Feb .15, 1950

TO : Audio-visual Library, Ehime Ken

FROM : KONDO Misao, Representative Of Shuso-gun
Audio-visual Education Committee

SUBJECT: Report On Loss Of Loaned Article For
Audio-visual Education

1. Missing article : Spring belt of
NATCO projector

2. How it disappeared:

A spring belt broke on Dec. 24, 1949 while films were being shown at a certain place. The projector with the broken part was handed over to the next show-place, Tambara-cho. BEKKU Yoshihiko, responsible projector techinician at Tambara recognized the arrival of the broken part there.

Then the projector was used at Nyugawa. After the show, the apparatus was carried back to the office of the committee. While it was being cleaned, the loss of the damaged spring belt was noticed. Search for it was made at Tambara without delay, but they could not find it. Continuous search is being conducted at Nyugawa and Tambara. I beg to inform you of the accident as stated above.

Yt:K

SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 1050

LS/IC/rk

Takamatsu, Shikoku
29 December 1950

AG 319.1

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Film Damage Reports

TO: Chief
Civil Information and Education Section
GHQ, SCAP
APO 500
ATTN: Educational Film Unit

1. In compliance with paragraph 10h, inclosure 1, OD 61, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 23 December 1949, the attached Film Damage Report is submitted herewith.

2. Investigation by Civil Affairs representative shows attached report to be substantially correct.

FOR THE CHIEF, SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION:

1 Incl
As indicated

W. D. JOHNSTON
Lt Col Inf
Adjutant

Dec. 28, 1950

Report on damages of apparatus

(1) Type of apparatus:

Projector Equipment

Apparatus No. 260

(2) Place of damage:

A reflector

(3) Group or individuals responsible for damage:

Kiyokatsu Nagaoka

(4) Statement of damage:

While Kiyokatsu Nagaoka was operating the equipment at the Mugi Primary School under the auspices of P.T.A. on Oct. 1, smoke rose from the cooling motor. From that time the number of revolutions of the motor decreased and the plate of the reflector came off due to overheating.

(5) Efforts taken to correct causes of damage:

a. Repair of equipment:

Repair of motor

b. Disciplinary action taken:

The prefectural audio-visual officer warned Kiyokatsu Nagaoka to repair the equipment as soon as possible.

I certify that conditions listed above are correct:

H. Manabe

Authorized Representative of Audio-Visual Library

H. Sugiyama

Prefectural Audio-Visual Officer

Martha Campbell

Civil Affairs Representative

SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 1050

Takamatsu, Shikoku
21 December 1950

AG 319.1

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Film Damage Report

TO: Chief
Civil Information and Education Section
GHQ, SCAP
APO 500
ATTN: Educational Film Unit

1. In compliance with paragraph 10h, inclosure 1 to OD 61, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 23 December 1949, the attached Film Damage Report is submitted herewith.

2. Investigation by Civil Affairs representative shows attached report to be substantially correct. Damaged film was returned to your unit by the Shikoku Regional Repair and Distribution Office on 16 December 1950.

FOR THE CHIEF, SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION:

1 Incl
As indicated

W. D. JOHNSTON
Lt Col Inf
Adjutant

Film Damage Report

(1) C.I.E. No.193 Title: New York fire department

Copy No.102

(2) Place of damage

Purflation

(3) Group or individuals responsible for damage

Kiyokatsu NAGAOKA at Kaifu Branch of the School Board Office

(4) Cause of damage

Due to the trouble of the projector

(5) Extent of the damage in detail (Number of feet)

16 feet

(6) Efforts taken to correct causes of damage

(a) Repair of equipment

The shuttle assembly was changed at the audio-visual library

(b) Disciplinary action taken

Mr. Nagaoka was given caution by the prefectural audio-visual officer to repair the projector as early as possible.

I certify that conditions above are correct:

H. Manabe

Authorized Representative of Audio-visual Library

M. Sugiyama

Prefectural Audio-visual Officer

Civil Affairs Representative

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SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 1050

LS/mc

Takamatsu Shikoku
1 June 1950

AG 400.63

SUBJECT: Theft of Besseler Projector

TO: General Headquarters
Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers
APO 500
ATTN: Supply Officer, CIE Section

1. References are ltr Tokushima Military Government Team, subj as above, dtd 3 June 1949; ltr CIE Section GHQ SCAP APO 500, signed Supply Officer, dtd 20 May 1950; telephone conversation Supply Officer CIE GHQ SCAP and CI Section SCAR, 1 June 1950.

2. In reference letter from Tokushima Military Government Team Besseler projector No. 576 was reported stolen as of 22 May 1949. This projector was recovered by the Osaka police on 7 November 1949, and returned to the Tokushima Film Library on 12 November 1949. This projector is at present in the Tokushima Film Library and is in good condition.

FOR THE CHIEF, SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION:

ERNEST H T SCHECHINGER
Lt. Col. CAC
Adjutant

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Information and Education Section
APO 500

Date 20 May 1950

To Shikoku Civil
Affairs Region
APO 1050

1. Authorization is hereby given to drop from record the following visual aid equipment reported as destroyed or stolen to CIE Section, GHQ, SCAP, APO 500 as prescribed under the provision of 8th Army OD #61, dated 23 December 1949. Authority to drop equipment is given under # WCL 34077 and CIE Section order # 11, dated 3 May 1949.

Date Survey Approved	Equipment	Serial No.
28 July 1949	2 ea Natco Projector	11554862 11554612 N 11555121 11580072
28 July 1949	2 ea Natco Speaker	11554831 11555047 N 11554638 11554944
28 July 1949	1 ea 35mm Projector	576 - Wt damaged repaired in area
20 April 1950	2 ea 35mm Projector	169 and 227 To Okura
20 April 1950	1 ea Screen	(102" x 102")
20 April 1950	4 ea Screen	(50" x 67")

2. Replacement of the above listed equipment will be forwarded your headquarters on memorandum receipt with in ten (10) days.

DAVID A. PACKER
1st Lt MSC
CIE Supply Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
TOKUSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

MG-LG 3 June 1949

SUBJECT: Theft of Besseler Projector

JUN 6 1949

TO : Civil Information and Education Officer, GHQ, SCAP, APO 500

1. In accordance with Operational Directive Number 57, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 25 October 1948, the theft of one besseler projector, Serial Number 576, is reported.

2. Enclosed are reports of the Prefectural Visual Aid Officer and the Legal and Government Officer of this team.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Charles L. Cecil
/t/ CHARLES L. CECIL
Major, Infantry
Adjutant

2 Incls
1 - Report of Investigating Officer
2 - Report of Visual Aid Officer

Copy to ATTN. Bryan

HEADQUARTERS
TOKUSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

3 June 1949

SUBJECT: Theft of Besseler Projector

TO : Commanding Officer, Tokushima Mil Govt Team, APO 1050

1. On the 23 May 1949 the undersigned was informed by the Civil Information Officer of Shikoku Military Government Region that a Besseler Projector had been stolen from the Constitution Memorial Hall Film Library in Tokushima. The undersigned immediately contacted the police and found that a detective and a policeman had already been assigned to the case.

2. Investigation of the building in which the projector was housed revealed the fact that a public telephone was installed in the Film Library allowing anyone access to the room. As the projector was stolen on a Sunday only one person (Japanese) was in a position to see the projector being taken but did not.

3. An article was placed in the Tokushima newspapers by the undersign describing the projector and its theft. Pictures of the projector were distributed to all police stations in Japan. The custodians (Japanese) were interrogated but could throw little light on the case. Upon interrogating Hiroshige Sugiyama (Japanese) he stated that he informed the police approximately 9 a.m. on the morning following the discovery of the theft and that the police had refused to investigate since it was considered a minor robbery. After interrogating the police it was found that they had not been notified until noon and had immediately sent out a detective. Further questioning of Sugiyama revealed he had been lying to "save face". He later apologized and admitted he did not call the police until noon and that they did not refuse the case.

4. Up to the present time the projector has not been found but the police are still investigating.

/s/ Llewellyn L. Huntress Jr
/t/ LLEWELLYN L. HUNTRESS JR
2d Lt, Infantry
Legal and Government Officer

23 May 1949

From : Hiroshige Sugiyama, Visual Aid Officer, Social Education Section of the School Board of Tokushima Ken

To : Information Officer of the Tokushima Mil Govt Team

Subject: Report on robbery case of a Baloptican on loan

A Baloptican, No. 576, on loan by the United States of America, disappeared on 22 May, 1949. After investigating various circumstances, we judge it as a robbery case, and we hereby report the case according to "Hatsusha 103", notification by Vice-Minister of Education.

Details of the case are as follows.

(1) Machine robbed of:

Baloptican, No. 576, with a lens which has been loaned by the Department of Army, the United States of America.

(2) Place where the case happened:

Film Library of Tokushima Prefecture.

(3) Date: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on 22 May, 1949.

(4) Time discovered: 6 p.m. on 22 May, 1949.

(5) Situation:

All officials of the film library have been to attend a National Auditory & Visual Education Research Meeting at the Jōtō High School. And a door of the office was not locked, because a telephone is installed there.

The baloptican stolen was one which had been used at Kawauchi Village, Itano-gun, on 21 May and returned at 2 a.m. from the Planning & Information Section of Kencho.

Sign: Hiroshige Sugiyama

Hiroshige Sugiyama, Visual Aid Officer, Social Edu. Section of the School Board of Tokushima Prefecture.

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SUBJECT: Theft of Projector

HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION, APO 1050 30 Jul 49

THRU: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

TO: Commanding General
GHQ, SCAP
APO 500
ATTN: CI&E

1. This headquarters does not concur with the recommendation contained in Inclosure 1 to basic communication. The original investigation by the Tokushima CA Team should have indicated that Mr. Sugiyama did not enter into the zone of responsibility. Subsequent investigation by this headquarters reveals the following situation:

a. The Film Library moved into Constitution Memorial Hall on 12 January. At this time the second floor of the building was occupied by the Tokushima Board of Education and the first floor was being readied for a prefectural library. From 12 January to 3 May, the librarian was a Mr. Harada and, as librarian, the film library and film librarian, Mr. Yamamoto, were under his direct supervision. The public telephone had been installed in the room occupied by the film library prior to its occupancy as such and no attempt had been made to have it removed so that the room could be locked.

b. On 3 May 1949, the prefectural library was formally opened and Mr. Harada was replaced as librarian by Mr. Kamachi. Upon becoming acquainted with his responsibilities, Mr. Kamachi, about one week prior to the date of the theft, requested the local branch of the communications ministry to remove the telephone and also paid the necessary fee. The theft occurred subsequent to this request for removal but a second request brought actual removal of the phone a short time after the theft. Since that time the film librarian, Mr. Yamamoto has been charged with the security of the room which is now kept locked at all times when not occupied or in use.

2. If any responsibility for the lack of security is to be fixed it would seem to attach itself to Mr. Harada but inasmuch as he is no longer in office, it would appear futile to take any steps under Operational Directive No. 8. and it is recommended that the incident be closed.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
n/c

HENRY L. CHISOLM
WOJG USA
Adjutant

SECTION RETURN
CI file

NOV. 14 1949

To Captain Oertle
Information Officer Shikoku C&R

Subject : Report that stolen Beseler Slide
Projector of Tokushima Film Library
was found in Osaka

A Beseler Slide Projector (No. 576) assigned
~~to~~ Tokushima Film Library was stolen on 22nd
May 1949 and had been ~~looked for~~
searched by co-operation of you and many
others ~~of~~ concerned and it was found in
~~as mentioned below~~ ——
Osaka.

I submit report about this case

1. We took action immediately ~~this~~ when
this case happened according to instructions
of Haake No. 103, and the following actions
were taken by instructions of ~~Captain Oertle~~ Hon
and Lt. Murray ~~of~~. CI officer of Tokushima
C.I.T..

a) National Police and Tokushima City Police took
action to search the projector and
arrest the thief

b) By cooperation of every newspaper in
Tokushima, the stolen case was largely reported
on news papers with a photograph of the
projector

(2)

c) Tokushima Radio station put this case on air news

d) Tokushima CAT requested cooperation of citizens to search the projector

And after that we ~~were~~ had continued searching the projector by close contact with city police and on 7th Nov. we received a report through National Police Judgement section that a projector which can be presumed to be the stolen projector is now kept at Sonezaki Police Station Osaka

I sent K. Manabe of Tokushima Film Library to Osaka to confirm that it is the stolen projector and then to recieve it, and he has brought back the projector on 12 Nov.

Information about the thief is on some day in Oct. I have got Seinosuke Nakajima (41 years) of Tsuruhashi, Ikuno-ku, Osaka City came to the photograph section of Hankyu Department Store Osaka and asked the shop to sell a projector. The shop has found out the projector is U.S. made and reported immediately to Sonezaki Police Station. An accomplice is living in Tokushima City.

(3)

The condition of the projector when it was returned

Almost perfect and can be used.

~~Nothing~~ lost nothing except Name Plate which had been removed

I feel great responsibility of this ~~case~~ important stolen case and sent letters to all ~~the~~ branch offices of Tokushima Prefectural Education Board telling them to be much more carful on administration of these loaned ~~equipments~~ items. And in the same time I ~~to that~~ have arranged more strict administration by careful locking of Tokushima Film Library

Hirozo Sugiyama
Visual Aid Officer
Tokushima Pref.

Headquarters
Shikoku Civil Affairs Region
APO 1050

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Takamatsu, Shikoku
5 January 1950

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Subject: Film Loss Report

To: General Headquarters
Supreme Commander Allied Powers
APO 500
Attn: Supply Officer, CI&E.

1. Reference.

a. Operational Directive 61, 23 December 1949, Subject: "Japanese Audio Visual Education Program"

2. Upon completion of investigation and substantiation of all reports forwarded to the Takamatsu Regional Civil Affairs Team by the Tokushima Prefectural Audio-Visual Librarian, the following report is submitted.

3. The loss of the film, CIE No. 67, Copy No. 13 with the title, "Republic of Peru" was confirmed by the Tokushima Prefectural Audio Visual Librarian at the Library on 28 Dec 1949 when the Shikoku Regional Repair and Distribution Office phoned them up asking immediate returning of the film. The booking record maintained by the Librarian discloses that the film together with three other ones was loaned out to

SHIKOKU REGION FILM AND SERVICE CENTER
四国地区教育映画サービス本部
Takamatsu, Shikoku, Japan

Date: 20 March 49
日附

SUBJECT: SCAP CIE Film Shipment Receipt
TO : Commanding Officer, Kagawa Military Government Team, APO 1050
宛名 ATTN: Prefecture Film Library

No. of Prints フィート番号	mm	Inclusive Print Copy Nos. 全体通し番号	CIE No. and Film Title CIE番号・題名	Running Time 映写時間	Release Date 到着日	Return Date 返納日
1	16mm	44	CIE 90 Film Sketch #5 Topics of Britain	7	18 mar 49	14 Sept 49

I have received the films listed above, in good condition, except as noted. These films, reels and containers are property of the United States Army and are issued on a loan basis.

上記の作品、缶及び容器は良好の状態で受領しました。
これらのフィルム、リール及び缶は合衆国陸軍の所有物であり貸与されたものであります。

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VISUAL AID CENTER
視覚教育本部名と住所

SIGNATURE OF JAPANESE NATIONAL
日本人署名

I certify that the Japanese National whose signature appears above has received the films except as noted.
上記署名の日本人が例外を除きフィルムを受領した事を証明します。

Charles A Pleiffer 1st Lt.
SIGNATURE AND RANK OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE
軍政官係官署名

DISTRIBUTION:
Original - Return to Region Film and Service Center
Duplicate- File Copy, Prefectural Film Library
Triplicate-File Copy, Mil Govt Region

配布:
原本 - 四国サービス本部へ返却.
複本 - 県フィルムライブラリーへ
三枚目 - 県軍政係へ

the head of the Yokose Town Audio Visual Education Committee, Katsuura Gun, Tokushima Prefecture on 15 Sept 1949. The film showing report also reveals that the film was shown to the public at the Sakamoto Primary School in the town on both 15 and 16 Sept 1948. The film seems to have been returned to the Library on 17 Sept 1948, and received with other films by the chief librarian with no careful check. The missing is, therefore presumed to have occurred after 15 Sept 1949.

4. The investigation still remains unsettled as to who lost it and where it was lost. However it can be said that the missing of the film is strictly due to lack of administration on the part of the Tokushima Prefectural Audio-Visual Librarian. The fullest cooperation in the investigation is kept by the chief librarian with the Audio Visual Aid Officer, Chief of the Prefectural Central Library, Head of the Yokose Town Audio Visual Committee and persons concerned, not to speak of newspapers as well as police.

5. The following is the effort which has been taken in order by the Librarian for searching.

SHIKOKU REGION FILM AND SERVICE CENTER
四国地区教育映画サービス本部
Takamatsu, Shikoku, Japan

Date: 28 March 1949
日附

SUBJECT: SCAP CIE Film Shipment Receipt
件名 SCAP CIE 教育映画貸出受領書
TO : Commanding Officer, Kagawa Military Government Team, APO 1050
宛名 ATTN: Prefecture Film Library

No. of Prints	mm	Inclusive Print Copy Nos.	CIE No. and Film Title	Running Time	Release Date	Return Date
フィート番号		全体通し番号	CIE番号と題名	映写時間	貸出日	返納日
1	16mm	44	CIE 79 Stephen Foster Melodies 2nd Edition	14	25 Mar 49	21 Sept 49
1	16mm	44	CIE 96 How To Conduct A Meeting	25	"	Permanent

I have received the films listed above, in good condition, except as noted. These films, reels and containers are property of the United States Army and are issued on a loan basis.

上記フィルムを良好な状態で受取りました。尚フィルム、リール箱は米国軍の所有に属するもので貸与されたものであります。

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VISUAL AID CENTER
視覚教育係名と住所

SIGNATURE OF JAPANESE NATIONAL
日本人署名

I certify that the Japanese National whose signature appears above has received the films except as noted.

上記署名の日本人が例外を除きフィルムを受領した事を証明する。

Charles R. Ryfer 1st Lt
SIGNATURE AND RANK OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE
軍政官係官署名

DISTRIBUTION:
Original - Return to Region Film and Service Center
Duplicate- File Copy, Prefectural Film Library
Triplicate-File Copy, Mil Govt Region

配布:
原本 - 四国サービス本部へ返却
複本 - 県フィルムライブラリーへ
三枚目 - 県軍政官へ

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To Chief of Social Education
Tokushima Prefecture

Subject: On Investigation of Missing Case of CIE Film

Due to your report on Missing Case of CIE Film" Republic of Peru" , we have asked all the National Regional Police Hq in all the Pref. and all the Police Stations in Tokushima Pref. but we could get no information about this case.
W e are preparing to send another request of investigation to all the country.

Chief of Discernment
Section Tokushima N.R.P.

徳鑑第四六〇号

昭和二十五年二月七日
國家地方警察徳島県本部
刑事部鑑識課長

徳島県教育庁
社會教育課長　殿

盗難フイルムの捜査手配状況について

米國陸軍所有物C－Eフイルム「ペルル共和國」の盗難届を受けた当課は直ちに文書を以て全國の各國家地方警察都道府県本部並県下各警察署宛捜査方手配を致しましたが未だ盗難品及犯人の発見について何等の連絡がありません

一　國家地方警察徳島縣

尚當課は近日中に県下及全國へ再度の手配を致します

9 Jan 1950.

Subject : Investigation Report of Missing Film
To : Information Section, SCAR
From : Tokushima Municipal Police Station

Since 31 Dec 1949 when Manabe, responsible person, reported the police station the loss of a film, the investigation has been made in contact with Manabe and the loss of the film has been confirmed. Being the peculiar item, the film may be easily found. Orders were given to police detectives to put the emphasis of searching on second hand dealers', pawnshops and other places where such an item might be sold. ~~The search~~ It is however still under search.

SHIKOKU REGION FILM AND SERVICE CENTER
四国地区映画教育サービス事務
Takamatsu, Shikoku, Japan

Date: 27 June 49
日付

SUBJECT: SCAP [illegible] Film Shipment Receipt
[illegible]
TO : Commanding Officer, Kagawa Military Government Team, APO 1050
宛名 ATTN: Prefecture Film Library

No. of Prints	mm	Inclusive Print Copy Nos.	CIE No. and Film Title	Running Time	Release Date	Return Date
フィート番号		作品番号	CIE番号・題名	映写時間	到着日	返却日
1	16mm	44	CIE 82 Stephen Foster Melodies 5th Edution	16	24 June 49	20 Dec 49
1	16mm	"	CIE 125 CIE Film Sketch 11 - Topics of America	9	"	"
1	16mm	"	CIE 72 San Francisco City	17	"	Permanent

I have received the films listed above, in good condition, except as noted. These films, reels and containers are property of the United States Army and are issued on a loan basis.

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これらのフィルム、リール、容器は米国軍の財産であり貸出しの条件で受領しました

[illegible]
NAME AND ADDRESS OF VISUAL AID CENTER
視覚教育部名と住所

[illegible]
SIGNATURE OF JAPANESE NATIONAL
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警徳司號外

昭和二十五年一月九日

徳島市警察署

徳島検[illegible]御中

[illegible]紛失届に関する件

昭和二十四年十二月三十一日首題の件に関し責任者兵銅造人より届出所あったので其の状況を聴取したるに紛失したものと思料せられたから紛失物は特殊物件なる為め之に類するものであるから司法係長連絡紛失古物商へ[illegible]

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一徳鳥下書箋

Date: 31 Dec. 1949

Report on Film Missing

1. CIE No.76 Title "Republic of Peru" Copy No.43

2. Place of Missing Case
Tokushima Prefecture Film Library

3. Group or Individuals responsible for missing
Tokushima Prefecture Film Library Officer
Hirohito Manabe

4. Cause of Missing
Neglect of Distribution Business.
This Film was lent to the Visual Education Committee of Yokose Town (Katsura-gun) on 15th Sept. 1949 and supposed to be returned to the Film Library with other films on 17th Sept. At that time Manabe received them without any careful checking and did not find the missing of this film from that time to the 28th Dec. So the missing was due to the neglect of Manabe's administration.

5. Efforts taken to collect causes of Missing.
As soon as the missing was found on 28th Dec., Manabe went to Yokose (the town where "Republic of Peru" was supposed to be lastly put on the screen) with Kiyoshi Motoyama, vice-president of the Kempo-Kinen-Kan (the Constitution-Memorial Hall, in which the Film Library is situated) on 29th Dec. and called the personnels who were interested with the film showing and did investigation of the circumstances of that day when this film was put on the screen (the date was uncertain). They found that this film was actually put on the screen, but the film itself was not found out. At the same time they and the Tokushima Audio Visusl Officer Sugiyama reported the missing to all the branch officers of the Tokushima Prefecture and School Board Office and demanded them to cooperate to seek for this film and now still continuing their efforts.
Masao Kamachi, President of the Kempo-Kinen-Kan (the Constitution-Memorial Hall) and Chief Librarian of the Tokushima Central Library and Hiroshige Sugiyama, the Tokushima Audio Visual Officer investigated Manabe's administration of film library to the present time and forewarned him lest he should repeat such a grave fault in future.

I certify that conditions listed above are correct:

M. Kamaishi

President of the Tokushima
Constitution Memorial Hall &
Prefectural Library

H. Manabe

Authorized Representative of
Audio-Visual Library

H. Sugiyama

Prefectural Audio-Visual Officer

Civil Affairs Representative

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SOCIAL EDUCATION SECTION TOKUSHIMA PREFECTURE

Date : 30 Dec. 1949

SUBJECT : Report on CIE Film Missing

TO : CI Officer Shikoku C.A. Region

1. Name of Film Missing
"Republic of Peru"
Loan date to Tokushima Pref. June 10 '49
Return date Dec. 6 '49

2. The missing of the film was confirmed on 28 Dec. 1949.

3. The film was distributed to Yokose-cho, Katsuura-gun on 15 Sept. '49 and returned to Pref. Film Library on 17 Sept. and no other distribution is written on book and the missing case is presumed to be occured after 15 Sept. '49.

4. There is no record that reports of showing the film after this distribution on 15 Sept.

5. I reported to Mr. Gamaike, chief librarian of Tokushima Constitution Memorial Hall who is a responsible man of the film library and Mr. Manabe, the film Librarian, and we took action as follows.
a) Urgent investigation.
b) More responsible supervision on film distribution business.
c) Submit report to police after the investigation at Yokose-cho finished.
d) Reported to C.A. Region by telephone through Tokushima CIC on 29 Dec.

6. Tokushima Constitution Memorial Hall took action as follows.

a) Mr.Manabe and Mr.Motoyama, assistant librarian, went to Yokose-cho for investigation.
b) Called Mr.Tani, chairman of visual education committee of Yokose-cho on 29th to hear situation on that time and Mr.Tani says the film was shown in the town on 15 Sept.

7. Following investigation, the film was returned to Tokushima Film Library, but the clerk did not confirm by checking the film.

And it is presumed that the film was missed in the Tokushima Film Library after it is returned from Yokose-cho.

H. Sugiyama
Hiroshige Sugiyama
Visual Aid Officer
Tokushima Prefecture

I report the same as mentioned above.

Hirohito manabe
Hirohito Manabe
Tokushima Pref. Film Librarian

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 343

AG 413.53

8 MAY 1948

SUBJECT: MOTION PICTURE PROJECTORS USED IN RE-ORIENTATION AND EDUCATION OF THE JAPANESE, LOSS BY FIRE OF

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1050

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO LETTER 1 APRIL 1948, TOKUSHIMA MIL GOVT TEAM, SUBJECT AS ABOVE AND 1ST IND, YOUR HEADQUARTERS.

2. PER ATTACHED PROPERTY TURN-IN SLIP (WD AGO FORM 447), YOUR HEADQUARTERS IS RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DESTROYED 16MM MOTION PICTURE PROJECTION EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED LETTER, (REF. OD 67, 1947).

3. YOUR HEADQUARTERS WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA TELEPHONE WHEN REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT IS SHIPPED.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

R. SCHAFER
LT COL, AGD
ASST ADJ GEN

1 INCL:
WD AGO FORM 447

Proj # 11554862
11555121

amp # 11554831
11554638

Turned in 5 May 48

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HEADQUARTERS
TOKUSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

1 April 1948

SUBJECT: Motion Picture Projectors used in Re-orientation and Education of the Japanese, loss by Fire of

TO: Commanding Officer, Shikoku Military Government Region, APO 1050
ATTENTION, Civil Information Officer

1. At 2100 on 29 January 1948 a fire occurred which resulted in the complete destruction of the day room of this unit. Two of the three motion picture projectors, complete with amplifiers, used in re-orientation and education of the Japanese and held on memorandum receipt by the undersigned from Civil Information and Education Officer, Hq Shikoku Military Government Region were in the day room at the time of the fire and were completely destroyed.

2. The three motion picture projectors, with amplifiers were kept in the unit supply room. On 29 January, one of the prefecture and one amplifier were taken to the office of the undersigned for the purpose of fitting them into a carrying case that had been built for them. This machine was not burned. The other two projectorswere left in the unit supply room, but were later removed to the day room which was about thirty yards away. The reason for moving the projectos from the supply room to the day room was that the supply room was being cleaned out, and some carpenter work was being done in the supply room in order to make a unit office and supply room from the old supply room. The moving of the projectors was to avoid their being damaged by workmen while remodeling the old supply room.

3. The motion picture projectors destroyed by fire were 16mm NATCO projectors serial numbers 11554862 and 11555121. The amplifiers were NATCO amplifiers serial numbers 11554831 and 11554638. Also with the projectors and amplifiers, and destroyed inthe fire, were 2 sets spare parts 1 and 2 projector extension cords.

4. For statement of the SMGO, see inclosure.

5. The loss of the items mentioned above in paragraph 3 were not due to negligence on the part of anyone concerned.

6. Request that the undersigned be relieved of any further responsibility for items enumerated in paragraph 3 above.

1 Incl
Statement of SMGO

LOWELL E. CULBERTSON
Major
Civil Education Officer

1 April 1948

STATEMENT

1. I have read the basic communication to which this is attached as an inclosure.

2. The explanation given reference two projectors lost in day room fire at 2100 on 29 January 1948 are in accord with the facts as known to me.

FRED K. MAGENOT
Lt Col, Infantry

BASIC: Ltr Hq Tokushima MG Team, APO 1050, dtd 1 Apr 48, Subj: Motion Picture Projectors used in Re-orientation and Education of Japanese

1st Ind JEM/eh

HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1950

TO: Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343

Concur in recommendation contained in paragraph 6 of basic communication.

1 Incl:
n/c

R.E. COUGHLIN
Colonel CE
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 1050

LS/mm

Takamatsu, Shikoku
23 March 1950

AG 141.7

SUBJECT: List of Equipment Burned in Tokushima Audio-Visual Library

TO: Commanding General
GHQ SCAP
APO 500
ATTN: Supply Officer, CI&E Section

Inclosed is list of equipment, burned in the Tokushima Audio-Visual Library fire of 13 March, which has been sent to SCAP for replacement or repair.

FOR THE CHIEF, SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION:

ERNEST H T SCHECHINGER
Lt Col CMC
Adjutant

1 Incl
List of Equipment

Tokushima
Fire -
March 1950

SHIKOKU REGIONAL
REPAIR & DISTRIBUTION OFFICE
Takamatsu, Shikoku

20 March 1950

SUBJECT : List of Equipments Burned in Tokushima Audio-Visual Library

TO : Chief
Shikoku Civil Affairs Region
APO 1050
ATTN: CI Officer

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1. Projection Equipment PH-132-C

Case and Accessories	Ser. No.169 Equipment	Ser. No.227 Equipment
Cover of Carrying	0	0
Cone for 10" lens	1	1
Film Strip Attachment	1	1
Slide Carrier	1	1
Card Carrier	2	2
Power Cord	0	0
Lens 18" F/lg	1	1
Lens 10" F/lg	1	1
Lens 4" F/lg	1	1
Lamp 115V 500W	0	0
Lamp 230V 500W	0	0
Pakgs. Lens Tissue	0	0
Motor Brushes	0	0

2. Screen (Size 102" x 102") Ser. No. ?
One Set

3. Screen (Size 50" x 67") No. 867, 1205, 1212, ?
4 Sets

Kaoru Murao

KAORU MURAO
Manager, Shikoku Regional
Repair & Distribution Office

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 1050

Takamatsu, Shikoku
21 March 1950

AG 141.7

SUBJECT: Fire Loss and Damage to Audio-Visual Equipment and Materials

TO: Commanding General
GHQ SCAP
APO 500
ATTN: Supply Officer, CI&E Section

1. On 13 March 1950 the Constitution Memorial Hall, Tokushima Prefecture, in which the film library and U.S. Army audio-visual equipment and materials were located, was completely destroyed by fire.

2. A thorough investigation of loss and damage to the Army-loaned equipment has been made by the Japanese audio-visual librarian and his detailed report is enclosed. A copy of this report has also been submitted to the Regional Repair and Distribution Office.

3. An additional report made by the Regional Repair and Distribution Office, after an "on the spot" investigation on 14 March, is also enclosed which confirms generally the audio-visual librarian's report.

4. The Civil Information Officer made an immediate investigation of the fire and substantiates the itemized report of loss and damage as submitted by the Japanese officials. In addition he has reviewed the remains of the destroyed equipment and has issued instructions to have them returned this date to the CI&E Supply Officer, GHQ SCAP.

5. Newspaper articles regarding the fire appearing in the Tokushima Shimbun and Tokushima Mimpo are enclosed for your information.

FOR THE CHIEF, SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION:

4 Incl
1. Rpt. Audio-Vis. Sec.
2. Rpt. Reg. Rep. & Dist.
3. Tokushima Mimpo
4. Tokushima Shimbun

ERNEST H T SCHECHINGER
Lt. Col, CAC
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 1050

LS/mc

Takamatsu, Shikoku
22 March 1950

AG 141.7

SUBJECT: Fire Loss and Damage to Audio-Visual Equipment and Materials

TO: Commanding General
GHQ SCAP
APO 500
ATTN: Supply Officer, CI&E Section

1. Reference ltr Shikoku Civil Affairs Region, AG 141.7, subject as above, dtd 21 March 1950.

2. Additional accessory item destroyed on 13 March 1950 in the Tokushima Constitution Memorial Hall fire, as reported by the Tokushima Audio-Visual Librarian, is as follows:

7 Photoelectric Cell Tubes ------- No. 50544

FOR THE CHIEF, SHIKOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION:

ERNEST H T SCHECHINGER
Lt Col CAC
Adjutant

101.10

14 March 1950

REPORT ON FIRE DAMAGE OF AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

1. Audio-visual equipments damaged by fire:
   Front cover of speaker, Screens Baloptican projectors
   Vacuum tubes Accessories.

2. Group or Individual responsible for Damage:
   The Superintendent of the Tokushima Prefectural Constitution Memorial Hall.

3. Cause of Audio-visual Equipments Damage:
   Due to the total destruction by fire of the Tokushima Prefectural Constitution Memorial Hall.

4. Extent of Damage:

   Front cover of speaker;----------2 ea. (No.68, No.2)

   Screen; Large size----------1 set (S-19)
   Small size----------3 " (1212, 1205, 867)
   Tripod for small screen--1 ea.

   Baloptican Projector; ----------2 sets (NO.P-24-227, No. 576)

   Vacuum tube;------6SL7-- 2 ea. 6V6--2 ea.
   6SQ7---5 " 6BJ7--7 "
   5U4G---4 " 6L6---7 "

Accessories; Name	Stock No.	Quantity
Power cord	55139	3 ea.
Oil can	55689	3"
Projection lamp	73526-54	17 "
Excitor lamp	50509	10 "
Allen wrench		
5/16"	78540-3	16 sets
3/32"	78540-4	
1/8"	78540-5	

5. Cause of Fire:
   The cause of fire is now under investigation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE CONDITIONS ABOVE ARE CORRECT.

(For signatures-See attached report in Japanese)

Authorized Representative of
Audio-visual Library

Prefectural Audio-visual Officer

Civil Affairs Representative

March 14, 1950

To: Chief of CIE Section, Shikoku Civil Affairs Region.

From: Hiroshige Sugiyama, Head of Audio-Visual Education Sub-Section,
Tokushima Prefecture.

Subject: Destruction by fire of apparatus loaned from US Army.

At 4:20 P.M. on 13th of March, 1950 a fire broke out in the janitor's room in the Constitution Memorial Hall of Tokushima Prefecture, and the building was completely destroyed. The Audio-Visual Library set up in this Hall was also completely burned and some of the rented equipment sustained partial damage. The details ofthe damage is as reported separately by the librarian but the minute accounts of the mishap on that day is herewith reported.

1. The origin of the fire is under investigation. For the Audio Visual Library the following measures have always been taken with utmost care.

(1) The Audio-Visual Library (Library hereinafter designated) had been used for the night-duty room so that it might be under constant watch.

(2) For fire-fighting equipment there had been set one pump and one fire-prevention bomb hear the library.

2. Disposition taken that day.

On that day the library was closed -- since the library was to be opened on Sunday it was closed on Monday. But Kunio SAITO, secretary of Library was on duty. With all his moght did he try to fight the fire but the flame was so violent that he was forced to give it up: he did all that he could to carry out whatever he was able to. That day the west wind blew hear, making fire-prevention extremely difficult, Secretary SAITO and other personnel worked desperately defying death to take out all they could, making the damage as little as possible.

As for carrying out the equipment of the library we owe great deal to the citizens in general. Though very valuable books --- Awakoku Bunko and others, as priceless as national treasures --- had been kept in this library, MATCO and other loaned apparatus were taken out with priority.

As for activities of fire-fight brigade, one fire-pump was exclusively employed for saving the library, but a part of the apparatus was destroyed to our great regret and disappointment.

3. Remedial measures.

(1) Reconstruction of the Memorial Hall as the Central Library can hardly be hoped for at present. Consequently, where the film library shall be re-established is under close deliberation.

(2) As a temporary expedient the appparatus saved from the mishap will be kept in the store-house of books attached to the Memorial Hall.

(3) Loaning of the apperatus and fiams will be commenced after everything is put in order. Fortunately, to every local office was loaned one Natco, one Bessler slide project and certain reels of films, and so the function of visual education will not be rampered; no convenience for the education of the people is felt.

(4) For prevention of fire, theft, loss and other kinds of accidents strict warnings have been given to each local office repeatedly. At this juncture every responsible party was warned against any sort of accidents again.

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Hiroshige SUGIYAMA,
Head of Audio-Visual
Education Sub-Section,
Tokushima Prefecture.

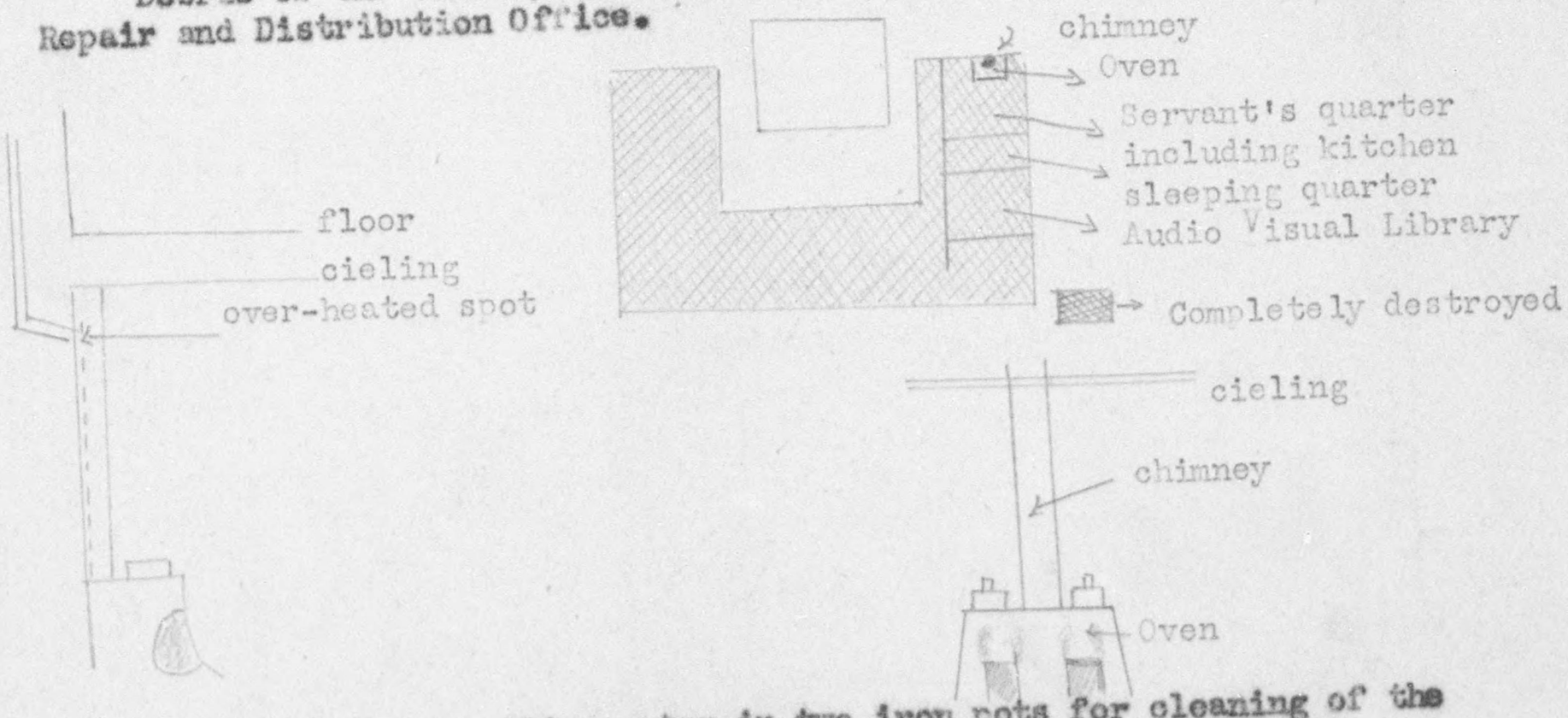
Report on the damage by fire of the Constitution Memorial Hall in Tokushima
By
Region Repair and Distribution Office.

15 March 1950

1. Cause of Fire: Overheat of a chimney of oven
2. Date & Time: 1620 - 1840 13 March
3. Damage: Whole building except a fire-proof store room of books were completely destroyed
4. Damage of audio-vusial equipment and materials:
   a. Natco Projectors and CIE Films were quite safe. 2-or 3 projectors and about 30 CIE films which had been in the library when fire started were salvaged by fire fighters.
   b. Completely damaged:
      1. Besler baleptican projectors including accessories -- 2 (No. P24-169 No. 576)
      2. Screen
         50" x 67" 3 with tripods
         102" x 102" 1 without triped
         Tripod only 1 reparable
      3. Spare vacuum tubes 27 (6SL7 - 2 6V6 - 2) (6SQ7 - 5 6SJ7 - 7) (5U4G - 4 616 - 7)
      4. Speaker Cover 2

Remarks:

Debris of the totally damaged will be sent to the Regional Repair and Distribution Office.



They had been boiling water in two iron pots for cleaning of the building in a preparation to welcome Emperor, when the over heater chimney set fire on the cieling of the servant's quarter. Fire spread out all over the building between cieling and floor upstairs so quickly that there was no immediate measures to control it.

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14 March 1950

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2. Group or Indivisual responsible for Damage:
   The Superintendent of the Tokushima Prefectural Constitution Memorial Hall.

3. Cause of Audio-visual Equipments Damage:
   Due to the total destruction by fire of the Tokushiam Prefectural Constitution Memorial Hall.

4. Extent of Damage:

Front cover of speaker;----------2 ea. (No.68, No.2)

Screen; Large size----------1 set (S-19)
Small size----------3 " (1212, 1205, 867)
Tripod for small screen--1 ea.

Baloptican Projector; ----------2 sets (NO.P-24-227, No. 576)

Vacuum tube;------6SL7-- 2 ea. 6V6--2 ea.
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	Allen wrench		
	5/16"	78540-3	
	3/32"	78540-4	16 sets
	1/8"	78540-5	

5. Cause of Fire:
   The cause of fire is now under investigation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE CONDITIONS ABOVE ARE CORRECT.

(For signatures-See attached report in Japanese)

Authorized Representative of Audio-visual Library

Prefectural Audio-visual Officer

Civil Affairs Representative

Report on Moving Picture Equipments Damage by Fire

1. Moving Picture equipments Damage by Fire

   Loud-speaker, Screen, Magic lantern apparatus, Vacuum-tube.

2. Group or individual responsible for moving picture equipment damage

   Superintendent of the Tokushima-Ken Constitution Memorial Hall

3. Cause of Moving Picture equipments Damage

   Due to the total destruction of the Tokushima-Ken Constitution Memorial Hall, by fire.

4. Extent of damage in detail

   Loud speaker --- front cover 2 (No.68 No.2)

   Screen --- large size 1 set (S-19)
   small size 3 " (1212, 1205, 867)
   small size 1 " the leg.

   Magic lantern apparatus 2 sets (No.P-24-227, No.576)

   Vacuum-tube
   6SL7 --- 2 pieces
   6SQ7 --- 5 "
   5U4G --- 4 "
   6V6 --- 2 pieces
   6SJ7 --- 7 "
   6L6 --- 7 "

5. Causes of damage

   The cause of fire is now under investigation.

I certify that conditions above are correct.

See attached

Authorized Representative of
Audio-Visual Library

Prefectural Audio-Visual Officer

Civil Affairs Representative

Report on Moving Picture equipments Damage by Fire

1) Moving Picture equipments Damage by Fire
拡声機, スクリーン, 幻燈機 眞空管
Speaker, Screen. Baloptican projector, vacuum tube

2) Group or individual responsible for on moving picture equipment Damage
徳島縣憲法記念館長
The Chief of the Constitution Memorial Hall

3) Cause of Moving Picture equipments Damage
徳島縣憲法記念館全焼の為
By fire of the Tokushima Prefectural Constitution Memorial Hall

4) Extent of damage in detail

○ 拡声機 前蓋 2ヶ (NO. 68. NO2)
Speaker Front cover 2

○ スクリーン 大型 一台 (S-19)
Screen bigger size

小型 三台 (12 12 / 12 05 / 8 67)
smaller size

小型 一台脚部
smaller size 1 tripod

○ 幻燈機 二台 (NOP-24-227 NO 576) ○ ~~フイルムストリップ~~ ~~原画~~ } ~~全部~~
Baloptical projector 2

○ 眞空管 6SL7 ····· 2本 6V6 ···· 2本
Vacuum tube

6SQ7 ····· 5本 6SJ7 ····· 7本

4) Extent of damage in detail

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Baloptical projector 2

○ 眞空管
Vacuum tube

6SL7	2本	6V6	2本
6SQ7	5本	6SJ7	7本
5U4G	4本	6L6	7本

6) ~~Efforts taken to correct~~ Causes of damage

發火原因は目下調査中
The cause of fire is now under investigation

* Accessories: See Attached Report.

I certify that conditions above a correct.

Masao Kamachi

Authorized Representative of Audio-Visual Library

Ichishige Sugiyama

Prefectual Audio-Visual officer

Hirohito Manabe

Civil affairs Representative

Toka

昭和二十五年三月十四日

德島縣視聽覺教育係長　杉山弘茂

四國民事本部民間情報課長殿

米軍貸与機材の燒失報告について

昭和二十五年三月十二日午後四時二十分　德島縣憲法記念館小使室より出火し同館は遂に全燒しました。同館に設置した德島縣視聽覺ライブラリー室も燒失した爲備付の貸与機材の一部に被害がありました。損傷した機材器具の明細書は別紙、ライブラリアンの報告の通りでありますが、發社一〇三号によつて当日の情況の詳細を御報告致します。

記

一、出火原因は目下調査中でありますが德島縣視聽覺ライブラリーとしては防火に対し常時次の措置を取つていました。

（以下視聽覺ライブラリーの記）を持に宿

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て当日の情況の詳細を御報告致します。

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一、出火原因は目下調査中でありますが徳島県視聴覚ライブラリーとしては防火に対し常日時次の措置を取つて（ました。

①ライブラリー（以下視聴覚ライブラリーのこと）を特に宿直室の隣室に定め火災、盗難防止に対し常時監視できるようにした。

②消火設備としてライブラリー近傍にポンプ一個防火弾一箇を常置してあつた。

二、當日の措置

當日は休館（図書館は日曜日も開館するが当ライブラリー主事齋藤国雄氏が執務中であつたので、早速消火に当つたが火勢が盛んである為消火を断念し搬出に主力を注いだ。

当日は風勢強く防火も極めて困難な情況下にあつたが、齋藤主事その他館員の決死的な搬出作業によつて被害を最少限度に留めた。

なおライブラリーの機材搬出については一般市民の協力に負うところが多く同館には國寶的な存在である阿波國文庫その他貴重な日本側の資材も保管されていたがこれらに優先してナトコ其他の貸与機材を搬出した。

消防隊の活動も特にポンプ一台をライブラリー救援に充当したが遺憾ながら一部の機材を焼失した。

三、善後策

の中央圖書館として記念館が再建されることは目下のところ見込がつかない。

從つてフィルムライブラリーを今後何處に設置

の桜材を焼失した。

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従ってフィルムライブラリーを今後何處に設置するかは慎重に研究中である。

②應急措置として焼失を逸れた桜材を一應憲法記念館書庫に保管することとした。

③桜材、フィルム貸出は整理のつき次第直ちに業務を開始するが、幸に各地方事務所にナトコ一台ベスラー幻灯桜一台フィルム若干本づつ貸付けてあるので機能は停止することなく郡民の觀覽に不便を与えていない。

④火災盗難紛失事故防止については再三嚴重に各地方事務所の注意を喚起して来

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たところであるが、この際重ねて事故防止について各保安責任者に注意を与えた。

Feb. Fire

TOKUSHIMA SHIMBUN 14 March 1950

The Constitution Memorial Hall Was Completely Destroyed by a Fire.

The Constitution Memorial Hall in the Tokushima Park, Tokushima City, was completely destroyed by a fire which had broken out from the janitor's room at northeast corner on the first floor at around 4.20 p.m. on 13 Mar. In spite of a strenuous effort by members of the Tokushima Fire Brigade and the Tokushima Municipal Police and employees of the burnt office, the fire, fanned by northwest wind at 6.30 p.mp after levelling the two-story building which covered an area of 480 tsubo. The building, which had been completed just a few months ago with a cost of Y 6-million and records including 663 books of the Awa-kuni-bunko Library is estimated to some Y 10-million. The fire is supposed to have been caused by overheated chimney in the janitor's room, judging from the statements made by the witnesses and other persons concerned.

Imperfect Chimney Was Previously Warned By Fire Dept.

With the Emperor's visit approaching near, thirteen employees including Assistant Chief Motoyama of the Constitution Memorial Hall conducted a house-cleaning between 9.30 A.m. through 3.30 p.m. despite the usual schedule to close the office on Mondays. Fire was set in a kitchen-furnace in the janitor's room around 6 a.m.

When two 29-year-old girls of the office, who were getting ready to take a bath, were warming their hands before the furnace, they heard a strange cracking noise. Finding a fire gushing out from a chink of boards of the cieling, they informed all employees and made an emergency call to the city fire station.

To investigate immediately what caused fire and where the fire had broken out, the Tokushima police station and fire station summoned persons concerned. It was warned previously by firemen that, when the fire station made an investigation on fire prevention facilities of the office in late Feb., a chimney of the janitor's room might cause a fire as it was not cleaned perfectly and also was placed by eaves. Mr. Akira Shinohara, 21, an employee of the office, heard the warning and called all employees' attention to it at an occasion of opening of the dining-room the next day. The accident occured during the time when Assistant Chief Motoyama, responsible person for fire prevention, was getting in contact with the pref. construction and repairs section to repair the dangerous chimney. By the way, the Constitutional Memorial Hall was insured byr Y 4-million against fire.

TOKUSHIMA MIMPO 14 Mar. 1950

The Constitution Memorial Hall was completely destroyed by a fire.

Many cultural properties were lost regrettably prior to the Emperor's visit to the Building scheduled on the 26th.

The Constitution Memorial Hall which was established with the free-will offering of the prefectural people and was opened on May 3, last year, was completely destroyed by a fire, causing the lost of those books and documents which belonged to the most valuable ones even in the national level, from the Awa-kuni-bunko Library down to others, including the genre-lictures of " Shoraku", and Ka-I-Yakugo (An ancient Chinese English Dictionary.)

The damage is estimated at 8-million yen.
The Fire was caused by the simultaneous use of two chimneys.

Fire broke out in the janitor's room at the northeast end of the building in the Tokushima Park on 13th at about 4:20 p.m.. Fanned by a violent wind the fire spread immediately all over the Building in spite of the extenguishing activities of all the fire-brigades and all members of Tokushima Minicipal Police Office. At 6:40 p.m. the two storied wooden building, 405 tsubo in total area, was entirely destroyed, except the central library room. The flames leaped to the mountain behind, but it was extinguished soon by the fire-brigades.

The Building had closed to the public this day. Fourteen employees had performed a general cleaning preparing for the Emperor's visit. When Mr. Misho, Tetsuo, chief officer in charge of general affairs, Mr. Masuda Takeshi, officer in charge of books, etc., were taking bath in the bath-room next to the janitors' room, they were surprised by the cry of "fire" of Miss Tomita Kiyoko, 29, and Takeuchi Matsue, 19, both being women employees of the Building. They rushed to the janitor's room and found the ceiling of the room was already spouting fire.

Twelve students belonging to the base-ball team of Joto Upper Secondary School who were getting down the Shiroyama Hill after their exercise on the hill found the smoke arising from the neighbour of the janitor's room. They rushed to the spot with buckets of water. But the cieling was already wrapped with fire.

Judging from the above statements the fire seems to be started from the over-heating of chimneys while boiling water for the purpose of cleaning.

Shortage of fire-engines, inconvenience in obtaining water, etc., are also regarded as the causes for the big fire.

Tokushima Minicipal Police are interrogating Mr. Matsuura Hirohei, 54, janitor, being regarded as responsible for the fire. The police are also investigating the officers regarding the situation at the time of accident.

The police has an opinion that the damage will amount to 8 million yen. (Fire insurance of 4 million yen had been contracted.)

On the 13th at 9 p.m. Tokushima Minicipal Police reached a conclusion that the fire broke out because of overheating while the two chimneys of furnace in the janitors' room were used in spite of the caution given by the Fire Brigade Office.

According to the police, chief Yuki of Tokushima Minicipal Fire Brigade Office had gone to the Building for fire-drill on about Feb. 16 and found the board was charred near the chimney of the bath-room. Fire-man Kubo had also found imperfect furnishing of chimney on Feb 18. So a warning had been given that:

If the two furnaces in the janitors' room are used simultaneously predsution should be taken against overheating. The board of cieling around the chimney should be cut off by about 10cm, and mud should be packed between the wooden part under the roof and the chimney. The furnace should not be used until the above spots are repaired.

After all the fire was directly caused by the simultaneous use of two chimneys against the above warning.