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Let's Protect Innocent Juveniles From
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But Punishment

Anti-crime Measure

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Accordingly the same N.R.P. Hq's authorities are trying to make the general householders be aware of the tendency to delinquency of their children in the early stage, explaining the causes and facts of various crimes through Local Offices. Moreover they are studying how to set up the practical organization for keeping closer connection between juveniles home and Police authorities, for instance they are planning to set up Juvenile Enlightenment Committee in Konu-gun, Hiroshima Prefecture, and the new Juvenile Criminal Law which is to be enforced in next January will be established basing on the principle "Mitigate juveniles' punishment but intensify their protection and leading, abolishing the death sentence to Juvenile and extending the age limit of Juvenile up to 20.

Prevention measure against traffic accident

According to the statistics by Hiroshima Prefectural authorities the number of juvenile victims of traffic accidents amounted to 20 injuries and 8 deaths monthly.

As for the prefectural Traffic Section, they are trying to protect juveniles from traffic accidents setting up "Slow Down" speed-sign-boards on the roads near school-buildings. From next year they are to establish the play-grounds in order to make all playing children move from the roads to safety-zones, at the same time they intend not only to call the parents' attentions to protect children from traffic accidents, but also to call all drivers' attentions to slow down speed in case of finding any children near the cars.

Juveniles welfare institutes

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Child Welfare Committee

In order to make children foster the spirit of mutual aid, Welfare Committees which consist of child-members inaugurated at various districts in Hiroshima Prefecture in the early November this year, under the lead of the same Prefectural Child Section.

The aims of these child-members, are, just like those of adult members of Child Welfare Committee, to cheer up and console their unfortunate friends, to encourage their study, to promote their health, to survey the causes of absence from school and to inquire after their health, to advise mutually neither smoke nor do wrong.

Basing on self-government spirit, the Childrens' Welfare Committees are making their way brightly and gaily for realization of their ideal dreams, under the joint support of school authorities and Parent Teacher's Association.

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Date : January 13. 1948.

To : GIB, GHQ, SCAP.

From : Ministry of Finance.

Subject: Allotment of use of the buildings and their installation of Ex-Yanai Branch Establishment of Ex-Otake Naval Submarine School.

In regard to the subject above referred to there have been some disputes between the Ministry of Justice and the people of the district, and now as a result of consultation of the intents of the parties concerned, the following plan is worked out as the final compromise and is proposed to put into force subject to approval of Occupation Army authority.

Objective of use	Limits
A Juvenile Prison	(1) Out of the area indicated on the attached map: (a) Buildings and premises colored red. (b) Premises belonging to buildings A, B, C, D, and E. (c) North-eastern half of the building F to be devoted to the meeting of local people or such other purpose as may be deemed necessary by them.
Manufacturing establishments in accordance with the desires of local people	(2) All installations belonging to the establishment, including water-works, electric apparatus, and other installations. Out of the area indicated on on the attached map. (a) Buildings and their premises colored blue. As regards buildings A, B, C, D and E buildings only; premises to be excluded. (b) Within the range of O, P, Q, and R. Line PQ runs parallel to the road X at 5 meters distance from the north western side of the building G (warehouse) Line OP runs parallel to the Road Y at 20 meters' distance from the western side of the building H, ending at the sea side (south-east)

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N.R. line reaches to the south eastern
coast (~~southwestern~~), running at the
inside line of road 2.

I shall be much obliged for your approval for the plan herein set forth.

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