August 1947. At that time the Conference of Labor Unions proposed two (2) candidates for the "Foodstuffs Control Committee", however the Governor selected one, and discarded the second, to be replaced by a man apparently of his choice. The conference of Labor Unions assumed that the Prefecture was indifferent to their choice of candidates for these committees; therefore, when the time came for nominees for the "Rodo Iin Kai" (Labor Relations Committee) the conference of Labor Unions would not nominate any candidates. As a result of this

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action the Governor could not name the new members of the committee, nor could the election be held. Finally, after much negotiating and many pardons, the Conference of Labor Unions and the Vice-Governor agreed to cooperate, and a new date was set for the elections, 2 - 16 February 1948. On 23 February 1948 the Governor will appoint the new committee, and in the interim period, the present committeemen will continue to serve.

e. The local labor standards bureau has instigated their inspection program, and has plans to carry out the provisions of the Labor Standard Law. During November six (6) factories were investigated and discussions were held with both labor and management. During November the bureau conducted thirty (30) meetings with labor and management to explain in detail the provisions of the Labor Standard Law. During December 200 factories will be inspected by teams to determine the degree of compliance to the law. It is the opinion of this office that the chief of the local bureau is a very able and qualified man, and that his duties will be carried out. He has plans to prosecute any offender who willfully violates the law, and makes no provisions to correct his violation.

f. A report received from the local Toshiba Sekiya Factory Labor Union (JFL) ("Sodomei") reveals that anti-communistic factions have been organized in 19 factories of the Toshiba Corp. The members of these factions total 1500, and a continued growth of this movement is expected. There are a total of 45 Toshiba factories in Japan. The local factory at Gosen-machi is a "split-shop". There are two (2) unions, one affiliated with "Sodomei" (JFL) and the other with "Sanbetsu" (NCIO). This situation has caused difficulty for over a year, and no solution seems in sight.

7. Recommendations:

a. It is recommended that additional "canned" lectures be made available for the education program. These lectures should be about one (1) hour in length and be approved material for release.

b. It is desired that employees of the Occupation Forces receive a "cost of living" allowance at this period of the year.

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BASIC REPORT

1. Political and Government.

Case of the Governor of Niigata Prefecture still pending.
Investigations made on illegal transaction in former Japanese Army and
Navy cotton and silk by nine concerns in Mitsuke. Ample inspections of
penal and public institutions were conducted.

2. Public Health.

A survey of parasite infestation among one hundred two thousand
(102,000) people showed about fifty percent (50%) to be infected. Inspect-
ions of penicillin and vaccine factories were made by Dr. Hamlin. Major
Magens, a veterinarian, spent one week in this prefecture working on
equine encephalitis. Survey of scrub typhus cases completed by Major Berge.

3. Public and Private Welfare.

The total number of people receiving public assistance has
decreased, but the number of persons being cared for in institutions has
increased. The "Niigata Rinkaiso" a repatriate camp provides shelter and
sleeping space for 860 persons. 726 persons being accommodated to date.
160 families are able to pay fourteen yen (¥14.00) per month for room
rent, the remaining 26 are unable to do so. Medical care is provided.
This institution received LARA goods and food in August. Public and
private organizations are attempting to provide housing for the 8,388
persons in need of housing.

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4. Labor

There exists a sharp difference in wages of employees under requisition and those on an operational management clause of a Procurement Demand. Mr. Deverall and Miss Wilson of GHQ, SCAP Labor Division addressed a gathering of 1,500 persons on 30 Oct in Niigata City. The labor rally, one of a series throughout the Kanto and Tohoku Regions on Labor Education, was very successful. Eleven (11) unions were dissolved and thirty four (34) organized.

5. Economics.

Crop conditions were very poor due to low temperature and hail storms. Increase in production of charcoal was made possible by construction of additional furnaces and increased rations of food and clothing for laborers. Lack of transportation facilities prevent efficient distribution to consumers. Twenty seven (27) Reparations Plants and seven (7) Dispersal Areas were inspected and rated as indicated in Annex D.

6. Civil Information and Education

Reconstruction of school buildings present problems at Muramatsu and Yasuzuka, where the former buildings were destroyed by fires. Boy Scout movement in Niigata Prefecture includes thirteen (13) troops. A scout Jamboree was held at Kashiwazaki City, the center of the Boy Scout movement, with more than 200 scouts attending. Newspapers, Broadcasting station JOQK and railroad loudspeaking systems are used by the Prefectural Information Program to keep the Japanese better informed and aware of their rights and duties under the new Constitution.

7. Unit Occupational History

The strength of this organization as of 31 October 47 was six (6) officer, twenty five (25) enlisted men and five (5) War Department Civilians.

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POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

1. Political Activities and Political Parties: No unusual events of a political nature occurred during the period covered by this report.
2. Status of Japanese Governmental Administration:
 - a. The case of the Governor of Niigata Prefecture is still pending.
3. Degree of Compliance of Japanese Authorities with SCAP Directives:
 - a. Excellent.
4. Law and Order:
 - a. Investigations.
 - (1) Illegal transaction in former Japanese Army and Navy cotton and silk by nine concerns in Mitsuke.
 - (2) Blackmarketing in oil and imported foods at Mitsui.
 - b. Penal institutions.
 - (1) Ample inspections of penal and public institutions were conducted during the period covered by this report. They were found satisfactory.

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES

1. Administration of hospitals: Several hospitals were visited. Periodic inspections and constant stimulation for improvement is bringing about better hospital practice.

2. Veterinary affairs: It has been determined by the 406th Med. Gen. Laboratory that the sickness suffered by the horses this summer was equine encephalo-myelitis. A total of 74 cases have been uncovered. Major Magens, a veterinarian operating under orders from IX Corps toured the prefecture and lectured to all veterinarians regarding control of the disease.

3. Dental affairs: Negative report.

4. Nursing affairs: Negative report.

5. Medical supply situation: Supplies of dusters and sprayers are adequate. The chief drugs needed are penicillin, sulfa and worm compounds.

Action has been taken to improve the quality of drugs produced in this prefecture. The production of unsatisfactory drugs has been stopped and manufacturers are taking steps to correct the deficiencies in their products.

6. Preventive Medicine: Chief diseases being reported are dysentery, typhoid, diphtheria, and tuberculosis. Prefectural officials are continuing their water survey activities. Typhoid immunization program is still underway.

7. Sanitary engineering: Negative report.

8. Laboratory activities: A survey of parasite infestation among 102,000 people showed about 50% to be so infected. About 35% were infected with ascaris. About 9% were infected with *ancylostoma diodenale*.

9. Nutritional survey: Negative report.

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10. Port Quarantine: Negative report

11. Miscellaneous:

(a) The high cost of drugs makes it increasing more difficult to carry out public health projects. The recent increase in price of DDT to 26 yen per lb. retroactive to April 1 has worked a hard ship on the prefecture. They have been told expect a slight rise but the price almost tripled. It is impossible to plan any long range program when inflation is rampant.

(b) Lack of funds makes it difficult to expand the health centers and hire competent personnel. The price of X-ray film is now more 100 yen for each film.

(c) No medical school survey performed.

(d) No new educational programs underway.

(e) No outstanding measures.

(f) None

12. This section was visited by Dr. Hamlin and inspections of penicillin and vaccine factories made. Major Wagens, a veterinarian, spent one week in this prefecture working on equine encephalitis. Major Berge completed his survey of scrub typhus cases during the past year.

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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WELFARE ACTIVITIES

1. Public Assistance:

a. Prefecture program for the period 1 September to 30 September 1947 was as follows.

- (1) Total number of persons who received public assistance: 84,457
- (2) Net amount of cash grants in Yen: ¥9,237,876
- (3) Total number of persons being cared for in institutions: 11,672
- (4) Total cost of assistance in kind: ¥303,820

b. During this period circumstances prevented any inspections of the assistance program.

2. Welfare and Penal Institutions:

a. The "Niigata Kinkaiso" was visited on 21 October for a full days investigation. This is a repatriate camp, providing temporary housing for repatriates. The property was a former prisoner of war compound for allied prisoners and was released to the Home Ministry, and subsequently turned over to the Welfare Section. The buildings are in very poor condition, however they do provide shelter and sleeping space for a capacity of 860 persons. At this date there were 726 persons accommodated consisting of 156 families of father, mother and children; and 30 families with the father missing. The director is a former repatriate, and appears very sincere in trying his best to help these people. The monthly budget is very low, during September ¥12,646 was spent for utilities, office supplies and salaries of three (3) directors. Of the 186 families present, 160 families do pay ¥14 per month as room rent, the remaining 26 are unable to do that. The majority of repatriates here are working, and earning their own living. Medical care is provided for; however it

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is inadequate, and an attempt is being made to remedy this condition. This institution received L.A.R.A. goods and food in August, and records show the true amount received.

b. The director has the full families segregated from the women and children, and bathing facilities are designated.

3. Homeless Persons:

a. Vagabonds do not present a problem in this area; their number is generally six (6) per month.

b. The inspection of repatriate camps, and camps for other persons is conducted and a report of one (1) is indicated in par 2, (a) above.

c. There are an estimated 8,388 persons in need of housing, and an estimated 2,791 houses are required.

d. There are both public and private organizations attempting to provide housing. The following projects are underway and progress is being made.

(1) Emergency Relief Institute for the Poor plans to provide housing for 54 families.

(2) The city of Niigata will provide temporary tenement houses for 180 families.

(3) The "Dobo Ingo Kai" will provide quarters for 82 families.

(4) The "Housing Union" will provide quarters for 50 families.

(5) An organization called "The Re Birth League" will accommodate 144 families.

e. The condition in Niigata that prevents a building program of houses is identical with all the world, i.e. lack of materials and high cost of construction.

4. Reserve Relief Supplies.

a. The following statistical information is submitted for the period 1 September to 30 September 1947.

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(1) On hand at beginning of month:

Blankets	2,700
Clothing	23,450 pcs

(2) Added during month:

Household furniture	7,800 pcs
Clothing	10,950 pcs

(3) Distributed during month:

Blankets	2,700
Clothing	23,450

(4) Total distributed to date:

Blankets	11,801 on
shoes	22,603 pcs
Clothing	78,952 pcs

(5) On hand at end of month:

Household furniture	7,800 pcs
Clothing	10,950 pcs

5. Foreign Nationals:

a. The International Relief Committee is not active in this area.

b. The following Foreign National supplemental ration was distributed as indicated:

Distribution Per Head

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Sugar</u> <u>(Gross)</u>	<u>Oil</u> <u>(Liters)</u>	<u>Canned</u> <u>Goods</u> <u>(lbs)</u>	<u>Flour</u> <u>(kg)</u>	<u>Potatoes</u> <u>(kg)</u>	<u>Rice</u> <u>(kg)</u>	<u>Soy</u> <u>(kg)</u>	<u>Butter</u> <u>(lbs)</u>
Chinese	235	600	.54	5	2.25	3.75	4.4	.54	
Javanese	3	600	.54	5	2.25	3.75	4.4	.54	
German	9	600	.54	5	1.5	11.25	0	0	1

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LABOR SURVEILLANCE REPORT

1. Identification:

- a. Prefecture Covered: Niigata
- b. Report for Month of: October 1947
- c. Report prepared by: Arthur F. Cohen, 1st Lt., AC

2. Labor Procurement:

a. There exists a difficulty in fulfilling labor requisitions for the following categories of labor:

- (1) Interpreters
- (2) English speaking clerks

b. The average number of workers employed daily throughout the prefecture was 210.81 individuals.

3. Wages and Working Conditions:

a. There does exist a sharp difference in wages of employees under requisition and employees on an operational management clause of a procurement demand. The workers of a "personnel" clause in a P.D. are receiving much higher wages. The wages of workers on procurement demand projects, such as furniture, silverware, are very similar to those on labor requisition. The monthly "take-home" pay is almost identical, however those on requisition receive more holidays.

b. Employees of private industry receive from two (2) to four (4) holidays per month, as compared to six (6) days per month of employees on labor requisition.

4. Labor Relations:

a. Members of the occupation forces were not involved in any case of Labor Relations.

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b. The Japanese Police, Procurator, or Courts did not enter into any labor activities during this period.

c. There were no reported cases of employers attempting to dominate, influence or discriminate any labor union or union member.

d. (1) The dispute in the Ando Machine and Apparatus Company was referred to the Labor Relations Committee on 18 October for mediation. This dispute involves an increase in wages to ¥1800.00 and an established retiring allowance. On 1 November the Labor Relations Committee prepared a plan for arbitration and this plan was accepted unanimously by the union and management. The plan calls for a temporary release of 150 workers to be rehired by May 1948, and those released will receive an allowance. The base pay of remaining workers will be increased 50%. A total of forty (40) workers will be permanently released and will receive three (3) or four (4) months pay.

(2) The union of the Electric Chemical Industrial Company demanded an increase in wages to ¥3150, special benefits for women's holidays, and special holidays for all workers on 25 September. The management refused all demands, and therefore the union voted to strike. In view of a pending strike, the management agreed over further mediation to agree to all demands.

(3) The Taguchi sub-branch of Shinetsu branch, All Japan Electric Industrial Labor Union (Nippon Wireless Co.) went on a sympathy strike 14, 15 and 16 October. The strike was called in sympathy for the dismissal of 1,220 persons in four (4) other plants, while none were to be dismissed from the Taguchi plant. The Taguchi plant has 245 employees, and they are manufacturing electric wire and cable. The dispute arose when the union demanded full employment of all present employees, increase in pay to ¥2,600, use of collective bargaining, and an allowance of ¥1,000 per employee and ¥300 per family member as living allowance. The dispute and all negotiations are being held in Tokyo. On 29 October a 1 day strike was held, and followed by a meeting of management. The management agreed to offer their solution by 11 November to the demands. This union is affiliated with Ganbetsu (W.C.I.U.).

5. Employment:

a. At this time there are an estimated 24,668 unemployed persons. The following activities absorbed persons as follows.

(1) Private Industry:	217
(2) Public works :	550
(3) Vocational training:	88
(4) Other forms :	1910

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b. There were 345 additional repatriates unemployed during this period.

6. General Observations:

a. During this month there were eleven (11) labor unions dissolved for various reasons; namely unification, closing of an industry, or mutual agreement of the members.

b. During this period thirty-four (34) unions were organized and registered with a total membership of 56,693 persons. Of special note among those unions formed are the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Tochio Textile Employees Union	Tochio Machi, Koshi-gun	1140	None
Niigata Oil Refinery branch, Showa Oil Co. Labor Union	Niigata-shi	274	None
National R.R. L.U. Niigata Administration Dept. Nagaoka Branch	Nagaoka-shi	2293	None
Niigata Ken Office Employees Union canke branch	Nagaoka-shi	343	None
Niigata Medical College Employees Union	Niigata-shi	748	None
Niigata Ken Gov't and Public Offices Employees Union	Niigata-shi	48,536	None

c. Mr. Deverall and Miss Wilson of GMA, SCAP, Labor Division addressed a gathering of 1,500 persons on 30 October in Niigata City. This labor rally was one of a series throughout the Kanto and Tohoku regions on labor education, and was very successful. The following are a sample of the questions asked at the conclusion of the lectures:

(1) "Many unions have youth department. It is said youth departments are not desirable. If you think so too, please explain, giving specific examples."

(2) "If the young men's group in a workers union has come to take a communistic tendency, what measures are to be taken by the union?"

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(3) "Is it right to go on strike or sabotage when the mediation by the Central Labor Relations Committee was unsatisfactory to the labor union which submitted the request of mediation?"

(4) "Is the Japanese Labor Union movement going too far?"
"Please say Yes, or No!"

(5) "It is considered that such a labor agreement as providing complete, 'closed-shop', conflicts with the idea of Trade Union Law". "Is there any juristical restriction on this problem."

(6) "When employees want wages raised, but company is not making money to meet this demand, what shall be done?"

(7) "Can a union participate in management?" "If not, please tell what management is and the relations between union and management."

The above questions reflected sample of some sixty-five (65) written questions submitted, and they very definitely indicate the need of a solid, and firm education program.

c. During the period 1 March 1946 to 31 August 1947 the following number of labor contracts were agreed upon and accepted: i.e.

Independent Unions:	134
Federated Unions :	51

These contracts were brought about by the following listed methods.

	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Federated</u>
Through negotiation	127	49
Through Strike	5	2
Through mediation	2	

7. Recommendations:

a. There is a great need for an increase in the education of the rank and file union member, more so than the union officials.

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ECONOMICS SUMMARY

1. Crop conditions.

- a. Exceedingly low temperature during period first (1st) to twentieth (20th) of this month followed by hail-storms and high winds on the twenty-third (23rd) and twenty-fourth (24th) caused damage to a total area of fifty-seven thousand four hundred and five (57,405) acres of rice and sweet potatoes. The estimated reduction in rice production was eight thousand five hundred and fifty-seven (8,557) metric tons. The estimated reduction in sweet potato production was one thousand four hundred and six (1,406) metric tons.
- b. Serious insect or disease problems with names of pests and a statement of Japanese control measures.

Negative report.

- c. Crops harvested during this reporting period.

Rice	459,450 metric tons
Sweet Potatoes	18,750 metric tons
Other Grains	2,575 metric tons

- d. Shortages of materials having effect on maximum crop production.

<u>Materials</u>	<u>Amount of Shortage</u>
Rubber Roll (for rice polishing)	29,699 pcs.
Petroleum	315,252 liters

2. Availability of fertilizer to farmers.

- a. Amount of fertilizer available to farmers remains inadequate. Amount distributed in October:

Ammonium Nitrate	2,189,000 lbs.
Nitro-Lime	1,870,000 lbs.
Phosphorus Lime	1,980,000 lbs.

- b. Efficient distribution of fertilizer is being attained. All of the amount allotted during this period was distributed.

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- c. Amount of fertilizer produced by farmers to meet their own demands.

Vegetable Manure	90,000,000 lbs.
Night Soil	16,000,000 lbs.
Plant Ashes	6,000,000 lbs.

3. Collection of staple goods.

- a. Local government officials and representatives of Agricultural Associations are making an attempt to have farmers deliver excess wheat and Irish potatoes by distributing incentive goods promptly to those who have completed their quota.

- b. As of 30 October 1947, potato turn-in was four million nine hundred thirty thousand three hundred and eighty-eight (4,930,388) kan or 127.8% of the total quota. Wheat delivery on this same date stood at four thousand two hundred and six (4,206) koku or 84.1% of the total quota. As of the same date rice turn-in was one million fifty seven thousand and seventy-five (1,057,075) or 46.6% of the total quota.

4. Lumber, lumber products and charcoal.

- a. Lumber production decreased 4% as compared to last month's production. This decrease was due largely to the shortage of laborers.
- b. The construction of better forest roads, increase of transportation facilities, increased rations for laborers and larger supplies of saw mill equipment would aid the production of lumber.
- c. Production of charcoal increased 93% as compared to last month's production. This increase was made possible by construction of additional furnaces and increased rations of food and clothing for laborers. Efficient distribution to consumers is not being attained due to the lack of transportation facilities.
- d. The production of plywood decreased 77% as compared to last month's production. This was attributed to the curtailment of electrical power and shortage of cohesive materials. Veneer production decreased 28% in spite of stockpiles of lumber materials on hand.

5. Fishing.

- a. The amount of fish caught this month increased 46% over last month's catch.
- b. This increase was due largely to favorable weather conditions which permitted fishing operations to be carried on for twenty-three (23) days during October.

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- c. Fuel oil allotments are reaching the fishermen.
 - d. There remains a great shortage of nets, ropes, fuel oil and materials to repair boats in this prefecture.
 - e. Prefectural and local fishermen's associations are functioning properly.
 - f. Official prices of fish are not too high.
 - g. The principle complaints of fishermen is their difficulty in obtaining supplies and equipment. They received only 20% to 30% of required netting and cotton thread resulting in there having to revert to black market channels for necessary supplies.
6. Surveillance of shipbuilding.
- Negative report.
7. Reparations.
- a. The following reparation installations have been inspected by members of this headquarters and have been rated as follows:

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>(1) Service</u>	<u>(2) Maintenance</u>	<u>(3) Repair</u>
29-01	Air C.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-02	Air C.	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-03	Air C.	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
29-04	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-06	Munition	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-08	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-09	Munition	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
29-10	Munition	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-11	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-12	Mach. Tls.	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-13	Mach. Tls.	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
29-14	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-15	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-16	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-17	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-18	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-19	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory

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<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>(1) Service</u>	<u>(2) Maintenance</u>	<u>(3) Repair</u>
29-20	Sulph. Acid	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-21	Soda	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-22(B)	Arsenal	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-24(A)	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-25	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-31(b)	Arsenal	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-32	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-33	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-34	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-35	Lab.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory

- b. The below listed reparation dispersal areas located in Niigata Prefecture have been inspected by members of this headquarters and have been rated as follows:

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>(1) Service</u>	<u>(2) Maintenance</u>	<u>(3) Repair</u>
38-10	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Excellent
13-11	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Excellent
10-9(66)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
10-9(67)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
10-9(68)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
10-16(141)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
10-16(142)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory

8. Import-export shipping.

Negative report.

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CIVIL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES1. Education

a. School Inspections--Check list inspections were completed for the following five schools during the month of October:

- (1) Fusoku Elementary School, Women's Branch, Niigata First Normal School
- (2) Shibata Elementary School
- (3) Muramatsu Girls' High School
- (4) Yasusuka Agricultural School
- (5) Itoigawa Middle School

The Muramatsu Girls' High School is one of four schools in that city which use former Japanese Military buildings. In most cases the classrooms do not have sufficient light. A conference was held with the mayor of the town regarding the matter, and steps have been taken to remedy the situation. Since most of this city was recently destroyed by fire, it has been difficult for the community to provide adequate educational facilities. The problem was also discussed with the prefectural educational authorities and is being investigated to see if assistance from the prefecture is necessary.

The CI&E officer accompanied the head of the prefectural education on an inspection of the Yasusuka Agricultural School in Higashi-kubiki Gun. Several years ago a fire destroyed the buildings of this school which was the only secondary school in the gun except the Girls' High School. The buildings have been partially reconstructed, but the present facilities are not adequate. Problems of reconstruction were discussed with school officials, community representatives, and members of the prefectural assembly. Reconstruction will start this winter, but the heavy snowfall in this area will not permit much work to be accomplished before next summer.

Two days were spent inspecting the lower secondary and elementary schools in Koide and Muikamachi in Kitauonuma Gun and Minamiuonuma Gun. These schools have been selected by the prefecture as experimental schools and were found to be employing many progressive techniques. Meetings were held with students, teachers, local officials, and parents, and all

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seemed to be enthusiastic about the "new system".

b. Social Education

(1) The Niigata United Youth Organization now has a total membership of 200,000, and this includes most of the youth organization in this prefecture. The CIM Section has watched this growth to see that the leaders of this organization use it to encourage liaison and close relations between the various clubs and not to direct or to control the policies and activities of the local organizations.

A meeting with the leaders of the Sado Island Branch of the Niigata United Youth Organization was held on 25 October. Special emphasis was placed on the importance of each club retaining its own individuality in the federation.

The boy scout movement in Niigata Prefecture has grown, and it now includes 13 troops. The center of the Boy Scout Movement is at Kashiwazaki City, where there are six troops with more than 200 members. On 10 October, a Scout Jamboree was held at Kashiwazaki City with more than 200 scout attending. The meeting was attended by a member of this section. Scout meetings at Aikawa Machi, and Ryotsu Machi on Sado Island were also attended this month.

Meetings were held with several local Social Education Committees during the month. Various plans and programs to further social education, especially the GPH program were discussed.

(2) The interest in PTA's is growing, and many questions have been asked about methods of organizations, procedures, etc. Sports festivals and celebrations of the founding of the individual schools seem to be the most popular means of encouraging interest in the organizations.

2. Information

On 1 October, a prefectural information program designed to keep the Japanese rank and file better informed and aware of his rights, duties and benefits under new constitution was started. The following facilities are being used at the present, and others will be utilized in the future:

Newspapers - Topics under the heading "The Democratic Notebook" appear daily in the "Niigata Nippo" and "Yuken Niigata", locally daily newspapers. Following are some samples of articles which have appeared in this column:

"The provisions of the Japanese Trade Union Law will not apply to those unions which depend on the employer's aid for the major expenses of the organization."

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"Is your house clean? It is your duty to keep your home clean and sanitary in order to prevent sickness."

"The fire season is now approaching. Do your share to prevent fires."

"The daily life security law makes it possible for you to lead a healthy and secure life."

Broadcasting Station "JOKK"- Spot announcements are made 5 times daily (at 0710, 0907, 1200, 1400 and 2110 hours) of the same daily topics which appear in the daily newspapers.

Railroad Loudspeaker Systems- Announcements of the same daily topics which appear in the newspapers are made over the ten loudspeaker systems located in the main railroad stations in this prefecture.

The SCAP approved releases pertaining to Secondary Schools were released during the month. They were used in conjunction with an inspection tour of the lower secondary schools in Niigata City, followed by a conference of lower secondary school principals.

The three 16mm movie projectors allotted to the CI&T Section were received this month. They have been tested and found to be in good operating condition.

Attendance at the CI&T Reading Room in Niigata City has decreased slightly during the past month. Daily average was slightly less than the average of 80 for the previous month. Attendance is increased whenever new materials are added to the library.

Arrangements have been made to open a second reading room in Takada City during the month of November.

3. Monuments, Arts, and Religion

A definite trend to revive interest in Japanese culture and art has been noted recently. One of the most important events along these lines was a recent conference in Niigata City where representatives of various culture organizations in Hokkaido, 6 prefectures in the Tohoku Region and 5 prefectures in the Shin-etsu District met to report on and discuss cultural problems of the various districts. This meeting was attended by a member of the CI&T Section and the group was encouraged in its work. The delegates formed an association with headquarters in Niigata City.

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This organization and other agencies in the city have been encouraged and assisted in various enterprises such as exhibits of painting, Uki-yoe, etc.

4. Other CI&T Affairs

a. Educational Affairs--In the past month many in-service training conferences and work shops have been held throughout the prefecture. Some have been sponsored by the Prefectural Education Department, some by the normal schools, some by the Teachers Union, and some by individual schools. Two conferences were sponsored jointly by the Niigata Mil Govt Team and the prefectural education department and led by the CI&T Officer, Kanto Mil Govt Region. At the time that these conferences were held, it became apparent that there was a need to coordinate the teacher training activities being carried out by the various agencies. It was suggested that a Prefectural Teacher Training Committee be organized to coordinate the activities of the Prefectural Education Department, normal schools, and the teachers union. This committee has since been formed, and the CI&T Section has been asked to assist in making plans for the first meeting which will be held on 7 November.

b. Teachers Union--No problems have come up during the month as a result of Teacher Union activities. The Union is cooperating in the teacher training programs and other projects of a helpful nature. One of the most worthy projects of the union to date was a recent donation of money to Nagaoka School for the Deaf and Dumb.

c. Essay Contest--As a result of suggestions made by the CI&T Section, the Prefectural Education Department is sponsoring an essay contest among school children of various grades throughout the prefecture. Subject of the essays will be "Democracy and I".

d. Educational Texts--Two sets of educational texts have been received and have been very helpful in assisting in various educational programs. The Japanese have been encouraged to make use of these books in the office, and translators in the CI&T office have been made available to assist persons who do not read English.

e. Special problems--The biggest problem encountered recently has been the visits of personnel from higher headquarters who have not notified this section in advance. Conferences, meetings, etc. are usually planned a month in advance by this section, but changes can be made on shorter advance notice. Most visitors from higher headquarters state that notice was sent through channels, but it seldom reaches this office.

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It is believed that many of the visitors on field trips could accomplish more at Corps or Region level than at team level.

5. Women's Activities

Miss Take Kato, formerly YWCA Director in Tokyo for many years, was employed by Niigata Mil Govt Team on 1 Oct to work with women's activities. Through Mrs. Mi Yanagizawa of the Prefectural Social Education Section she has learned about the local problems. Miss Kato has had conferences with many local women leaders, including officers of the newly formed JACA, a women reporter, women from prefectural offices and a labor union, and men from religious groups and local papers.

Miss Kato was present at the conference of the local Red Cross Branch on October 8 and the Education Conference for principals and teachers held in Niigata on October 13. She also attended the conference for Prefectural GI&T Women at Kanto Region Headquarters on October 27.

Progress has been made in working out details with Mrs. Yanagizawa for a series of conferences at Naoetsu on November 18, Shibata on November 20, and Nagaoka on November 21.

On October 27, Mrs. Fanny Alice Mayer was assigned as education specialist to Niigata. She will devote a portion of her time to women's problems.

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UNIT OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY REPORT

1. Personnel

a. The strength of this organization as of 31 October 47 was six (6) officers, twenty five (25) enlisted men and five (5) War Department Civilians.

(1) Gains - Mayer, F. A., DAC, CAF 7, transferred from Hq Eighth Army

(2) Losses - Berkey, Roy D., Corporal, RA 13220014
Berson, Leonard, T/5, RA 12258448
Hirsch, Fred A., Pvt, RA 12258433
To Disp Cen 4th Repl Depot for return to ZI, 9 Oct 47.

Callahan, James J., T/5, RA 13243610 to
Disp Cen 4th Repl Depot for return to
ZI, 10 Oct 47.

Suzuki, Gilbert T., DAC, CAF 7, return to ZI.
Johann, William F., DAC, SP 7, leave to ZI.

(3) Promotions - Pvt Butler, William C., RA 12243212
to Pfc 9 Oct 47.
T/5 Sanchez, Ignacio S., RA 39743499
to Sgt 15 Oct 47.
Pfc Cheer, Richard A., RA 12246031
to Cpl 15 Oct 47.
Pvt Amos, George G., RA 11165205
to Pfc 15 Oct 47.
Pfc Cristini, Julius J., RA 16223208
to T/5 20 Oct 47.

(4) Detached Service - Jones, Elbert T., Major, O-265469
on DS from 1st Cav Div Arty

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b. Enlistment, re-enlistment and extension of enlistment in the Regular Army - Negative.

c. Extension of Overseas Tour of Duty - Hisatake, Arthur K., T/3, RA 30107807, for six (6) months.

2. Special Service - Movies are far behind schedule and many of them have been shown previously at this station. Requisitions for Special service equipment have not been filled.

3. Visitors

a. The following visiting and inspecting parties visited this organization on the dates indicated.

1 Oct - 3 Oct 47:	Hornbrook, Rodney E., M/Sgt, Hq & Bn JAMA
2 Oct - 4 Oct 47:	Sasaki, Richard, T., CAP 4, Hq & Bn JAMA Elmquist, P. O., Civ, NRS, GHQ, SCAP Barton, R. W., Major, GPC, GHQ, SCAP Dekle, B., Civ, CIA&E, GHQ, SCAP
5 Oct - 6 Oct 47:	Pitt, L. P., Capt, Kanto Mil Govt Region
5 Oct - 7 Oct 47:	Rowen, J. W., Civ, ESS, SCAP
6 Oct 47:	Nerris, R. A. Jr., Capt, Kanto Mil Govt Region
6 Oct - 8 Oct 47:	Orstad, E. L., Lt Col, Hq 1st Sig Trp Thompson, L. C., Capt, 1st Cav Div Arty Denton, M. D., 1st Lt, 1st Sig Trp Kobayashi, M., T/4, 1st Sig Trp
7 Oct - 9 Oct 47:	Micklautz, F., ARC, PERW, SCAP
12 Oct - 13 Oct 47:	Fox, R. C., DAC, Kanto Mil Govt Region
13 Oct - 14 Oct 47:	Harvie, K. A., Civ, Overseas Consultant Niebuhr, H. V., Civ, Overseas Consultant Lee, C. Y., Civ, Overseas Consultant
12 Oct - 14 Oct 47:	Hamlin, H. H., DAC, PERW, GHQ, SCAP
12 Oct - 13 Oct 47:	Fahrlander, H. W., CAP 13, ESS, SCAP
13 Oct 47:	Bennett, H. C., Civ, Overseas Consultant Barron, E. T., Civ, Overseas Consultant Diets, W. H., Civ, ESS, GHQ, SCAP
13 Oct - 18 Oct 47:	Moreman, O. S. Jr., Major, CIA&E, GHQ, SCAP
13 Oct - 15 Oct 47:	Brown, John, Capt, Chaplain 172d Sta Hosp General religious services were conducted. Fyork, C. E., Pfc, 172d Sta Hosp
13 Oct - 17 Oct 47:	Cutler, J. M., Capt, ATIS, G-2, GHQ
14 Oct - 24 Oct 47:	Magens, H. J., Major, Hokkaido Mil Govt
15 Oct - 16 Oct 47:	Johnson, J. C., Major, Kanto Mil Govt Reg.

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- 16 Oct - 20 Oct 47: Malcolm, R. L., Civ, Rep Sect, GHQ
Minamoto H., 2d Lt, Rep Sect, GHQ
Terlow, A., Civ, Netherlands Mission
Hartman, W., Civ, Netherlands Mission
Schensnevitch, I. A., Comdr, USSR Mission
Bugakov, V. G., Civ, USSR Mission
- 17 Oct - 20 Oct 47: Smith, W. T., Civ, OCI, ESS, GHQ, SCAP
- 20 Oct - 21 Oct 47: Estes, W. B., Major, Hq Eighth Army, Chap.
General religious services were conducted.
- 22 Oct - 29 Oct 47: Berge, T. O., Major, 406 Med Gen Lab.
- 24 Oct 47: Dolcater, M. W., 1st Lt, Eighth Army
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Rhodes, R. A., Civ, Eighth Army Mil Govt
Emerson, J. P., Civ, CIA&E, SCAP
- 24 Oct - 25 Oct 47: Lefthouse, E. W., Capt, Hq Tohoku MG Reg.
- 24 Oct - 31 Oct 47: Kettler, A., 1st Lt, Hq 1st Cav Div Arty
- 25 Oct - 25 Oct 47: Pumphery, R. G., Civ, GHQ, SCAP, ESS
Wentz, W. W., Civ, ESS, GHQ, SCAP
Joyce, R. E., Civ, GHQ, SCAP
- 26 Oct - 3 Nov 47: Gilchrist, P. E., Civ, GHQ, FEC
McClintic, M. L., Civ, GHQ, FEC
- 27 Oct - 27 Oct 47: Branche, H. S., Major, Hq IX Corps
- 29 Oct - 30 Oct 47: Deverall, R., DAC, ESS, GHQ
Wilson, Betty, DAC, ESS, GHQ
- 29 Oct - 3 Nov 47: Greenlee, R. W., Capt, Kanto Mil Govt Reg.

4. Supply - The supply of expendables, especially office supplies and expendable special service supplies have been critical during the month.

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BASIC REPORT**1. Political and Government.**

The Mayor of Niigata City has been absolved by the Tokyo
Superior Court in connection with alleged activities which come under
purge jurisdiction. Eight (8) Japanese nationals were convicted for
possession of Occupation Forces property.

2. Public Health.

Twenty cases of equine encephalomyelitis among horses was
reported for the month of September. Penicillin and sulpha drugs are
still inadequate. Dysentery continues to be a problem.

3. Public and Private Welfare.

Conditions in public institutions of Sado Island have shown
some improvement during the past ten months. Insufficient funds, lack
of fuel and strict rationing of food still remain the basic problems.
The population of Niigata is increasing greatly. The City of Niigata
is constructing temporary quarters of the tenement type which are poorly
constructed with group bathing and latrines to accomodate approximately
fifty six (56) families. The Community Chest Drive is receiving wide
publicity.

4. Labor

Difficulties in fulfilling labor requisitions for interpreters,
English speaking clerks and hotel managers exists.

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Six thousand seventeen acres of sweet potatoes, rice and vegetables were damaged by floods caused by exceedingly heavy rains. Increase in charcoal production is attributed largely to raising of charcoal prices. Twenty six (26) Reparations Plants and seven (7) Dispersal Areas were inspected and rated as indicated in Annex D.

6. Civil Information and Education

Shortage of building space and equipment handicap the newly organized lower secondary schools of the prefecture and the Deaf and Dumb School in Nagaoka, where class rooms are used as dormitories at night. 1 October was decided as the date to begin a coordinated information program, designed to make the Japanese "Man in the Street" more aware of his rights and duties under the New Constitution.

7. Unit Occupational History

The strength of this organization as of 30 September 47 was six (6) officers, twenty nine (29) enlisted men and five (5) War Department Civilians.

LOUIS H. COXE III
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POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

1. Political Activities and Political Parties: No unusual events of a political nature occurred during the period covered by this report.
2. Status of Japanese Governmental Administration:
 - a. The Mayor of Niigata City has been absolved by the Tokyo Superior Court in connection with alleged activities which come under purge jurisdiction.
3. Degree of Compliance of Japanese Authorities with SCAP Directives:
 - a. Very satisfactory.

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES

1. Administration of hospitals: A new doctor has been employed by the Prefectural Health Section to inspect hospitals. He has been instructed to insist on aseptic technique in the surgery as well as inspect the physical facilities of the hospitals. In the past month, officials from the health centers made three (3) inspections of the hospitals in their vicinity. This action is stimulating some of the hospitals to pay more attention to sanitation and other constructive measures. Questionnaires submitted by the health centers showed most institutions to rate very poorly.

2. Veterinary affairs: An outbreak of horse sickness in July and August has just been reported to be equine encephalomyelitis. The report for September shows only twenty (20) cases, but it is probable that there are many more. Blood samples are being drawn and sent to the 406th Medical General Lab. for confirmation. The delay in recognizing the disease was attributed to lack of training in the veterinarians who saw these horses.

There were 231 cattle, 79 horses and 63 swine slaughtered during this report period.

469 milk cows were examined and found satisfactory.

804 lbs. of butter and 30 lbs. of cheese were produced.

3. Dental affairs - Negative.

4. Nursing affairs: The graduate of the Public Health Nursing School in Tokyo is instructing other nurses. The sphere of activity of the public health nurses is being expanded.

5. Medical supply situation: Present supply of dusters and sprayers appears adequate. Quotas of insect and rodent control supplies have been exceeded, but prefectural officials are seeking greater DDT powder supplies to be used in head lice control in school children.

Penicillin and sulfa drugs are still woefully inadequate. The welfare ministry has not yet taken action to improve quality of drugs being produced in this prefecture.

It is too early to judge the results of the new drug distribution plan.

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6. Preventive medicine: Only a few scattered cases of scrub typhus were reported during this month. There was no poliomyelitis reported. Dysentery continues to be a problem.

There was very little flooding in this prefecture and no outbreak of communicable disease has occurred.

The typhoid immunization program is underway, 33,209 immunizations having been performed during this period.

7. Sanitary engineering - Negative.

8. Laboratory activities - Negative.

9. Nutritional surveys - Negative.

10. Port Quarantine - Negative.

11. Miscellaneous:

a. Inflation and current rate of pay to physicians makes it difficult to hire physicians to operate health center clinics.

b. Cooperation in carrying out public health measures by Japanese is good.

c. No medical school surveys performed.

d. No new educational programs are underway.

e. Negative.

f. None.

12. Major Berge is in the prefecture evaluating the efficiency of the vaccine for scrub typhus. This section was visited by Lt. Col. Merle Smith during this report period.

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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WELFARE ACTIVITIES

1. Public Assistance:

a. Prefecture program for the period 1 August to 31 August 1947 was as follows:

- (1) Total number of persons who received public assistance: 90,417
- (2) Net amount of cash grants in Yen: ¥7,409,127.00
- (3) Total number of persons being cared for in institutions: 11,023
- (4) Total cost of assistance in kind: ¥309,055

b. A complete investigation of the public assistance program on Sado Island, indicates that "Minsei Iin" are spending many hours on interviews and case histories. In the city of Ryotsu, (pop. 8,495) on Sado Island, there are fourteen (14) Minsei Iin currently operating. They have divided the city into fourteen (14) districts, and each individual assumes responsibility for his district. Once every two weeks the Mayor and Minsei Iin meet to discuss problems and the program to be followed. No complaints were received of the distribution of relief in cash or kind, and all "Minsei Iin" were very familiar with all provisions of the "Daily Life Security Law". There were minor complaints against the Prefecture Welfare Section, and these problems are being cleared up. Further spot checks were made throughout the Prefecture on the actual distribution of assistance and there were no indications of irregularities in distribution. As reported in last month's report investigations of pilferage and maldistribution are being conducted, however, no concrete evidence has appeared as yet.

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2. Welfare and Penal Institutions:

a. The following institutions were inspected during September:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Condition</u>
Ryotsu Takujisho	Nursery	Unsatisfactory
Ryotsu Yochien	Nursery	Unsatisfactory
Yoshii Kimpo Kan	Nursery	Very Satisfactory
Kawaharada Aijiin	Nursery	Very Satisfactory
Aikawa Hoikusho	Nursery	Unsatisfactory
Ryotsu City	Detention House	Satisfactory
Aikawa Town	Detention House	Satisfactory
Shinkoryo	Reformatory	Satisfactory
Niigata Gakuin	Reformatory	Satisfactory

b. In each institution the directors and inmates were questioned, and all conditions observed. The segregation of children and sexes is being carried out, and conditions are showing some improvement during ten (10) months time. The basic problems are insufficient funds, lack of fuel for heating and cooking, and strict rationing of food. In each case an attempt is made to suggest any improvements deemed necessary, and to encourage the directors toward improvement of conditions.

3. Homeless Persons:

a. Vagabonds do not present a problem in this area, the largest number ever reported has been six (6) in one month. Every effort is made to furnish these persons transportation to their home.

b. Housing areas for "Repatriates", were not inspected during September.

c. The estimate for this Prefecture is 9,998 persons are without housing, and 2,791 houses are required to accommodate these persons. The population of Niigata Prefecture is increasing at a rate larger than ever before.

d. As reported last month, the City of Niigata is constructing temporary quarters for the increase in population, and repatriates. These homes are of the "tenement" type, very poorly constructed, and with group bathing and latrines. This group of houses is expected to accommodate 56 families. The city is also conducting a campaign to "open up" spare rooms of existing houses to accommodate persons who wish to live and work in the city. It is expected to find rooms for 1,000 persons, through this campaign, to date 746 persons have been accommodated. The Dobo-Enjo-Kai is planning to provide housing for 82 families throughout the prefecture.

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e. The chief factor retarding housing are lack of materials, and high cost of construction.

4. Reserve Relief Supplies:

a. The following statistical information is submitted for the period 1 August to 31 August 1947.

(1) On hand at beginning of month:

Clothing	None
Food	None

(2) Added during month:

Blankets	2,700 pcs
Clothing	24,307 pcs

(3) Distributed during month:

Clothing	857 pcs
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(4) Total distributed to date:

Dry Biscuits	156,875 kgs
Canned Goods	227,247 kgs
Blankets	9,171 pcs
Shoes	22,603 prs
Clothing	55,502 pcs

(5) On hand at end of month:

Blankets	2,700 pcs
Clothing	23,450 pcs

5. Foreign Nationals:

a. The International Relief Committee is not active in this area.

b. Supplemental rations are being provided the foreign nationals in this prefecture.

6. Repatriation:

a. Total number of repatriates who have returned to prefecture: 69,933

b. Number of repatriates requiring public aid: 25,410

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7. a. The Flood of September 15, 1947:

Flood waters caused by the typhoon "Katharine" flowed south from the mountainous area, thus leaving Niigata Prefecture. Damage was very slight in this area and did not necessitate any emergency relief action. The following statistical information is submitted.

- (1) Seven (7) homes washed completely away from this sites.
- (2) Seventy-six (76) cho of rice paddies were completely destroyed.
- (3) One hundred ninety-four (194) cho of rice paddies were flooded, but will yield some crop.
- (4) Twelve (12) small bridges were washed away.

b. The community chest drive is under way, with a goal of 13 million yen. The drive is receiving wide publicity, and both the prefecture, and city government are assisting in the publicity campaign. Results of collections have not been received as yet.

c. There are six (6) new welfare institutions under construction in this area, the construction is with the approval of the Governor and Welfare Ministry.

d. Eighty-three (83) cases of ptomaine poisoning occurred at Imamachi supposedly from deteriorating old fish purchased at a ration point. An investigation is underway to determine the cause of this case, because the poisoning resulted in one (1) death.

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LABOR SURVEILLANCE REPORT

1. Identification:

- a. Prefecture Covered: Niigata
- b. Report for Month of: September 1947
- c. Report prepared by: Arthur F. Loeben, 1st Lt., AC

2. Labor Procurement:

a. Difficulties in fulfilling labor requisitions for the following types of labor do exist:

- (1) Interpreters
- (2) English speaking clerks
- (3) Hotel managers

This type of labor is very difficult to locate, and very difficult to employ under current salaries.

b. There have been no violations of Japanese regulations by the Prefectural Officers.

c. The average daily number of workers employed was 249.9.

d. There were no significant changes in proportion of workers on labor requisition to workers on procurement demand projects.

3. Wages and Working Conditions:

a. The general trend in wages is that skilled workmen, are receiving higher wages on procurement demand projects than those under labor requisition. There is a very sharp difference between operational labor, (managers, cooks, waiters), where the labor is working under a "personnel" clause of a procurement demand. These persons are receiving higher wages for every category of work.

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b. There have been no indications of a great differential in living allowances between workers.

c. In this area there are two (2) rest Hotels, and the labor is supplied by procurement demand. The labor at these Hotels are receiving higher wages than the same category under labor requisition. This situation presents a difficulty for the proper fulfillment of labor requisition inasmuch as the wages are higher elsewhere. It is highly recommended that all occupational labor be placed under labor requisition.

4. Labor Relations:

a. Members of the occupation forces were not involved in any cases of Labor Relation Activities during this period.

b. The following organizations were not involved in any labor problem during this period:

- (1) Japanese Police
- (2) Japanese Procurator
- (3) Japanese Courts

c. During this period the prefecture did not receive complaints of any case wherein employers were attempting to dominate, or influence labor unions.

d. On 11 July 1947, the Kashiwazaki Industrial Co. Labor Union, requested of the management, the right of collective bargaining. The management at first rejected the appeal, and in a small way intimidated the rights of the union. After a few unsuccessful meetings, the Labor Relations Committee was called, and negotiations proceeded somewhat more amiable. As a result of these meetings and use of conciliation a contract was signed 30 September 1947 guaranteeing the right of collective bargaining and a small wage increase. This union is not affiliated, and is rather small, 209 members. The union was organized 21 May 1946, and it maintains a constitution. The dues average ¥1.80 per month per member. The plant is at present manufacturing small gasoline engines for use in fishing boats; production is in a small amount, but of an essential item. The full provisions of the contract are not known at this date.

5. Employment:

a. As of 30 September 1947 there were an estimated 28,033 unemployed persons in this area. The number absorbed by the following types of employment follows:

- (1) New developments in private Industry: 835
- (2) Public Works: 340
- (3) Vocational training: 50
- (4) Other: 1,350

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b. Repatriates are returning to the prefecture very slowly; during the period it is estimated that 473 repatriates are unemployed.

6. General Observations:

a. There have been 29 new unions formed in this prefecture with a total membership of 50,997 persons. Among these 29 unions the following are of special notice:

<u>Union Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Special Goals</u>
Niigata Ken school Teachers' Union, Sante-gun Branch	Sante-gun	353 M 269 F	Raising of economic and political status.
Niigata Ken Private Railroad Labor Union	Niigata City	1,163 M	Raising of living standards.
Niigata Ken Medical Treatments Employees Committee Council Ass.	Niigata City	411 M 608 F	Increase of living standards.

b. The labor section in the prefecture is conducting an education campaign with the concurrence of this Headquarters. The campaign consists of "spot" announcements on the radio, in the daily newspapers, and over public address systems at railroad stations. There are 160 bulletin boards (outdoor type) throughout the prefecture to be utilized in this campaign. The goal is to give wide publicity to all basic Japanese Labor Laws and Ordinances through these outlets. This program was initiated one week ago, and it is too soon to state any results. It is hoped that more democratic trade unions will result from this campaign.

7. Recommendations:

a. That labor obtained by procurement demand be abolished and all labor be obtained by labor requisition.

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ECONOMICS SUMMARY

1. Crop conditions.

- a. Floods caused by exceedingly heavy rains on fourteenth (14) and fifteenth (15) of this month, caused damage to a total area of six thousand and seventeen (6,017) acres of sweet potatoes, rice and vegetables. The estimated reduction in rice production was eight hundred and twenty-five (825) metric tons. Estimated reduction in potato production was seven hundred and ninety-one (791) metric tons.
- b. Summary of insect and disease problems.

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Disease or Insect</u>	<u>Control Measure</u>
Rice	Hypodinus - 490 acres and Helminth Oosporease - 3,921 acres	Halting irrigation of affected fields to raise ground temperature and weeding out of "sick plants"

c. Crops harvested during this reporting period.

Rice	52,500 metric tons
Sweet Potatoes	1,200 metric tons
Soya Beans	2,000 metric tons

d. Shortages of materials having effect on maximum crop production.

<u>Material</u>	<u>Amount of Shortage</u>
Rubber Roll (for rice polishing)	2,000 pcs.
Kerosene	8,000 liter
Light Oil	16,000 liter
Volatile Oil	400 liter
Machine Oil	7,000 liter
Mobile Oil	600 liter

2. Availability of fertilizer to farmers.

- a. Fertilizer available to farmers remains inadequate. Amount distributed in September:

Nitrogenous Fertilizer	2,016,000 lbs.
Phosphorus Fertilizer	3,600,000 lbs.

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b. Efficient distribution of fertilizer is being attained. All of amount allotted during this period was distributed.

c. Amount of fertilizer produced by farmers to meet their own demand:

Vegetable manure	64,000,000 lbs.
Night Soil	9,000,000 lbs.
Plant Ashes	6,000,000 lbs.

3. Collection of staple goods.

a. Officials of the Prefectural Agricultural Association are holding meetings with heads of cities, towns and villages and are instructing them to encourage farmers to deliver in excess of their quotas if possible in view of the existing food shortages. The quota for rice collection has not been set as yet but Prefectural officials are also interviewing farmers and encouraging them to fulfill the quota whenever it is set.

b. As of 30 September 1947, potatoe turn-in was four million seven hundred twenty five thousand and thirty seven (4,725,037) kan or 122.5% of the total quota. Wheat delivery on this same date stood at four thousand one hundred and three (4,103) koku or 82% of total quota.

4. Lumber, lumber products and charcoal.

a. The production of lumber decreased 20% as compared to last month's production. This decrease was due largely to floods, shortages of raw materials and lack of transportation facilities.

b. The increase of transportation facilities, rations for workers and saw mill equipment would aid the production of lumber.

c. Charcoal production increased 328% as compared to last month's production. This increase is attributed largely to the raising of charcoal prices by the Government on 17 July 1947. Efficient distribution to consumers is almost impossible due to the lack of transportation facilities.

d. The production of veneer increased 67% as compared to last month, due to adequate supplies of cohesive materials. Production of plywood decreased 29% which was due largely to the limitation of electrical supply.

5. Fishing.

a. The amount of fish caught this month decreased 8% as compared to last month.

b. This decrease was caused by scarcity of fish and abnormal weather conditions which limited fishing operations to eighteen (18) days in the month of September.

c. Fuel oil allotment are reaching the fishermen.

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- d. There exist a great shortage of fuel oil, nets, ropes and materials to repair boats in this prefecture. Fuel oil allotments were 65% of reported requirements and net and rope allotments were approximately 25% of required amounts.
- e. Prefectural and local fishermen's associations are functioning properly.
- f. Official prices of fish are not too high.
- g. The principal complaints of fishermen are shortages of materials and compulsory turn-in of all fish caught to their ration board.

6. Surveillance of shipbuilding.

Negative report.

7. Reparations.

- a. The following reparation installations have been inspected by members of this headquarters and have been rated as follows:

RATED FOR:

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>(1) Service</u>	<u>(2) Maintenance</u>	<u>(3) Repair</u>
29-01	Air C.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-04	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-08	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-14	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-19	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-13	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-16	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-18	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-17	Mach. Tls.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-20	Sulph. Acid	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-25	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-03	Air C.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-10	Munition	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-11	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-21	Soda	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-25	Lab.	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-02	Air C.	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-12	Mach. Tls.	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-06	Munition	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-09	Munition	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory

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<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>(1) Service</u>	<u>(2) Maintenance</u>	<u>(3) Repair</u>
29-22(B)	Arsenal	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-24(A)	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-21(b)	Arsenal	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
29-32	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-33	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory
29-34	Arsenal	Excellent	Excellent	Very Satisfactory

- b. The below listed reparation dispersal areas located in Niigata Prefecture have been inspected by members of this headquarters and have been rated as follows:

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>(1) Service</u>	<u>(2) Maintenance</u>	<u>(3) Repair</u>
28-10	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Excellent
13-11	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Excellent
10-9(66)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
10-9(67)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
10-9(68)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
10-16(141)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
10-16(142)	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory

- c. In compliance with telephone message, dated 3 Sept. 1947, Military Government Section, Hq. IX Corps, to Niigata Mil Govt Team, forty-five (45) additional machines of Reparations Plant No. 29-03 and sixty-five (65) additional machines of Reparations Plant No. 29-09 have been inventoried and inventory sheets forwarded to SCAP.

- d. An application for partial exemption of Reparations Plant No. 29-09, reference Ltr this headquarters, dated 23 September 1947, subj: "Application for Limitation of Reparations Scope of Saikawa Tekkojo, Code No. 29-09", has been submitted to higher headquarters.

8. Import-export shipping.

Negative report.

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CIVIL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

1. Education

a. School Inspections---The following five schools were check-list inspected during the month:

- (1) Futaba Lower Secondary School
- (2) Funzei Lower Secondary School
- (3) Ryotsu Elementary School
- (4) Kido Lower Secondary School
- (5) Yokogoshi Lower Secondary School

Special attention has been given to inspections of lower secondary schools because these schools have all been newly organized and have many special problems. In most cases these problems are related to the shortages of building space and equipment. School principals have been encouraged to work out plans for more efficient utilization of space, and, where necessary, use a half-day system of classes. Many schools attached to national schools can solve the space problem by setting up the half-day system for pupils in the lower elementary grades who normally attend school for only four or five hours per day. Principals have asked many questions about the use of the "platoon" system of classes. To help solve the shortage of classroom equipment and materials the schools have been encouraged to make wider use of community resources and to ask the assistance of the parents organizations and other community groups. Some schools have been able to solve the problems as a result of these suggestions.

The Kanto Mil Govt Region CI&E Officer was accompanied on an inspection trip to Sado Island where a number of schools were visited and conferences held with school officials, principals and teachers. The schools visited were found to be in better physical condition and employing better teaching techniques than most schools on the mainland. The island has 66 schools, and it is administered as one of the guns in the prefecture.

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An inspection of the Deaf and Dumb school in Nagaoka revealed that the teachers were doing very good work in teaching, but that the school was operating under a very severe handicap of lack of building space. The classrooms are used as formitories at night, and the rooms are not suitable for such purpose. This school will be given special attention in helping to plan an expanded program for handicapped schools in accordance with suggestions made recently by the Kanto Mil Govt Region CI&E Section. A newspaper article in a local paper covering this inspection brought the matter to the attention of the public.

b. Social Education--Several conferences were held with the president of the Niigata United Youth Organizations and prefectural youth leaders. Various plans and programs to further the youth program in this prefecture were discussed.

Boy Scout Movements at Kashiwazaki City and Sado Island have been watched with interest by this section and given aid wherever possible. Plans to train enough qualified leaders to spread the Boy Scout Movement in this prefecture are being considered. As a preliminary step towards this goal, conferences have been held with the Scout Leaders from Kashiwazaki City and Sado Island.

In most schools visited recently the parents organizations are being reorganized, and in some cases have even adopted the name "PTA". Some of the school principals have stated that the interest in such organizations was first stimulated by the Adult Education Conferences held this summer. Various means of obtaining the interest of the parents have been suggested, but the most successful and most popular seems to be an all-day sports festival held at the school to which the parents are invited. Several of these have been observed and both students and parents demonstrated great enthusiasm.

The Niigata Prefectural Youth Organization and the Prefectural Physical Education Section jointly sponsored a very successful athletic meet at Yahiko Mura on 1 September. More than 3500 youths turned out for the meet with 600 actively participating in it. A total of 6000 persons were present for the meet which included track and field events and Sumo contests. The program was so successful that the Youth Organizations have decided to sponsor the meet annually.

2. Information

Conferences with prefectural education officials, newspaper reporters,

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manager of the Radio Station "JOQK", and representatives from the Railroad were held to plan a prefectural information program. 1 October 1947 was decided as the date to begin a coordinated information program, designed to make the Japanese "Man in the Street" more aware of his rights and duties under the New Constitution, of his rights under the rural land reform bills and to familiarize him with democratic methods as related to trade unionism and other matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Japanese people.

One local weekly half hour radio program was utilized to broadcast information about the Rural Land Reform Bill. Plans have been made for future use of this half hour program time. The radio officials have been very cooperative and have asked for further assistance in planning local programs.

The CIE Reading Room in Niigata City has proved to be very popular, especially with the Middle School students. The September daily attendance average of 80 persons is a slight decrease compared to the figure last month, but the present figure is believed to be a stable one. Tentative plans for opening another reading room in Takada City are being made. As the supply of reading materials increases, it is planned to have the materials circulated to smaller libraries, C.P.H.'s, etc. Difficulty in getting enough reading materials is the biggest handicap at present.

3. Monuments, Arts and Religion

The Prefectural Social Education Section has been asked to pay particular attention to the rehabilitation work on shrines and temples which are classified as national treasures and which were designated recently by the Kanto Arts and Monuments Specialist as needing repair work.

The Senjo court recently tried S. Watanabe and M. Arimoto for collecting shinto funds in violations of Memorandum for the Imperial Japanese Government, AG 000.3 (15 Dec 45) CIE, BCAPIN 448, 15 Dec. 45, subject: Abolition of Governmental Sponsorship, Support, Perpetuation, of State Shinto. They were both found guilty as charged, and were fined \$1,000 each. Several others who had a part in this collection were severely reprimanded.

4. Other CIE Affairs

a. Educational Affairs—The in-service programs are becoming very numerous in this prefecture. Conferences have been held with two normal schools planning to hold in-service training programs in October. Members of the local faculties and Monbusho officials will be used in

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these programs. Advice in the planning has been given and American books will be loaned to use for displays. Two one-day workshops sponsored by the Pref. Education Dept. and Mil Govt have been planned for October in different cities in the prefecture. The Kanto Mil Govt Region CI&E Officer assisted in planning the conferences and will assist in the conference. Persons concerned have been contacted and plans have been made to form a prefectural in-service training committee to coordinate teacher training programs of the normal school, Prefectural Education Section, Local Communities, and the Teachers Union. This will prevent duplication of efforts and also make it possible for this section to render maximum amount of assistance and to request assistance in advance from CI&E personnel of other units.

b. Teachers Union—Good relations seem to exist between the Teachers Union and the Prefectural Education Section. No major disputes have arisen during the month. Joint conferences have been held in regard to policies for teachers transfers and problems relative to the Teachers Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Both problems were settled amicably.

c. Teacher Screening—The 20th Screening Committee meeting was held on 8th Sept. 490 persons were screened on this date. 377 of the above were New Normal School graduates who are going to start teaching soon. Satoshi Ueno, formerly of the Military Police, was declared unacceptable, and the verdict on another person was held up pending further information and investigation.

Total screened and rescreened as of 8 September was 17,890. The total number of persons declared unacceptable is 126.

d. Special Problems—It has been reported that parents from a section of Imegasaki Mura, Minamiuonuma Gun have refused to allow their children to attend the Lower Secondary School attached to the Imegasaki Elementary School. A temporary solution has been worked out by the prefectural education section permitting these students to attend a "branch" L. S. S. attached to the Elementary School in the community. However, as there are only 50 students affected this does not warrant a separate school. A visit to this community is planned in the near future in order to further investigate the matter.

A fire recently occurred at the Niigata Medical College which destroyed one lecture hall and two X-Ray laboratories. 1,050 square meters of building space was burned and the total damage was estimated at ¥4,770,000.00. Plans are being made to reconstruct the building and replace the equipment. Officials stated that this would have no effect on

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the movement to establish a University in Niigata Prefecture.

5. Women's Activities

A Niigata Branch of the JACA was formed this month. The Kanto Mil Govt Region CI&E Officer spoke to the group and made some suggestions in regard to future activities of the group. The Asst CI&E Officer from Kanto met on a later date with some members of the group and discussed their program and democratic procedures.

A tentative program has been planned for three one-day women's conferences in various parts of the prefecture in November.

Other meetings conducted by the Kanto Mil Govt Asst CI&E Officer included: conferences with officials, teachers, and students of the Women's Dept of Niigata First Normal School; conference with leaders of women's organizations in Wagaoka; conference with 23 principals of Girls High Schools to discuss education, social, and vocational guidance; and other personal interviews.

6. Personnel

Due to lack of American Personnel needed to carry out the CI&E program, three Japanese nationals have been hired to assist in this section. One of these is a woman who will work with women's affairs. The other two are men, and one will serve as an interpreter-translator and educational advisor while the other is an artist who will work with the information program.

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TO

MONTHLY MILITARY GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT 1947
 UNIT OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY REPORT

1. Personnel

a. The strength of this organization as of 30 September 47 was six (6) officers, twenty nine (29) enlisted men and five (5) War Department Civilians.

- (1) Gains - Duntz, Carl L., Pfc, RA 17199095
 Bilsky, Seymour, Pvt, RA 19288646
 Crawford, Kenneth, Pvt, RA 15252662
 Transferred from 11th Airborne Division to this organization.
- (2) Losses - Glusti, Roy A., T/5, RA 16217440. Transferred to Detachment of Patients, 49th Gen. Hosp.
- Hermann, Ivan E., Pfc, RA 17191557. To Disp. Cen, 4th Repl Depot for return to ZI, 15 Sept 47.
- Gdovic, Joseph, Sgt, RA 43054853. To Disp. Cen, 4th Repl Depot for return to ZI, 22 Sept 47.
- Rybicki, David J., T/5, RA 46068054. To Disp. Cen, 4th Repl Depot for return to ZI, 24 Sept 47.
- Jones, William J. Jr., Sgt, RA 13242099. To Disp. Cen, 4th Repl Depot for return to ZI, 30 Sept 47.
- Venover, Buhlan C., T/Sgt, RA 35821648
 Taylor, Clifton P., Sgt, RA 44118192
 To Disp. Cen, 4th Repl Depot for return to ZI, 1 Oct 47.

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- (3) Promotions - Berson, Leonard, T/5, RA 12258448
promoted to T/4 8 Sept 47.
Casio, Joseph D., Pfc, RA 13210656
promoted to T/5 22 Sept 47.
Brown, William J. Jr., Pfc, RA 12259814
promoted to Corporal 22 Sept 47.

b. Enlistment, re-enlistment and extension of enlistment
in the Regular Army - Negative.

2. Special Service - The movie schedule has improved during the
latter part of this reporting period. There have been no USO or Soldier
Shows.

3. Visitors

a. The following visiting and inspecting parties visited this
organization on the dates indicated.

4 Sept 47: Mr. J. S. Harrison, OGI, GHQ
Mr. Aver, OGI, GHQ
Mr. Bound, OGI, GHQ
Mr. Chang, ESS, GHQ, SCAP

8 Sept 47: Mr. R. C. Fox, Kanto Mil Govt Region

9 Sept 47: Mr. L. N. Gushard, ESS, GHQ

8 Sept - 10 Sept 47: Capt. J. H. Brown, 172d Sta. Hosp.

9 Sept - 11 Sept 47: Mr. J. E. Ferris Jr., Kanto Mil
Govt Region

10 Sept - 11 Sept 47: P-5 C. Williams, 1st Cav. Div.
Mr. T. E. Dorn Jr., Eighth Army Mil
Govt, Yokohama

12 Sept - 13 Sept 47: Mr. R. A. Rhodes, Eighth Army Mil
Govt, Yokohama

16 Sept 47: Mr. E. C. Crocker, Overseas Consult-
ants Inc., Tokyo
Mr. J. W. Cunningham, Overseas Con-
sultants Inc., Tokyo

16 Sept - 17 Sept 47: Lt. Col. Merle E. Smith, Eighth Army
Mil Govt, Yokohama
Mr. Lorne Sonley, NRS, GHQ, SCAP

17 Sept - 19 Sept 47: Lt. Col. E. M. Williams, TMGR, IX Corps
Lt. Col. C. H. Libbert, Headquarters
IX Corps
Major B. F. Kendrick, TMGR, IX Corps
Major M. J. Broedigam, Headquarters
IX Corps

19 Sept - 26 Sept 47: 1st Lt. E. K. Webber, Legal Sec., GHQ

18 Sept 47: Mr. K. F. Kawaguchi, Saitama MG Team

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20 Sept - 22 Sept 47: Col. L. A. Sprinkle, Hq Kanto
Mil Govt Region
Capt. A. V. Arrowsmith, Kanto
Mil Govt Region
1st Lt. L. S. Barron, Kanto Mil
Govt Region
Mr. J. B. Ferris, Kanto Mil Govt
Region
Lt. Col. Cecil Himes, 1st Cav Div.,
Asaka
Lt. Col. N. P. Ward III, 1st Cav
Div., Asaka

20 Sept - 26 Sept 47: 1st Lt. M. E. Foist, PSD, CIS, GHQ
CAP 12 G. Fitzgibbon, PSD, CIS, GHQ
Mr. R. M. Mori, PSD, CIS, GHQ

21 Sept 47: Mr. H. W. Pierce, Overseas Consult-
ants Inc
Mr. R. S. Campbell, Overseas Consult-
ants Inc
Mr. G. A. Meyer, Overseas Consultants
Inc
Mr. George E. Meyer, ESS, GHQ

21 Sept - 22 Sept 47: Mr. J. D. Hoover, ESS, GHQ

25 Sept 47: Major J. C. Johnson, Kanto MG Region

24 Sept - 29 Sept 47: Miss E. D. Lee, Kanto Mil Govt Region

29 Sept 47: Major T. O. Berge, 406 Med. Lab., Tokyo

b. MTP Tests and Military Government Tests were held at this organization by the IX Corps officials on 17 & 18 Sept 47. A Military Government inspection was conducted by Kanto Military Government Region officials on 20 & 21 Sept 47.

4. Supply - The supply of expendables, especially office supplies and expendable special service supplies have been critical during the month.

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In accordance with OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE NUMBER 37 HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY, APO 343 dated 30 April 1947 the monthly Military Government Activities Report for July 1947 is submitted with Annexes as listed on the cover sheet, page 1.

BASIC REPORT

1. Political and Government.

The Military Virtue Society Purge is affecting many public officials including the Mayor of Niigata City.

2. Public Health.

Eight (8) cases of typhus, seven (7) cases of louse borne typhus and approximately twenty seven (27) cases of infantile paralysis were reported in the month of July. Seventy (70) cases of infantile paralysis have been reported since 1 April 47.

3. Public Welfare.

Former military installations are being used to enlarge welfare dormitories.

4. Labor.

Forty seven labor unions were organized and fifty five were dissolved to form larger unions.

5. Economics.

Collection and distribution of staple foods remain inadequate due to lack of reserve rice and floods. Fish catch decreased seven percent (7%) due to lack of boat repairs and material.

6. Civil Information and Education.

Information has been received that a member of the Prefectural Screening Committee will be included in the Butoku Kai purge. Fifty two

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(52) sewing machines to be removed from Girls High Schools in this prefecture as former war loot.

7. Unit Occupational History.

Strength of this organization is seven (7) officer, thirty three (33) Enlisted men and four (4) War Department civilians. There have been no extensions or re-enlistments for the month of July.

8. Procurement Activities.

All Central Procurement Records were hand carried to Eighth Army Procurement Section.

LOUIS H. COXE III
Lt. Col., INF.
Commanding

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