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\*/ Source: Insurance Bureau, Ministry of Welfare. All data given refer to cases and amounts certified. Actual payment may be larger or smaller, depending on the carry-over from the preceding and to the following months. The Japanese fiscal year begins on 1 April and ends on 31 March.

a/ One-time lump-sum grants in lieu of old-age pension paid to insured with drawing from the system after at least six months of covered employment but short of the time required to qualify for the pension. (From 1 August the qualifying period will be changed in all cases except withdrawal on account of marriage or child-birth from 6 months to five years). Depending on the length of covered employment, the benefit will amount to between 15 and 510 times the average daily wage but not exceed 22 times the average monthly wage.

b/ One-time lump sum grants payable for minor disabilities of other than occupational origin (except those decided prior to 1 September 1947, the date on which the Workmen's Accident Compensation Insurance Law took effect) provided the insured had been in covered employment at least six months prior to the incidence of the disabling sickness or injury. The amount is a flat sum corresponding to 10 times the average monthly wage.

c/ One-time lump sum grants paid to survivors who qualify as pensioners, provided the insured died for other than occupational causes (or else prior to 1 September 1947) and failed to receive at least six annual installments of the pension to which he was entitled. The amount is to be the greater of two multiples, to wit 6 times the annual amount of the old-age pension to which the deceased was entitled or 10 times the monthly wage on which the invalidity pension to which he might have been entitled under this Law would have been computed.

d/ The yen figures refer to annual pension amounts.

e/ Payable after six months of covered employment (3 years, prior to 1 September 1947). Invalidity due to job-connected causes for which pensions are paid under the Workmen's Accident Compensation Insurance Law are not payable under this program until after the exhaustion of benefit rights under the W.A.C.I. Law. However, the above numbers include many occupational invalidity pensions originating prior to 1 September 1947, the date on which that Law took effect. The amount payable will depend on the degree of invalidity varying from 4 to 5 times the average monthly wage for the last 3 months of employment plus an additional 4 times the average/for each year of covered employment in excess of 20. daily wage

f/ At the present time, all survivors' pensions payable under this program are for deaths due to job-connected causes which occurred prior to 1 September 1947, (the date on which the Workmen's Accident Compensation Law took effect). Any new pensions to be paid under this program will be contingent upon the fulfilment of the 20-year qualifying period (15 years for miners) required under the law. However, effective 1 August 1947 so-called widow's pensions and surviving child's pensions have been added which will be payable in specified cases after six months of covered employment. The amount of the survivor's pension now payable under this Law (as carried over from the period before 1 September 1947) was determined according to a complicated scheme applying different standards to occupational and to non-occupational cases. In the future, survivors' pensions based on the long-term qualifying requirement will amount to one-half the old-age pension which would have been payable plus an additional 10-times the average daily wage of the deceased for each dependent child; this will amount to two months' wages plus an additional of 2 times the average daily wage for each year in covered employment in excess of 20, plus the stated addition for each dependent child.

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Note: This bulletin serves as a letter of transmittal by which the charts listed below are distributed to Welfare Officers of the Military Government Teams and Regions and, in addition, supplements TB-PH-ADM-3, February 1948, Section I, concerning Administration of Health, Welfare and Social Insurance in Japan.

1. Charts of Coverage, Benefits, Financing and Administration.

The six charts enclosed are titled as follows with respect to Japanese social insurances:

- a. Classes of Population and Applicable Programs.
- b. Coverage Provisions.
- c. Financing.
- d. Administration.
- e. Benefits for Workers in Private Employment.
- f. Benefits for Government Workers.

This bulletin will be followed at a later date by another bulletin containing a discussion of the social insurance laws in greater detail and tracing the historical development of the various programs in Japan.

2. Social Insurance Programs of Japan.

The enclosed charts have been designed to serve as a condensed analysis for ready reference with respect to the provisions of the following social insurance programs:

- a. Health Insurance.
- b. National Health Insurance.

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- c. Welfare Pension Insurance.
- d. Workmen's Accident Compensation Insurance.
- e. Seamen's Insurance.
- f. Unemployment (Allowances and) Insurance.
- g. Government Pension System.
- h. Government Personnel Mutual Aid Societies.
- i. Government Enterprise Mutual Aid Societies.
- j. Workmen's Accident Compensation for Government Employees.
- k. Separation Allowances for Government Employees.

### 3. Administrative Reorganization.

Reference is made to TB-PH-ADM-3, February 1948, Section I, concerning Administration of Health, Welfare and Social Insurance in Japan. Since the writing of the description of the current organization of the Insurance Bureau (Hoken-kyoku) in the Ministry of Welfare, the administration of Seamen's Insurance (Senin Hoken) has been withdrawn from the Pension Section (Nenkin-ka) and a new section has been created to assume responsibility for that program. In addition, the titles of several of the sections have been revised to reflect more clearly the nature of their respective duties. The following organization has resulted:

- a. General Affairs Section (Shomu-ka) retains the same title.
- b. Insurance Section (Hoken-ka) changed to Health Insurance Section (Kenko Hoken-ka).
- c. National Insurance Section (Kokumin Hoken-ka) changed to National Health Insurance Section (Kokumin Kenko Hoken-ka).
- d. Pension Section (Nenkin-ka) changed to Welfare Pension Insurance Section (Kosei Nenkin Hoken-ka) and relieved of responsibility for Seamen's Insurance.
- e. Seamen's Insurance Section (Senin Hoken-ka) created to administer Seamen's Insurance.

Enclosures (6) charts.

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