continue. We demand that the present draft proposed by the Government be withdrawn immediately and a labor regulations deliberation council including union representatives, be formed in order to investigate the matter.

Opposition to the 48 hour work system;

a. We request that immediate practice of an actual 42 hour system for all government and public employees be put into effect.

b. The step forcing the 48 hour system is bureaucratic and arbitrary, ignoring the proceedings of the deliberations on the Wages Bill in the 4th Diet. We are going to pursue thoroughly the responsibility of the Commissioners of the Personnel Affairs Board.

Opposition to administrative readjustment;

The Yoshida Cabinet proposes reduction of 20 percent of manual workers, 30 percent of white collar workers and 10 percent of teachers under the Government employment. the intends to force the reduction without establishing any counter measures for unemployment. We have to oppose resolutely such a mechanical administrative readjustment.

II. Our statement relating to the Yoshida Cabinet's breach of its public promises;

Facing the difficulties of formulating the budget for the 1949-50 fiscal year, the Government has stated that the public promises made by the Democratic-Liberal Party have to be cancelled, relating to which our Party issued the following statement on March 12;

Statement;

"(1) Premier Yoshida has stated that the cancellation of the public promises made by the Democratic-Liberal

Party and the changes of policies have become unavoidable. In spite of the fact that this was already expected when the Nine Economic Principles were directed in December last, if the Democratic-liberal Party and Premier Yoshida did not expect this, it exposes nothing but Premier Yoshida's lack of political sense and ability, for which he has to apologize for his ignorance to the people. If impractical policies were purposely put up bythe Democratic-Liberal Party, it was, so to speak, nothing but stealing votes by means of deceiving the masses of the people. Premier Yoshida should premptly manifest the reasons for changing the policies and apologize for his ignorance.

"(2) Sales of government properties are meagre measures for poor national finance. They are reactionary policies without definite plans, which might force the national finance into the so-called bamboo shoot life. In particular, on the way to the projected economic stabilization, the sales will not only destroy socialization of Japan's industries and disturb their democratization, but also cause the first step of Japan's colonization. Furthermore, they might allow profit-seekers to exist and give opportunities for political bosses to recover, which we most resolutely oppose."

III. Requests for supervising measures concerning violation of tax laws;

In connection with the National Police Circular relating to supervising measures against those who violate

tax laws, Messrs. Kozo Inomata, Eiichi Nishimura and Toshi Nakazaki representing the Shakai-To, had an interview with Attoney-General Uyeda, Finance Vice-Minister Nakano and Deputy National Police Commissioner Mizobuchi. Presenting the following written request, the Shakai-To representatives demanded that the Circular be immediately withdrawn as the contents of it might allow the official concerned to suppress bona fide movements for correcting taxes with the excuse of supervising anti-tax movements:

Request:

"The National Police Circular intends to suppress reasonable demands of laborers, farmers, medium and small size enterprisers for reducing taxes which have been arbitrarily imposed by the conservative reactionary Government under pretext of suppressing anti-tax struggles. Taxes should be imposed fairly according to tax-payers' ability of payment. Such imposition, mistaking the means for the end, should not be most definitely allowed to be done. Our Party, therefore, requests that the above Circular be immediately withdrawn and through measures for suppressing black marketeers' large scale evasion of taxes be made."

IV. Round Table Conference with Farmers' Organizations:

A round table conference between our Party and representatives of various farmers' organizations was held at the Party Hq on March 12, at which deliberations on the impending agricultural problems were made and decided that the Diet struggles on the problems should be strongly accelerated. The conference decided to present the following requests and to hold similar conference regularly in the future:

a. To oppose one-sided policies to impose sacrifices on agriculture and farmers under pretext of the Nine-Economic Principles.

b. To oppose decrease ofagricultural public works expenditure and to demand further increase of them.

c. To revise the Income Tax Law.

d. Postponement of payment of the agricultural income tax for the 1948-49 fiscal year and its part payment be allowed.

e. No tax be imposed on the super delivery.

f. To oppose new imposition of both producers and land use taxes.

g. To oppose an increase of the land tax.

h. The National Police Circular concerning the suppression of anti-tax movements be withdrawn immediately.

i. To oppose legalization of supplementary delivery by the proposed revision of the Shokuryo Kakuho Rinjisochi Ho (Foodstuffs Consolidation Temporary Measures Act).

j. Special measures be taken for the agricultural finance.

V. Round Table Conference with the Political Committee of the Zenro Kaigi (All Labor Council):

Centering around the matters on organizations concering the reconstruction of the Party, it had a round table conference with the political committee of the Zenro Kaigi on March 11. The conference decided that the Zenro Kaigi shall forward its own draft on the matters based upon the original one presented by our Party.

VI. The 4th National Convention of our Party:

The national convention is scheduled to be held for three days commencing from April 11 on account of various circumstances. The payment of party members' fees shall be closed on March 10. However, further pressing shall be made until March 20 to the prefectural chapters which have not yet paid and final allotment of numbers of local representatives to attend the convention shall be made based upon the payment made by March 20.

VII. The Central Executive Committee;

Date; 1 p.m., March 8.

Place; The Party headquarters.

(1) Reports;

a. On the Party affairs by Secretary-General.

b. On anti-movements against new imposition of a land use tax.

c. On the opposition relating to the 48 hour system for government and public employees.

d. On the meetings of local prefectural chapters.

e. On local elections.

f. On the Hq circulars concerning the payment of Party fees and daily struggles.

g. On the proposals made by the Sanbetsu and the Kaiin Kumiai.

h. Reports made by the Women's Section;

The Party sent a message but did not participate in the International Women's Day rally on March 8, while deciding to participate in it on April 19 to the fullest extent.

(2) Matters under deliberation;

a. To send a sympathetic visiting party to Noshiro City where a big fire took place.

b. Measures relating to the 5th Diet.

c. The Party's policies concerning the Nine Economic Principles.

d. Round table conference with the political committee of the Zenro Kaigi.

e. Measures concerning the administrative readjustment.

f. Measures for unemployment.

g. Preparations for the coming national convention of the Party.

h. The Party organ, "the Shakai Shimbun".

I. Asanuma.

Inajiro Asanuma.

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SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN

WEEKLY REPORT (FEB. 27 TO MAR. 5)

OF THE NIPPON SHAKAI-TO.

Submitted by Secretary-General

Inajiro Asanuma.

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I. The Central Executive Committee:

Date : March 3, 1 p.m.

Place: Conference Room of the Shakai-To Hq.

1) Reports:

a. Various opinions concerning the reconstruction of the Party.....by the Secretary-General.

b. Reports on the central committee of the Sodomei and the central committee of the Kokutetsu-Roso.....by the Secretary-General.

c. Reports on various situations relating to joint conferences of the prefectural chapters of the Party..... by Chief of the Organization Sec.

d. Reports on propaganda activities.....by Chief of the Propaganda Sec.

e. Reports on the results of the general election of each district.....by Chief of the Election Committee.

f. Reports of the Union Committee.

g. Others.

2) Matters on deliberations:

a. Policies concerning the 5th Extra-Ordinary Diet.

Budget policies.

Labor laws and regulations.

stabilization of wages.

Sales tax.

Re-openning of restaurants.

Taxes.

Readjustment of administrative enterprises.

Problems on foreign trade.

b. The Party's policies concerning the Nine Economic Policies.

c. Round table conference with the political committee of the National Labor Council (Zenro Kaigi).

d. Preparations for the coming National Convention.

e. To secure the working system of the secretariate of the Shakai-To Hq and to establish the duty of members of the Central Executive Committee.

f. Signature campaign for accelerating peace conference.

Signature campaign.

Publication of pamphets.

II. Presentation of the Party's request:

The following request was made at the meeting of the Central Executive Committeeon March 3rd, which was submitted to the Prime Minister, Finance and Agriculture Ministers and Secretary-General of the Economic Stabilization Board.

Request:

"Making use of the Nine Economic Principles, the Government intends to force farmers to make further delivery and production of staple foods. However, stabilization of farmland economic living and utilization farmland to the highest degree are most necessary for promoting the delivery and production of the foods. In

spite if this, the Government has decided to cut the estimates for public works, particularly to make drastic decrease of estimates against rehabilitation of devastated farmlands, land improvement works and farmland irrigation works in its budget of the 1949-50 fiscal year. Furthermore, it intends to cut subsidies to local governments altogether and to shift expenses to farmers. We strongly disapprove of the Government's intentions. Requesting the Government reconsider its policies, we request the following items:

a. To make a new item for increase of food, separately from the estimates for public works in the 1949-50 fiscal year.

b. To increase the estimates for rehabilitation of the devastated farmlands, land inprovement works and farmland irrigation works to the larger extent, together with further subsidies to local governments.

c. To secure necessary financila means for the above requests.

March 4th, 1949.

The Central Executive Committee
of the Nippon Shakai-To.

III. Prefectural Conferences of the Shakai-To.

February 27: Kanagawa Pref Conf. Katayama attended
" Niigata " "
" Osaka " " Asanuma, Suzuki and Kikukawa attended.
" Iwate " "
" Toyama " "
March 1st " Ishikawa " "

March 3rd	Shiga Pref.	Cpmf.	Nishimura attended
5th	Yamagata "	"	Kato attended.
	Tochigi "	"	Asanuma attended.
	Yamaguchi "	"	Morito and Ito attedd-ed.

IV. Successful candidates of local government by-elections:

Seoichi Kaibara — City Council member of Kurashiki City of Okayama Prefecture.

Morizo Moriyama — Town Council member of Washizu Town of Shizuoka Prefecture.

I. Asanuma
Inajiro Asanuma.

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Weekly Report (Feb. 6 to Feb. 12)

of the Nippon Shakai-To.

Submitted by the Acting Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Resignation en bloc of members of the Central Executive Committee;

In order to make the responsibility clear relating to the crushing defeat in the general election, and to establish ways and means of reconstructing the Party, the Central Executive Committee decided unanimously to tender the resignation en bloc of all members, headed by Chairman Katsyama and Secretary-General Asanuma on Feb. 9th.

As to the execution of the Party affairs centering on those concerning the preparation of the coming general meeting of the Party, former members of the Central Executive Committee shall take charge of the affairs. In connection with policies reconstructing the Party, a cooperation organ between the Party and labor unions shall be established so as to introduce the opinions of the masses to a wider extent.

The matters decided upon at the meeting are as follows;

(1) Chairman, Secretary-General, Treasurer and other members of the Central Executive Committee shall resign en bloc on making their responsibility clear.

(2) To convoke a general meeting as soon as possible, to introspect the Party activities seriously and to

decide a firm establishment of the Party's own independent standing and principles for the struggle.

(3) To request a positive cooperation from various organizations in labor, africulture, commerce, industry, culture and fishery spheres which are supporting and cooperating with the Party.

(4) To decide future principles for the Party activities by introducing opinions of the masses to a wider extent.

Statement:

"This day, the Central Executive Committee has decided unanimously to tender resignation en bloc including Chairman, Secretary-General, Treasurer and all members of the Committee. As a result of the general election, sincere opinions have been strongly voiced among party members, and many organizations of labor-farmers, fishermen, commerce-industry and culture in order to strengthen and bring forward our Party. For responding to the opinions open-heartedly, we have decided to invite their positive ecoperation so as to build a foundation for strengthening our Party.

Under the above decision, we shall convoke a general meeting, while positive efforts for the Party activities shall be undertaken with cooperation from various organizations supporting our Party ."

II. Round table conference with labor unions for reconstruction of the Party:

A round table conference was held at the Toko Bldg.

for four hours from 2 p.m. Feb. 10, between our Party and representatives of various labor unions to exchange opinions concerning the principles of reconstruction of the Nippon Shakai-To.

Messrs. Katayama, Asanuma, Suzuki, K.Kato, Kikukawa, Akamatsu, Inamura and Nomizo from the Party were present, while about 100 representatives of main unions including the Kokutetsu, Sanbetsu-Mindo, Sodomei, Zentei-Saido, Densan, Kaiin, Jichi-Roren and Tansan gathered.

Opinions were outspokenly exchanged on the matters concerning the future reconstruction the Party and criticism on the result of the general election; and sincere wishes for the principles regarding the future movement and reorganization were delivered.

We have decided to take these opinions into our serious consideration to the fullest extent in drafting reconstruction policies and to request participation of the unions in the work of reconstruction, while a close liaison shall be maintained between the Party and the All Labor Union Council.

III. Nomination of the Premier;

Our Party's attitude concerning the nomination of the Premier was once decided at the meeting of the Central Executive Committee on Feb. 9 as follows;

Mr. Inejiro Asanuma for the Premier.

Mr. Mitsusuke Yonekubo for the Lower House Speaker,

However, Mr. Asanuma refused to accept the above recommendation at the joint meeting of the Shakai-To Diet members of the Upper and Lower Houses on Feb. 10.

As several members urged him to reconsider, the Central Executive Committee was requested to consider the issue once again on Feb. 11, when no decision was reached. As a consequence, it was decided that the issue shall be left in the hands of Chairman Katayama who proposed to recommend Mr. Komakichi Matsuoka at the general meeting of Diet members on Feb. 11. However, as the result of voting, Secretary-General Asanuma was nominated as the candidate.

Together with the votes of the Communist and Labor-Farmer Parties which worked for our Party, Asanuma obtained 86 votes, while Mr. Yoshida secured 357 on the nomination of the Premier.

IV. Request for cancellation of the purge order made against Mr. Matsumoto:

On Feb. 9, the Central Executive Committee considered that the purge order made against Messrs. Iichiro Matsumoto and Shogetsu Tanaka was nothing but political intrigue. Thereupon, Messrs. Y. Suzuki, K. Kato and C. Tanaka made a protest to Attorney-General Uyeda requesting for cancellation of the purge order on Feb. 10.

V. Continuous entry of new members:

Headed by about 500 leading members of the Kokutetsu-Minto, continuous entry of new members has been recorded.

Tohoku Hiryo, Akita Pref.	600
Kokutetsu, Akita Engineering Area	60
Tohoku Pulp	150
Keio-Teito-Rodokumiai	40

Kobe Kawasaki Seihan Rodokumiai 60

A workshop branch office has been formed in Keihan-shin Express Railways.

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SPECIAL REPORT OF THE SHAKAI-TO.

Reported by the Secretary-General.

Inejiro Asanuma.

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Names of successful candidates of our Party at the general election are as follows:

Electorate	Name	Number of votes Polled
Iwate 1	ISHIKAWA, Kinjiro	26,731
Miyagi 1	SASAKI, Kozo	26,719
Yamagata 2	KAMBAYASHI, Yoichiro	26,945
Fukushima 1	YAOITA, Tadashi	26,699
" 2	SUZUKI, Yoshio	26,059
" 3	MATSUI, Masakichi	34.485
Tochigi 1	TOGANO, Satoko	24,709
Gunma 1	ISHII, Shigemaru	34,531
" 3	MUTO, Unjuro	42,800
Saitama 1	KAWASHIMA, Kinji	24,247
Tokyo 1	ASANUMA, Inejiro	36,291
" 2	MATSUOKA, Komakichi	43,026
" 3	SUZUKI, Mosaburo	42,448
" 6	YAMAGUCHI, Shizuye	35,632
Kanagawa 1	MOJI, Ryo	33,412
" 1	MATSUO, Toshi	39,415
" 2	DOI, Nagasaku	28,341
Niigata 2	MIYAKE, Shoichi	29,222
" 3	INAMURA, Junzo	32,492
" 4	INOMATA, Kozo	29,421
Ishikawa 1	OKA, Ryoichi	40,154
Gifu 2	KATO, Ryozo	39,977
Shizuoka 2	KATSUMATA, Seiichi	29,959
Aichi 1	AKAMATSU, Isamu	37,185
Miye 2	ADACHI, Umeichi	26,637
Shiga	TSUTSUMI, Tsuruyo	29,164

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Kyoto	1	MIZUTANI, Chozaburo	25,386
Osaka	1	OHYA, Shozo	33,118
"	2	MAYEDA, Taneo	36,036
"	3	INOUYE, Ryoji	35,493
"	4	KUBOTA, Tsurumatsu	24,434
"	5	NISHIMURA, Eiichi	40,405
Wakayama	1	TANAKA, Orinoshin	31,031
Hyogo	1	MATSUZAWA, Kaneto	33,850
"	2	YONEKUBO, Mitsusuke	29,273
Hiroshima	1	SATAKE, Shin-ichi	35,567
"	2	MAYEDA, Einosuke	28,976
"	3	MORITO, Tatsuo	31,431
Yamaguchi	1	IMAZUMI, Isamu	40,660
"	2	UKETA, Shinkichi	36,815
Shimane		NAKAZAKI, Toshi	48,383
Tottori		ASHIKA, Satoru	35,778
Kagawa	1	NARITA, Tomomi	24,452
"	2	TAMAN, Hirobumi	32,407
Fukuoka	1	TANAKA, Shogetsu	36,956
"	1	FUKUDA, Masako	30,928
"	2	ACNO, Takeichi	38,266
"	2	MATSUMOTO, Hichiro	36,806
Kumamoto	1	SAKAMOTO, Yasuyoshi	30,884

Total 49.

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THE WEEKLY REPORT OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN DURING THE WEEK ENDING 8th JANUARY 1949.

Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Statement relating to the so-called merger of both the Shakai-To and Communist Party:

"Of late the Communist Party has been spreading rumors that local chapters of the Nippon Shakai-To in various districts have merged into the Communist Party en masse, thus causing the merger of two Parties from below. It is however groundless. The so-called merger of both the Nippon Shakai-To and Communist Party is nothing but an intrigue and propaganda of the latter, full of untruth and exaggeration which are characteristics of the Communist Party, by means of which the Party intends to put our Party into a state of unsteadiness and confusion, while it invites those who have seceded from our Party on the condition that they would be made official candidates of the Communist Party at the coming general election.

"Aim and action of the Communist Party, which purports to carry out a revolution by violence amidst social unrest caused by its destructive means such as political general strike are utterly imcompatible to constructive policies of our Party, by which we earnestly desire to build up democracy and economic rehabilitation of defeated Japan

step by step, whilst overcoming the present chaotic conditions. From this view point, we have strongly declined to accept a common front with the Communist Party. It is decidedly impossible for us to consider a merger between the Nippon Shakai-To, political party for the mass of the working class, and the Communist Party as a vanguard party. We have resolutely to oppose it.

"We hereto declare that, we, as a synthetic body of workers, farmers and medium and small size merchants and industrialists, decide to go on firmly for thoroughness of democratic revolution, resolute enforcement of socialism and protection of livelihood of the working class, which are our Party's prime purposes from the very beginning of its formation.

Jan. 4th, 1949.

Central Executive Committee
of the Nippon Shakai-To."

II. Our Party leaders' election campaign:

Chairman Katayama and other Party leaders' election campaign supporting the Party's official candidates was scheduled as follows:

Chairman Katayama (accompanying Mr. Ohno, member of the House of Councillors).

Date	District
Jan. 3	Kanazawa and Nanao
" 4	Fukui
" 5	4th district of Wakayama
" 6	Kimoto
" 7	Ohwashi

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Jan. 8 & 9		Okazaki
"	10	Ohfuna
"	11 to 13	Kanagawa
"	14	Tokyo
"	15	Ibaragi
"	16	Narita
"	17	Chiba
"	18 to 23	Kanagawa

Mr. Asanuma, Secretary-General.

Jan.	2 to 3	Chiba
"	4 to 22	Tokyo, Kanagawa, Ibaragi and Saitama

Mr. Masaru Nomizo.

Jan.	3	Toyama
"	4 & 5	Niigata
"	6	Nagano

Mr. Tatsuo Morito.

Jan.	3	Tottori and Yonago
"	4	Matsue and Hamada
"	5	Shimonoseki and Hikari
"	7	Kasaoka, Kurashiki and Okayama

Mr. Eiji Tomiyoshi.

Jan	2 to 9	Kumamoto and Miyazaki

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THE WEEKLY REPORT OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN DURING THE WEEK ENDING 25 DECEMBER 1948.

Reported by the Secretary-General
Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Chairman Katayama's explanation relating to non-confidence bill.

In connection with non-confidence bill jointly presented by the opposition parties against the Yoshida Cabinet, Chairman Katayama took the rostrum of the Diet and made a speech, main points of which are as follows;

(1) The continuation of the Yoshida Cabinet means nothing but retrocession of our nation's democratization, is impossible to be realised by the conservative reactionary Cabinet. That is the reason why we have presented this non-confidence bill.

(2) An early Japanese peace conference is the united desire of the Japanese people. In remembrance of the foreign papers' criticism about the present Government that "the formation of the Yoshida Cabinet is the retrocession of Japan's democratization" and in order to accelerate the opening of the peace conference which we earnestly desire, we have to get rid of the obstacles which are blocking the progress of our democratization.

(3) We have to point our that Premier Yoshida has an errorious cognition as to a democratic government. His management structure on administration and economic

policies based upon his reactionary conservative ideology is not only non-democratic, but also reactionary and destructive of democratic government, besides which Premier Yoshida's disregard of the Diet resolutions and his intentional evasion of administrative speech caused bad records by himself breaking a long established practiee of the Diet.

(4) The present Government has neither ability nor policies for overcoming the present difficult situation. It has not even yet made clear its policies as the practice of its promises madwhilst in the opposition. Democratic government can not be attained only by the dissolution of the Diet.

(5) Although the present Government made its start with a slogan of house-cleaning of political circles, it has already lost its power and qualifications.

(6) The post war reconstruction economic policies should be of a new scheme which should cope with the international affairs. However, the present Government, being isolated from them, keeps itself in its old idea of free economy. In reality, the nine point economic principles directed by SCAP request fundamental modification of old free economy.

(7) Democratic government should be one which has an ideal. What ideal has the present Government? It has now become one to be influenced by an individual who has no political ideal, which we call non-democratic government or else a sham hero-administration. This is the reason why it has become reactionary. We demand that the

present Covernment resign immediately.

II. The publication of official candidates of the Nippon Shakai-To.

The following list of official candidates was published on Dec. 25.

MASAKI, Kiyoshi	Hokkaido	District	1
SAKAI, Kazuo	"	"	1
YOKOJI, Setsuo	"	"	1
WADA, Toshiaki	"	"	2
YONEZAWA, Isamu	"	"	3
YAMANAKA, Hiroshi	"	"	4
KITA, Kosho	"	"	4
OHTA, Shinkichi	"	"	4
MORI, Mikiji	"	"	5
NAGAI, Katsujiro	"	"	5
YONAIYAMA, Giichiro	Aomori	"	1
NISHIMURA, Kikujiro	"	"	1
SHIMAGUCHI, Jujiro	"	"	2
ISHIKAWA, Kinjiro	Iwate	"	1
OGASAWARA, Fumio	"	"	1
OIKAWA, Tadashi	"	"	2
TAKEYA, Centaro	Miyagi	"	1
SASAKI, Kozo	"	"	1
OHKAWA, Shuzu	"	"	1
TANAKA, Seiitsu	"	"	2
KAWAMURA, Jiro	"	"	2
HOSONO, Michio	Akita	"	1

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SHIMADA, Shinsaku	Akita	District	1
KAWAMATA, Seion	"	"	2
UNNO, Saburo	Yamagata	"	1
SAITO, Hitoshi	"	"	1
KONNO, Sadakichi	"	"	2
KAMPAYASHI, Yoichiro	"	"	2
YAOITA, Tadashi	Fukushima	"	1
SAKAKIBARA, Chiyo	"	"	1
SUZUKI, Yoshio	"	"	2
SAEKI, Ken	"	"	2
MATSUI, Masakichi	"	"	3
NUMATA, Masatsugu	Ibaraki	"	1
MANDA, Goro	"	"	2
KATAYARI, Tomihichi	"	"	2
KIKUCHI, Jyusaku	"	"	3
HOSODA, Tsunakichi	"	"	3
TOGANO, Satoko	Tochigi	"	1
OHNUKI, Daisaku	"	"	1
KANEKO, Masutaro	"	"	2
YAMADA, Choji	"	"	2
ISHII, Shigemaru	Gunma	"	1
OHSHIMA, Yoshiharu	"	"	2
MUTO, Unjuro	"	"	3
KAWASHIMA, Kinji	Saitama	"	1
IBORI, Shigeo	"	"	1
YAMAMOTO, Tomiyoshi	"	"	1

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MOROOKA, Eiichi	Saitama	District	2
KATAYAMA, Tokuji	"	"	3
SUGIMURA, Chujiro	"	"	3
BABA, Hideo	"	"	4
YOSHIKAWA, Kanemitsu	Chiba	"	1
MORII, Minoru	"	"	2
ISHII, Rinnosuke	"	"	3
ASANUMA, Ijejiro	Tokyo	"	1
HARA, Hyo	"	"	1
MATSUOKA, Komakichi	"	"	2
KATO, Shizuye	"	"	2
SUZUKI, Mosaburo	"	"	3
KIKUKAWA, Tadao	"	"	4
WATANABE, Toshinosuke	"	"	5
YAMAGISHI, Akira	"	"	5
SHIMAGAMI, Zengoro	"	"	6
KUMAMOTO, Torazu	"	"	6
YAMAGUCHI, Shizuye	"	"	6
YAMAHANA, Hideo	"	"	7
ABE, Shigeo	"	"	7
MOJI, Ryo	Kanagawa	"	1
MATSUO, Toshi	"	"	1
DOI, Naosaku	"	"	2
SASAGUCHI, Akira	"	"	2
KATAYAMA, Tetsu	"	"	3
SUZUKI, Yuji	"	"	3
ONO, Nagao	Yamanashi		
FURUYA, Sadao	"		

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KITAZAWA, Chuzo	Nagano	District	1
MIYASHITA, Manabu	"	"	2
NOMIZO, Masaru	"	"	3
IWAI, Akira	"	"	3
TANAHASHI, Kotora	"	"	4
KASAHARA, Teizo	Niigata	"	1
MIYAKE, Shoichi	"	"	2
KIYOZAWA, Toshiei	"	"	3
INAMURA, Junzo	"	"	3
INOMATA, Kozo	"	"	4
YAGO, Yoshizo	Toyama	"	1
OKA, Ryoichi	Ishikawa	"	1
YAMAZAKI, Hiroshi	"	"	2
DOHMORI, Yoshio	Fukui		
YAMAMOTO, Koichi	Gifu	"	1
KATO, Ryozo	"	"	2
KATO, Shizup	Shizuoka	"	1
IKEGAYA, Shin-ichi	"	"	1
YAMAZAKI, Michiko	"	"	2
KATSUMATA, Seiichi	"	"	2
KATO, Chujiro	"	"	3
KAWAI, Akitake	"	"	3
KATO, Kanju	Aichi	"	1
AKAMATSU, Isamu	"	"	1
OHWAKI, Matsutaro	"	"	1
ARAYA, Sohji	"	"	2

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SATO, Kanjiro	Aichi	District	3
ITO, Kodo	"	"	4
SHIMIZU, Jun	"	"	4
HAYASHI, Daisaku	"	"	5
INENO, Uken	Miye	"	1
SAWADA, Hisa	"	"	1
ADACHI, Umeichi	"	"	2
YAO, Kisaburo	Shiga		
KAGETSU, Junsei	"		
TSUTSUMI, Tsuruyo	"		
MIZUTANI, Chozaburo	Kyoto	"	1
TSUJII, Taminosuke	"	"	1
TAKEUCHI, Katsumi	"	"	1
YAMAWAKI, Kazuo	"	"	1
IKEGAMI, Sen	"	"	2
CHYA, Shozo	Osaka	"	1
KAWAI, Eizo	"	"	1
MAYEDA, Taneo	"	"	2
INOUYE, Ryoji	"	"	3
MATSUBARA, Kinoji	"	"	3
KUBOTA, Tsurumatsu	"	"	4
TAKIGAWA, Suyeichi	"	"	4
NISHIMURA, Eiichi	"	"	5
ISE, Kotaro	Nara		
YAGI, Kazuo	"		
TANAKA, Orinoshin	Wakayama	"	1

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SUZUKI, Teiichiro	Wakayama	District	2
MIYAMOTO, Mitsuo	"	"	2
MATSUZAWA, Kenjin	Hyogo	"	1
YONEKUBO, Mitsusuke	"	"	2
IMAZU, Kikumatsu	"	"	2
YAMASHITA, Eiji	"	"	2
KAWAI, Giichi	"	"	3
HAGIWARA, Tadashi	"	"	4
EDA, Saburo	Okayama	"	1
SHIGEI, Shikaji	"	"	2
SATAKE, Shin-ichi	Hiroshima	"	1
MAYEDA, Einosuke	"	"	2
MORITO, Tatsuo	"	"	3
TAKATSU, Seido	"	"	3
TABUCHI, Jitsuo	"	"	3
IMAZUMI, Isamu	Yamaguchi	"	1
MORITA, Michisuke	"	"	2
UKETA, Shinkichi	"	"	2
MATSUMOTO, Junzo	Shimane		
NAKAZAKI, Toshi	"		
SHOJI, Hikoo	Tottori		
KAJIKAWA, Shizuo	"		
NARITA, Tomomi	Kagawa	"	1
MIZOBUCHI, Matsutaro	"	"	1
TAMAN, Hirobumi	"	"	2

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YASUHIRA, Shikaichi	Ehime	District	1
MIYAZAKI, Tadayoshi	"	"	2
HAYASHIDA, Tetsuo	"	"	2
ITANI, Masakichi	"	"	3
NARUSE, Kigoro	Tokushima		
UJIHARA, Ichiro	Kochi		
TANAKA, Shogetsu	Fukuoka	"	1
FUKUDA, Masako	"	"	1
ITO, Ushiro	"	"	2
MATSUMOTO, Hichiro	"	"	2
AONO, Takeichi	"	"	2
TOMOYEDA, Sohtatsu	"	"	4
IKEDA, Teiji	"	"	4
SUMITA, Tohzaburo	Saga		
HONJO, Hironobu	"		
TSUDA, Matakichi	Nagasaki	"	1
MORI, Tomori	"	"	1
FUJIWARA, Shigetaro	"	"	2
SAKAMOTO, Yasuyoshi	Kumamoto	"	1
HOSOKAWA, Takamoto	"	"	2
MURAO, Satsuo	Kagoshima	"	1
TOMIYOSHI, Eiji	"	"	2
SATA, Tadataka	"	"	2
AKAJI, Yuzo	"	"	3
NOGAMI, Kenji	Chita	"	1

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KATASHIMA, Minato	Miyazaki	"	1
ISHIGAMI, Keigo	"	"	2

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THE WEEKLY REPORT OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN DURING THE WEEK ENDING 18 DECEMBER 1948.

Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. The Yoshida Cabinet has no qualifications to take charge of the general election-verbal statement made by Chairman Katayama.

Chairman Katayama made the following statement at an interview with pressmen on Dec. 18 that the Yoshida Cabinet lost its qualifications as an election supervision Cabinet;

"As to the forms of the Cabinet to supervise general election, there are two forms to be considered; one is that approved by the majority of the Diet, the other is what the Cabinet carries on as continuation of its struggle. An election supervision Cabinet should be the one which is supported by the majority of the Diet, whilst an election Cabinet with the minority is unjustifiable and not qualified on the whole.

"Accordingly, although the Yoshida Cabinet calls itself an election supervision Cabinet, it is not justifiable to hold a general election under the present circumstances. It is only too natural that various troubles have taken place under such an unjustifiable state of affairs. However, the cases such as the Izumiyama case, the Chief

Cabinet Secretary's disregard of the Diet, the Finance Minister Oya's breaking promises, etc. have caused too much trouble. From a broader view point of Japan's democratization, our Party holds its opinion that the time has come to reconsider the stand of the Yoshida Cabinet.

"It is not impossible but unreasonable to hold a general election under the Yoshida Cabinet. Ideally speaking, it is strongly hoped to have a more powerful election supervision Cabinet. As the time has now come that a Diet dissolution is necessitated by the public opinion, the Yoshida Cabinet should be at least reshaped as a complete election supervision Cabinet."

II. Our Party's attitude relating to the nine principles.

With reference to the nine principles for Japan's economic stability which the Government of the United States directed General MacArthur on Dec. 17, our Party made its opinion clear in the following statement issued by Mr. Suzuki, chairman of the political affairs research committee of the Shakai-To.

"It is considered that, having been clearly reaffirmed by Washington, the principles taken by both the Katayama and Ashida Cabinets under the direction of General MacArthur have been further strengthened by the nine principles. It is noteworthy that the nine principles have laid stress on strengthening the control of ration and prices and the development of foreign trade, besides the relevent policies such as the balance of budget in order to prevent inflation of currency, strengthening

tax collection, further restriction of loans, efficient delivery of food ration quotas etc. We can observe that Washington's serious judgements have thus been given on the Yoshida Cabinet's reckless policies retuning to the economy of laissey faire."

III. Court action against both Mr. Yoshida and Mr. Ohno.

As it was made clear that Mr. Yoshida had received a donation of one million yen from Mr. Umemura of the textile case and had not reported it in accordance with the Government Ordinance, the Shakai-to took court action against Messrs. Yoshida and Ohno under the name of Mr. Kozo Inomata, a Diet member, (member of the Muto's Committee of the Lower House) to the Tokyo District Court on Dec. 14.

IV. Reconstruction of the Aomori Prefectural Chapter of the Shakai-To.

In order to cope with the situation caused by the group of Kyumei Osawa, Migoro Otsuka and others of the Aomori prefectural chapter of the Shakai-To who had joined the Communist Party, a grand reconstruction meeting of the chapter was held on Dec. 13 in Aomori City, on which occasion the following officials were elected. The chapter has thus started its first step forward toward its reconstruction.

Kan-ichi Iwabuchi	Chairman.
Morizo Yamaguchi	Vice Chairman.
Yoshio Sato	" "
Jujiro Shimaguchi	Chief Secretary.

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THE WEEKLY REPORT OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN DURING THE WEEK ENDING 20 NOVEMBER 1948.

Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Our statement relating to a non-confidence bill of scheming nature;

A non-confidence bill against the Yoshida Government has been jointly presented by the Communist, Labour-Farmers and other small parties. Having no confidence in the present Government since its formation, we have, as the Opposition Party, been endeavouring to realise our Party policies, while strongly criticising the Government's policies. As the current session of the Diet was convoked to deliberate the partial revision of the National Public Service Law and the relevant laws including new wage base, both of which are based upon the SCAP's letter, we have decided our attitude to deal with the matters of non-confidence and Diet dissolution after the revision of the National Public Service Law and supplementary budget bill for new wage base are passed, which are the principles of our Diet policies. However, the non-confidence bill presented by the small parties, which ignores objective positions in which Japan is now placed, shall make the budget bill for new wage end in failure. It should be particularly noticed that the Farmers Party which voted for Mr. Shigeru Yoshida at the time of the nomination of

the Premier and has taken part of the present Government ever since its formation, is included in the list of the proposers of the non-confidence bill. In addition, the fact that the Farmers Party has taken a common stand with the Communist and Labour-Farmers Parties which are in direct opposition can only be interpreted as having some ulterior motive. This is the reason why our Party can not readily agree with the bill.

II. Our pursuit for the Premier's responsibility in connection with his disregard to the Diet resolution:

All Opposition Parties jointly presented a resolution demanding an address on administrative policies, regarding which Mr. Takamoto Hosokawa of our Party made an explanation on reasons of the proposal. However, Premier Yoshida refused to accept it, relating to which our Party released the following statement in the name of the Secretary-General.

"Premier Yoshida, ignoring the Diet resolution, refused to make an address on administrative policies which was jointly demanded by all Opposition Parties in the Diet plenary session to-day, while unilaterally addressing only the Government's Diet Policies.

"This is what we could not possitly approve of. We have determined to fight resolutely against the Government concerning its attitude disregarding the Diet and its resolution."

III. The statement relating to the Government's insincerity toward the deliberations on the revision of the National Public Service Law: (Nov. 15)

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"As deliberations on the revision of the National Public Service Law have been greatly hindered on account of remissness on the part of the Government, we made a decision at the Personnel Affairs Committee on Nov. 11 that the Premier and other Ministers concerned were strongly requested to be present at the Committee. Similar request was again made to the Government on Nov. 13, to which the Deputy Prime Minister Hayashi expressed his deep regret, promising that no such things would occur in the future.

In spite of this, to-day's meeting of the Personnel Affairs and Labour Joint Committee was not held open due to non-attendance of the Premier and Finance Minister Izumiyama who have never been present at the Personnel Affairs Committee except only once in the afternoon, Nov. 13, ever since the opening of the current session.

The attitude which the Government holds toward the Diet which was convoked solely for the purpose of deliberating the National Public Service Law and its relevant laws and new wage base for government employees is shown above, which should be made clear to the people for their judgement."

IV. Presentation of a revision bill of the Economic Decentralization Law:

Since the four principles were decided at the Five Men Committee in September last in connection with the Economic Decentralization Law, a great change was expected to be made in respect of the practice of the law. On Nov. 18, the Holding Company Committee decided eventually to cancel the designation of 145 companies. In order to cope with such a change of objective circumstances, the

Shakai-To made necessary investigations as to the relations between the basic policies concerning socialization of vital industries and the Economic Decentralization Law, as a result of which our Party decided to present a bill partially revising the law. Necessary negotiations with other parties have been commenced relating to the proposed bill. The basic points of the bill are aiming at socialization of the industries for strengthening the nature of their public utility based upon a speedy stabilization of the economy of Japan and its economic power, and eventually effecting reconstruction of democratic and sound national economy for which purpose the law should not be applied to various enterprises of public utility indispensable for daily life of the people and basic important industries for the national economy. The bill also aims at effecting the designations which have been already fixed null and void. Amongst the industries referred to above, those of electricity, petty and sea transportation, gas, steel and iron, coal and fertilizers are included.

V. Struggles in the Diet:

(1) Resolution on relief policies for the districts hit by disasters. (Nov. 15)

Mr. K. Sasaki, a socialist member of the Diet, made a speech seconding the resolution.

Resolution on acceleration of repatriation of Japanese nationals overseas.

Mrs. T. Matsue made an explanatory address for the resolution.

(2) All Opposition parties jointly presented a resolution to the Diet plenary session on Nov. 16, concerning "payment of salaries on new wage base for the government employees". Mr. Z. Shimagami, a Diet member of our Party, made an explanatory address on the resolution, demanding the Government that the formulation of the new wage budget which is indivisible from the National Public Service Law be sppedily made and be placed before the Diet.

(3) On both 17 and 18 inst., Messrs. M. Yonekubo and J. Inamura made urgent interpellations on general administrative policies verifying the Government's opinions.

(4) On Nov. 19, our Party presented to the Diet a resolution relating to advanced payment of salaries for government employees for which Mr. K. Sakai, our member of Diet, explained the reasons for presenting the resolution.

(5) It was decided that our Party shall make the following six urgent interpellations in the Diet plenary session after Nov. 21.

a. Labour unions of public corporations and district public enterprises. (by Mr. T. Tsujii)

b. Allowances for "winter fuel" and "cold districts". (by Mr. M. Mori)

c. To request the Diet an ex post facto approval for loans of six billion Yen relating to rehabilitation of the districts hit by various disasters. (by Mr. K. Matsubara)

d. To break through the crisis to which medium and small size enterprises are facing. (by Mr. A. Sasaguchi)

e. In connection with the fascism of the central and local procuratorial offices. (by Mr. K. Nogami)

f. Taxation laws and work of tax collection. (by Mr. A. Kawai)

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Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Mr. Yoshikawa, a Diet member of the Shakai-To, representing the Party, criticised Premier Yoshida's undemocratic attitude in refusing to make the customary administrative speech at the opening of the extraordinary session of the Diet, and the House of Representatives passed the resolution that the Premier should make the administrative address. In the meantime, the central executive committee of the Shakai-To made the Party's stand clear by publishing the following statement on Nov. 10th.

Statement:

"It is our firm belief that the Yoshida Cabinet should give an administrative address at the opening of the third session of the Diet, the supreme organ of the nation, and that this is a fundamental principle for carrying out the new democratic Constitution. The third Diet session has an important mission for the settlement of vital bills such as the revision of the National Public Service Law and new wage base for public service employees, which are greatly concerned with the interests of the working class. In order to clarify the Government policies on these vital matters, an administrative address should be made by the Prime Minister prior to

presenting any bills to the Diet, the practice of which was undertaken even during the time of the old Constitution. In spite of this, the Yoshida Cabinet has not only given no idea of its principles concerning its administrative policies, but has also purposely avoided doing so, thus affording the Diet no time for deliberations. Furthermore, the Government intended to complete this session for ten days, immediately after which the Government planned to dissolve the Diet for the party policy. However, the length of the session was made 21 days by the challenge of the Opposition parties.

"We are not avoiding a dissolution by any means, but definitely disagree with a general election in which we have no free opportunities to criticise the policies of the Government which has shown no principles on national important problems and suppressed the right of speech in the Diet. From the above viewpoints, our Party sent its representatives to the plenary session at the opening of the Diet who strongly criticised the Government's undemocratic attitude and questioned the Premier as to the reason why he gave no administrative address, to which he tried curiously enough to refuse to make reply. Such an attitude shown by the Yoshida Government is nothing but denial of doctrines of democratic policies, causing disgrace to the management of the Diet under the new Constitution, which we cannot surely admit. We have therefore determined to pursue the Government as to its unconstitutionality in order to maintain the dignity of the Diet which is about lost by the Yoshida Cabinet and

to attain democratic management of the Diet."

II. Struggle in the Diet.

Although the Yoshida Cabinet tries to manage through the current Diet session without disclosing its administrative policies and by only taking "temporary measures" in respect of wages for public service employees. Our Party has a strong stand that both the revision bill of the National Public Service Law and the raising of new wage base are imseparable. On presentation of the bill, S. Yamada of the Upper House and K. Matsuzawa of the Lower House, representing the Party, questioned as to the attitude of the Governmenr which hesitates to submit a supplementary budget bill to the Diet. Furthermore, S. Uchimura of the Upper House and Z. Shimagami of the Lower House, both of whom are members of our Party, presented a resolution to each House that the budget bill should be placed before the Diet.

On Nov. 10, the central executive committee of our Party decided its attitude as follows concerning the Government unwillingness in taking the new wage base for public service employees in the budget bill.

"Based upon the SCAP's letter, it is quite reasonable that the revision of the National Public Service Law and new wage base should be taken into effect at the same time. Although we are not satisfied with the wage base of Yen 6,307 recommended by the Temporary Personnel Affairs Commission, we strongly request the Government to submit a supplementary budget bill to the Diet without delay based upon the new wage level."

III. The Shakai-To's proposal on new wage base.

The central executive committee decided on Nov. 10 that new wage base for the period from July to December should be Yen 6,600 per each month and Yen 1,500 should be provided as special winter allowance for the month of December.

IV. Rice price for consumers and proposal to the Government relation to readjustment of rice delivery quotas.

For the purpose of demanding the Government to carry into effect our Party resolution concerning "reduction of rice price for consumers and readjustment of rice delivery quotas for Prefectures hit by various calamities" which was decided by the central executive committee on Nov. 6, Messrs. Oshima, Inouye, Okada and Tanaka, representing the Shakai-To, had an interview with Agricuture and Forestry Minister Sudo and Izumiyama, Director-General of the Economic Stabilization Board on Nov. 8 at the Premier's official residence and a strong request was to them.

V. The Election Committee.

In order to cope with Diet dissolution, the Election Committee of our Party held its meeting on Nov. 11 at the Party headquarters to discuss necessary measures for the general election, as a result of which it was decided that the election campaign should be carried out, aiming at sending "150 successful candidates to the Diet out of 200 official candidates".

VI. Round-table conference between the Shakai-To and Labour Unions.

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Round-table conference between the Shakai-To and labour unions (special Diet policy conference) was held on Nov. 12 at the Toko Buildings. Chairman Katayama and other party leaders from the Shakai-To and 50 representatives from the Sanbetsu-Mindo, Sodomei, Tanro and other imprt- and unions were present. Subjects on discussions ranged from the current Diet policies including the revision of the National Public Service Law, the question of new wage base to essential matters of the Party and its reorganization. During the conference the Party leaders listened to various criticism made by the union leaders without predijuce, standing on self-contemplation and promised to carry out the struggle as a political party representing the working class, reflecting fully the intention of the conference on the coming general meeting of the Party. The conference was adjourned after four hours' discussion.

VII. Resignation of Mr. Kazuo Nagaye.

Mr. Kazuo Nagaye, Diet member of the Shakai-To, resigned the membership of the House of Representatives on Nov. 9th.

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Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Our Party's attitude towards the forthcoming extraordinary session of the Diet;

The Shakai-To held a joint conference of the central executive committee and the Diet policy committee on Nov. 6 and decided the following in order to cope with the forthcoming Diet.

1. An absolute opposition to an immediate dissolution of the Diet upon its reopening.

2. To request the Government for the reduction of rice price for consumers and adjustment of rice delivery quotas for the devastated districts. (The following resolutions were decided.)

3. As to the projected revision of the National Public Service Law, the right of collective negotiations in premise of collective agreements and additional post for public service employees whilst holding post in the public service should be recognised; and the scope of political activities for public service employees should be widened. The above three points should be further strongly demanded.

4. To request the Government that together with the bill revising the National Public Service Law, the

public corporation bills concerning railways, monopolies etc. and supplementary budget bills following new wage basis should be presented to the extraordinary Diet.

5. The Shakai-To's proposed wage basis of Yen 6,200 should be applied for wages of July, August and Sept. The wage basis for Oct. and thereafter shall be investigated immediately by the political affairs research committee of the Party. (It is expected that the basis would be somewhere around Yen 6,300.)

6. A resolution bill requesting an early peace conference shall be presented and urgent questions concerning inducement of foreign capital shall be raised.

7. The revision bill of the National Public Service Law, new wage basis and supplementary budget bills should be forwarded to the committee concerned after being submitted to the plenary session, where our Party shall voice its opinions to the people.

8. To pursue the Government's responsibility in connection with the realization of the open promises made by the Democratic-Liberal Party all through the coming session.

Resolutions:

Reduction of rice price for consumers.

Yen 3,000,000,000 in total, including various administrative expenditures and the expenses of the agricultural adjustment committees which should be borne by the Government is included im the rice price for consumers (Yen 357 per 10 kilogrammes) which was fixed by the

Government one-sidedly. The burden has thus been shifted on the consumers, the fact of which our Party, as a party representing the working masses, cannot allow to exist. The Government should take necessary measures for defraying the administrative expenses included in the rice price from the national treasury so as to reduce the burden on the consuming masses.

Adjustment of the rice delivery quotas to be made by the Government;

For the prefectures which suffered the decrease of rice production this year due to various disasters, the Government affords no consideration as to adjustment of the rice delivery quotas, but forces the local governments by order to adjust their quotas locally in anticipation of an excess of rice delivery. This is not only contrary to the Temporary Adjustment Act for Securing Foodstuffs but also causes serious harm to the increase of foodstuffs next year. The Government should make further adjustment of the rice quotas for the prefectures whom the Government has already forced to make it locally.

II. The Shakai-To will hold a friendly labour conference at the Toko buildings on Nov. 12, with about fifty representatives of thirty-one organizations including the Kokutetsu-Mindo, Sanbetsu-Mindo, Tanro, Nichiro-Kaiin and leading group members of the Sodomei in order to discuss the policies confronting the forthcoming Diet and various labour questions.

Chairman Katayama, Secretary-General Asanuma, M. Yonekubo, Chairman of the Diet Policy Committee, M. Suzuki, Chairman of the Political Affairs Research Committee and T. Kikukawa, Chairman of the Labour Union Committee of the Shakai-To will be present at the conference representing the Party. It is expected that they will hear the opinions of the labour-representatives with reference to the revision of the National Public Service Law and the questions on the new wage basis and negotiations would be made as to the cooperation between outside and inside the Diet aiming at overthrowing the Yoshida reactionary Government.

III. The Block Council of the Kanto area;

The Council will be held on Nov. 15 at the Shakai-To Hq. Subjects for the discussions at the Council meeting would be those concerning preparations for the general meeting of the Party which is scheduled to be held in the middle of December, strengthening and enlargement of the Party organization to cope with the opposition offensive in the Diet and necessary measures for the forthcoming general election.

IV. The standing committee of the Women's Section held its meeting on Oct. 31 at the Party Hq. As a result of the discussions on the reorganization of the section and ways and means of its management which had been pending since the previous meeting, it was decided that the name of the section shall be changed to the Women Policy Section and its management shall be undertaken by a

committee which consists of persons recommended by labour and agricultural organizations, representatives of the Party Hq secretariat and interested Party members of both Upper and Lower Houses. This plan of organization shall be presented to the general meeting of the Party after being passed by a general meeting of the Women's Section.

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THE WEEKLY REPORT OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN DURING THE WEEK ENDING 30 OCTOBER, 1948.

Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. The Party's request to the Government relating to payment of salaries for public service employees.

As to one month advance payment of salaries for public service employees, Messfs. Kikukawa, Hara and Sasaki representing the Party had an interview with Cabinet Chief Secretary Sato on Oct. 28 at Premier's official residence, requesting an early practice of the advance payment. Inthis connection, the Chief Secretary replied that the payment shall be made by 10th, to which they strongly demanded that it be made by 5th. At the same time, they emphatically requested that the payment be made at one time in full, whereas it had been made partly in two instalments.

II. Translation and publication of literature of the British Labour Party.

Our Party received the undermentioned letter from Mr. Denis Healey, Secretary of International Department of the British Labour Party, permitting our request concerning translation and publication of literature of the British Labour Party, for which we had applied some time ago.

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The Labour Party.
Transport House,
Smith Square,
London. S.W. 1.

27th September, 1948.

Mr. T. Hosoda,
Chief of Publications Section,
The Shakai-To.

Dear Mr. Hosoda.

Thank you very much for your letter of September 13th. The British Labour Party will be delighted for your Party to publish translations of any of its publications, and we are particularly glad that you have chosen the ten pamphlets mentioned in your list.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Denes Healey
Secfetary, International Dept.

III. Our Party members of standing committees of both Houses have been set up.

The posting of the Shakai-To members of both Houses in their standing committees of the third session of the Diet is as follows:

House of Councillors:

Cabinet Committee: Matsumoto and Kaniye

Personnel Committee: Akamatsu and Kinoshita

Local Administration CommitteeL Yoshizawa and Fujii

Economic Stabilization Committee: Shii and Miki

Judicial Committee: Ito, Ohno and Sai

Finance Committee: Amata, Watano and Morishita

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Education Committee: Umetsu, Kawasaki and Wakagi

Welfare Committee: Tsukamoto, Nakahira and Yamashita

Commerce and Industry Committee: Shima, Tanaka and Fujieda

Agriculture and Forestry Committee: Hanyu, Ohata and Kadota

Fishery Committee: Aoyama and Matsushita

Transportation Committee: Uchimura and Koizumi

Communication Committee: Shimojo and Nakamura

Labour Committee: Yamada, Hara and Murao

Construction Committee: Iwasaki, Shimada and Haraguchi

Budget Committee: Uchimura, Iwasaki, Okada, Kinoshita, Shimojo, Morishita and Yamashita

Settlement of accounts committee: Nakahira, Akamatsu, Kaniye, Hanyu and Yoshikawa

Diet Steering Committee: Umetsu, Nakamura, Matsumoto, and Haraguchi

Disciplinary Committee: Ohno and Sai

Library Committee: Kaneko and Miki

Laws and Regulations Committee: Fujii

Repatriation Committee: Kinoshita, Miki and Amata

House of Representatives:

Cabinet Committee: Katayama, K.Kato, Suzuki, Tanaka, Yamanaka, Tomiyoshi, Yamaguchi

Personnel Committee: Akamatsu, Kikukawa, Shimagami, Matsuzawa, Mayeda and Yonekubo

Local Administration Committee: Nomizo, Nagaye, Ishigami, Moji, Morito and Yao

Economic Stabilization Committee: Mizutani, Kasahara, Kajikawa, Yaoita, Ohtani and Suzuki

Judicial Committee: Ii, Ikegaya, Ishii, Mori, Ishikawa, Inomata and Sakakibara

Foreign Affairs Committee: S.Kato, Takeuchi, Togano, Baba, Hosokawa, Matsuoka and Wada

Finance Committee: Hosono, Matsuo, Shimada, Shigei, Nakazaki, Sato and Kawai.

Education Committee: Ukeda, Takatsu, Tabuchi, Hara, H.Matsumoto, and J.Matsumoto

Welfare Committee: Yamasaki, Morooka, Tanaka, Fujuda and Muto

Commerce and Industry Committee: Ito, Kaneko, Nishimura, Imasumi, Sasaguchi and Maeda

Agriculture and Forestry Committee: Inouye, Kikuchi, Kiyosawa, Nagai, Naruse and Konno

Fishery Committee: S.Kato, Satake, Shoji, Yago, Nogami and Fujiwara

Transportation Committee: Sasaki, Yoshikawa, Narita, Sakai, Masaki and Itani

Communication Committee: Inamura, Unno, Ohshima, Kawashima, Katashima and Manda

Labor Committee: Yamahana, Yamamoto, Murao, Doi, Yamashita and Yasuhira

Construction Committee: Doi, Ise, Mizobuchi, Kambayashi, Adachi and Morita

Budget Committee: Ohshima, Katsumata, Hayashi, Morito, Inamura, Kawashima, M.Suzuki, Kikugawa, Matsubara, Tanaka and Takeya

Settlement of Accounts Committee: Akamatsu, Kagetsu, Kawai, Nagaye, Murao and Yamaguchi

Diet Steering Committee: Asanuma, Sasaguchi, Yasuhira, Yoshikawa, Hosokawa and Shimagami

Disciplinary Committee: Ishii, Ishikawa, Inomata, Mori, Manda and Kawai

Library Committee: Takatsu, Matsucka and Kagetsu

IV. Election of Governor of Toyama Prefecture.

Mr. Kenji Sano, vice-chairman of the prefectural joint association of the Shakai-To runs for election to the post of Governor of Toyama Prefecture as the Party's official candidate. The election has been caused by the purge of Governor Tate.

V. By-Election of Nagasaki 1st electral district.

Mr. Matakachi Tsuda stands for by-election of Nagasaki 1st electral district for member of the House of Representatives as the Party's official candidate.

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Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Diet Election of Next Prime Minister Designate.

At the Diet Election of Next Prime Minister Designate at night on the 14th, the Social Democratic Party acted judiciously in accordance with the proclamation made by the Central Executive Committee the other day to the effect that this party will stand as a perfect opposition to the next regime. Expecting that the ultimate run-off election was inevitable, Social Democrats voted for their chairman Katayama in the first election, signifying their objective of forming one-party cabinet in future. In the run-off election this party members cast blank votes, clarifying the standpoint of an opposition party. After the designatory election, the party issued the following statement;

Statement

"Our party is now going to act as an opposition in accordance with the decision made at the recent Central Committee meeting. Therefore we do not vote for the Democratic Liberal Party in the designatory election of Prime Minister in order to clarify the standpoint of an opposition party to the Government. For the purpose of showing our

criticism of that party and our own future objective, vote for our Chairman Katayama. In the run-off election, we cast blank votes to indicate that we are disinterested in obtaining regime."

II. Central Executive Committee.

Our party had its Central Executive Committee sit in session on the 14th with the purpose of readjustment of the party set-up as an opposition. The Committee decided upon appealing to the working people with the beliefs of the party on the following points:

1) Criticism of the character of the Yoshida Cabinet.
2) How the Social Democratic Party fights as an opposition.
3) How the policy decided at the Central Committee Meeting will be put into practice.
4) On determination for cleaning up of the political field and also on dissolution of the Diet.

The Committee also decided upon the political measures to be demanded at the moment as follows:

a) Rice price of ¥4,200, and opposition to taxation on the rice delivered in excess of the alotted quota.
b) Sensible amendment of the National Public Service Law, fixation of New Wage Base and Substantial Elevation of Wage Scale.
c) Opposition to pegging of wage scale.
d) Thwarting ideas to worsen conditions of labor law and regulations by wrong amendment.

e) Easing the tight financial situation of small business, and reformation of taxation system.

f) Reformation of fishery royalty system and revision of control on fresh fish and marine products.

Especially as regards the wage problem of the Government workers and the taxation problem on the crops delivered in excess of the allotted quota, the Committee decided upon urging the Government on the following two points immediately after formation of the cabinet.

i) Elevation of the wage scale base of the Government workers be carried out without fail, and as an emergency measure payroll be handed out one month in advance.

ii) Supply of incentive goods for the crop delivered in exchange of the allotted quota be guaranteed, and proceeds from such excess delivery be exempted from taxation.

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Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. 2nd Central Committee Meeting.

The 2nd Central Committee Meeting was held for two days on the 7th and 8th of this month at the Kanda Public Hall, Tokyo where 200 central committee members assembled.

The Meeting decided that the party should be an opposition in the next political reshuffle, thus proclaiming a perfect party line of opposition.

The Nishio Problem was branded as the blot on face of the Social Democratic Party as the one for the working people. Nishio was assailed for causing betrayal of people's faith in the party. The Meeting further unanimously repudiated the action of the Central Executive Committee taken against Nishio (recommending him to resign from the party officer post and to secede from the party) as failing to come up to expectation of all party members, and the Meeting decided on expelling Nishio. They also decided upon for having the Annual Convention shortly to pursue the responsibilities of the Executives further, thereby reinvigorating the setup of the party and establishing the party policy first principle.

<u>1st Day</u>:

The 1st day of the session was opened by the opening address delivered by Mr. Kato, Chief of Organization Sec.

at 11 o'clock a.m.

Party Chairman Katayama sat in the Moderator Seat and nominated Mr. Hidekichi KOIZUMI, Mr. Shozo OHYA and Mr. Taminosuke TSUJII as Vice Moderators.

Then Chairman Katayama delivered a message to the effect that in order to recover people's faith in the politics we must first recover moral in the politics.

His message was followed by Secretary-General Asanuma's report on the activities of the party Hq since the 3rd Party Convention. On policy problems Mr. Suzuki, Chief of the Political Affairs Investigation Department, reported. Regarding these reports questions and answers were exchanged among the Central Committee members.

The Hq report was approved except the action taken by the Central Executive Committee against Mr. Nishio (advice to secede from the party) and pursuance of the responsibilities of the Central Executive Committee.

The first day session was wound up at 6 o'clock p.m.

2nd Day:

The second day of the session was opened at 10:30 a.m. They took up deliberation of policy matters, and approved (1) Acceleration of Peace Conference against Japan (submitted and explained by M. YONEKUBO), (2) Amendment of National Public Service Law (by M. MATSUZAWA), and (3) Reorganization of Government Enterprises (by K. KAWASHIMA).

In the meanwhile, Central Executive Committee sat in a separate room and discussed on the party attitude to be taken vis-a-vis the political situation. Arriving finally

at a conclusion of standing as an opposition, the decision was moved by Secretary-General Asanuma as an emergency bill at the Central Committee Meeting.

When the vote was taken by standing method, all members unanimously approved the motion; "The party shall become an opposition to the next regime and the Central Executive Committee shall be entrusted for choice of the next prime minister."

Then the session deliberated on (1) Wage Scale Base of Government Offices Employees (by S. KATSUMATA), (2) Rice Price and 3rd Agrarian Reform (by S. OKADA) and (3) Dissolution of Outpost Offices of Government and Establishment of Local Finance (by K. MATSUZAWA). Lively debates were exchanged on the rice price, dissolution of government outpost offices and local finance problems. They were approved after many desirable conditions were added.
Presently Secretary-General Asanuma moved that the Nishio Problem and pursuance of the executives' responsibilities carried over from the previous day's session be debated and eventually handed over to the disposal committee for final decision. The Meeting approved the motion.
Accordingly Mr. S. EDA (from Okayama) demanded that Mr. Nishio be expelled in order to purify the party and to apologize to the nation. Mr. T. TANEDA (from Osaka) countered with an opinion opposed to expelling.
Mr. S. AKANEGAKUBO (from Gunma) insisted that the Central Executive Committee resign en bloc assuming full responsibilities.

The moderator eventually nominated 20 members for organizing a Disposal Committee. This committee deliberated the issue and decided that Mr. Nishio be expelled from the party and the Central Executive Committee be dissolved and reelected at the Party Convention as soon as possible. This decision was reported by Mr. S. ARAYA.

Then the Meeting unanimously adopted a resolution on establishing setup true to the party policy. (Text of the resolution given below.)

"The resolution on a thoroughgoing cleaning up of the political, official and financial fields" (submitted and explained by H. YAMAHANA), inflation disposal item and proposal for opening of the Diet members meeting were passed.

Subsequently the Central Committee Meeting closed its session a little past seven o'clock p.m. with a closing address given by Chairman Katayama.

Resolution on Establishing Setup True to Party Policy

Forging ahead toward achievement of the democratic revolution, our party participated in coalition cabinets twice in past. However lacking setup true to the party policy, we failed to achieve the intended objectives amid the conservative and reactional offensives in and out of the cabinet.

Moreover as a result of such an infamous affair as the Nishio Problem the party is now faced with crisis in its full meaning. Meanshile the Central Executive Committee lacked discretion and adequacy in dealing with these

matters, and brought about today's situation. It ought to exercise strong reflection and feel full responsibilities.

As a public political party, we already demanded withdrawal of the Ashida Cabinet, and we have proclaimed our attitude of becoming an opposition party in the forthcoming political reshuffle.

In conjunction with these steps, we categorically expelled Mr. Suyehiro Nishio for the purpose of cleaning up the political field, thus clarifying the responsibilities and moral of the party to the people..

Together with all members of the party we are going to stick to this attitude in tiding over the critical situation. For the purpose of materializing this determination and establishing and consolidating the setpu of the party true to the initial party policy, we executive organ shall hold an Annual Convention shortly and reshuffle and strengthen the executive staff, so that we can streamline ourselves in effecting a new start.

The above statement has been passed as our resolution.

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II. Commercial and Industrial Dept. talk with Prefectural Chapters.

The Conference of the Commercial and Industrial Dept. of the Party with representatives of the Prefectural Chapters was held on the 9th at the Social Democratic Party Lobby in the House of Representatives. Secretary-General

Asanuma, Mr. Sasaguchi, Chief of the Commercial and Industrial Dept. and about 40 representatives of various Prefectural Chapters attended the occasion.

They discussed on the party plan for management of the board of small business, financial measures toward small business and on development of small business. Especially strong desire was expressed for a strong policy to enable businessmen tide over the current tight financial situation.

In the meanwhile they decided upon a definite plan to organize a Small Business Finance Measure Committee (provisionally named) comprizing all businessmen interested with the Commercial and Industrial Dept. of each Prefectural Chapter of the Party in its core to effect collective negotiations with Finance Ministry and local banks for trying to tide over the current crisis.

III. Election Campaign Section Chiefs Meet.

Meeting of the Election Campaign Sections was held on the 9th at the Education Hall in Kanda with the attendance of about 70 representatives from all chapters leagues.

The opening address of Secretary-General Asanuma was followed by elucidations on partial amendment of the Election Law by Messrs. Mori, Takeya and Hosokawa.

Then Election Campaign Section chief of each prefectural chapter league reported on the local situation. The Meeting was wound up after passing the following resolution.

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"In the forthcoming general election, we shall do out utmost to prevent indiscreet candidacy and shall abide by the policy of election victory first. For party nominees we shall choose those appealing to the working mass both as to their ideologies and personalities, and those who would forge ahead positively at the spearhead of the party activities after elected. Under such a viewpoint, this meeting supports the election campaign policy of the Hq and expects its flexible execution.

IV. Mr. Sakai and Mr. Yamanaka's Reinstatement Approved.

Mr. K. SAKAI and Mr. H. YAMANAKA, Representatives both from Hokkaido, who seceded from the party in opposition to the 1948 budget, have applied for reinstatement in person and through locals responsible for their choice. The applications were accepted by the Central Executive Committee on the 6th.

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Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Agenda of Central Committee Meeting Laid Out.

In preparation for the Central Committee Meeting slated on 7th and 8th of October, the Central Executive Committee decided upon the following:

Agenda; (To be covered by Hq Report)

A) Policy making:

1. Petition for acceleration of Peace Conference of Japan.
2. Bill of Amendment of Public Service Law.
3. Rearrangement of the national railroad service.
4. Rearrangement of the national monopoly enterprises.
5. Government Employees' New Wage Scale Base.
6. Third Agrarian Reform.
7. New Rice Price.
8. Trimming of Government Outpost Offices.
9. Establishment of Provincial Finance Policy.
10. Fundamental Measures for Curbing Inflation.

B) Convocation of Caucus of Diet Members from Provinces.

C) Definite policy measures for the election.

D) Party fees and the officers' assessments.

Place of the Meeting:

Kanda Public Hall (former Kanda Ward Office), Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo.

II. ¥ 6,200 Base Fixed.

Of the policy making bills to be submitted to the Central Committee Meeting, the so-called ¥ 6,200 wage scale base was decided upon on 1st October as follows:

1) An average monthly salary for each Government employee from July to Sept. shall be fixed at ¥ 6,200 base.

2) The wage scale base shall be revised every six months. It may however be revised in the inbetween times case the change of economical situation demands it.

3) Democratization and heightening of efficiency of the government office setup shall be carried out.

III. New Rice Price of ¥ 4,200 Demanded.

The Social Democratic Plan of the new rice price having been set at ¥ 4,200 per koku (net), formal demand will be filed with the Government.

The parity computation carried out on the basis of the commodity prices as of 1st Sept. produced the rice price of ¥ 3,947 per koku (net). With this computation in the background, the new rice price plan was fixed to effect balance with the commodity prices as of 1st Oct.

IV. Convocation of Caucus of Diet Members from Provinces.

The Central Executive Committee on 28th decided upon that convocation of caucus of diet members belonging to the party from provinces shall be included in the agenda

of the Central Committee Meeting. Through this caucus the central and local party activities are expected to be unified, and the party platform may be permeated to the local administration policies. It is scheduled that the cause shall be held during the extraordinary session of the Diet.

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Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Social Democratic Party's Amendment Draft of the 3rd Agrarian Reform Mapped Out.

The 2nd Agrarian Reform presently underway is faced with various difficulties inasmuch as the plan of the land disposal failed to make satisfactory headway. In the meanwhile, some landowners continue to seize lands rented illicitly and some agrarian committees are still operating not along the spirit of the agrarian reform. Land disputes are arising everywhere. If the agrarian reform is finished up at this stage, the SCAP directive for liberation of farmers issued on 9 Dec. '46 will be made a washout in effect. Under the circumstances, our Party demands execution of the 3rd agrarian reform so that the spirit of the said directive be fulfilled by conducting a thorcughgoing democratixation of Japanese farms and thereby establishing the basis for acceleration of the revolution of Japanese agriculture.

1. An averaged one-cho of land (4-cho in Hokkaido) now legitimately held by each landowner in accordance with the current law shall be entirely liberated before the end of 1949.

2. The lands illegitimately or improperly seized by landowners after 23 Nov. 1945 shall entirely be bought up before the end of 1949.

3. The landowning system shall be limited by the agrarian reform to the extent of 3-cho in Japan Proper and 12-cho in Hokkaido.

4. Plan for liberation of mountain forests or uncultivated lands suitable for cultivation into farm shall be strengthened.

5. Facilitation of exchange, partition or merger of farm lands by promulgating Farm Land Exchange, Partition and Merger Law.

6. Reorganization of Agrarian Committees. (The current ratio of 5 tenant-farmers, 2 independent-farmers and 3 landowners comprising committee membership is not considered appropriately representing the current class composition. The ratio must be replaced by another one; namely 3 former-tenants, 3 present-tenants, 2 former-independents and 1 present-landowner). Authority of the Committee shall be strengthened and be made inclusive of power to execute exchange, partition and merger as well as farm management supervision. New election accordingly shall be held.

7. Acceleration of collective joint utilization of farm land through the medium of agricultural cooperative associations.

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II. Participation in UNESCO Petitioned.

As Dr. Koh Iu Sheo, Far Eastern Adviser to Dr. Huxley, Administrative Chief of UNESCO Hq came to Japan on 9 Sept. via China and the Philippines, Culture Section Chief Matsumoto of our Party submitted a petition to him on the 17th.

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Dr. Koh Iu Sheo,
Adviser of the Far Eastern Section,
Headquarters of the UNESCO.

Dear, Sir,

Our Party wishes to express sincere respect and deep gratitute to you who has come over here from Paris, far from Japan, in order to stretch warm hands over Japan for peace, culture and international cooperation.

Our new Japan has now been exerting its efforts to become a peace-loving nation. It has further been endeavouring to cultivate a mind piercing into peace by means of not only adjusting legislations but also crushing a militaristic conscience deeplydormant in our mind in order not to repeat aggressive actions with arms any more in future.

Of corse, we have to carry out our aims by our own efforts. However, as the UNESCO has been organized by advanced peace loving nations, we wish to become its member as early as possible so as to obtain its assistance, cooperation and guidance.

This is an ardent wish which the Japanese masses hold. We should be very grateful if you would confirm

the above fact during your sojourn and Japan would be allowed to become a member of the UNESCO through your good offices. We earnestly desire that we shall be allowed to sit at the next general meeting as an observer for which we beg your kind assistance.

Yours most sincerely,

(Inejiro Asanuma)

Secretary-General of the
Nippon Shakai-To.

III. Central Committee to be held 7 & 8 Oct.

Since Chief Cabinet Secretary Tomabechi desired on 22nd Sept. to the House of Representatives Management Commission to have an extraordinary session of the Diet convened on 11 October, the Central Executive Committee meeting on 22 Sept. decided to hold a Central Committee on 7 and 8 October.

IV. Election Campaign Policy to be Discussed on 9 Oct.

The Social Democratic Party will hold on 9 Oct. after the Central Committee a conference of the chiefs of the prefectural chapter election campaign policymaking committees to discuss on (1) strengthening of party control on general election, (2) standard on choice of party nominaged candidates and (3) other necessary matters.

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Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Secretary-General Asanuma, Chairman of Diet Committee Yonekubo, and Mr. Yoshikawa, Mr. Itb, both members of the Central Executive Committee acting in accordance with the decision arrived at the Central Executive Committee meeting on the 13th, saw in the afternoon of the 14th Chief Cabinet Secretary Tomabechi. Handing him a statement to the following effect, they also expressed their grim determination to go ahead with materialization of the ideas set forth through Forestry and Agriculture Minister Nagae in charge of the matters concerned and urged the Government to do the necessary accordingly.

Statement

As one of the basic measures to check the inflation, it is extremely important to safeguard and stabilize the foodstuff. Rehabilitation of construction is difficult, unless it is heralded by the stabilizatibn of the food situation of the working people. Under the circumstances, we strongly expect the Government to put the following into effect from November in face of the fortunately predicted bumper crop harvest of this year.

1) The Government will increase staple ration quantity to people in general to 2.7-go from November this year.

2) The scope of the Government nominated key industries be widened, and the special labor additional ration of staple food be increased to 2-go.

3) Substantial increase of ration be made to general salaried workers.

4) Control of fresh or raw food especially vegetables and marine products hauled in the nearby seas be switched to "seasonal", and control of perishables be removed.

Cooperation of the farm villages is prerequisite for achievement of the above objectives. Hence the following measures will be considered necessary.

5) Incentive money and goods to be awarded to farmers delivering crops in excess of the alloted quantity be exempted from taxation in view of their special nature.

6) Amount of additional payment for the crops delivered in the fiscal 1947 be fixed immediately and be paid out.

7) Choice of incentive goods to farmers be made more careful, and their prices be lowered adequately.

II. Election Campaign Policy Mapped Out.

Trying to complete the preparation for the general election, the Election Committee on the 13th submitted the following motion to the Central Executive Committee, which approved it in due course.

The motion reads as follows:

For the purpose that controlling power of the party be consolidated thereby preventing candidates to run indiscriminately and enabling the election campaign to be conducted effectively, the following matters will be put into effect.

1) Nomination of candidacy will be conducted by the party HQ only. Nomination or recommendation by the prefectural chapters leagues shall not be approved.
2) Unauthorized candidacy motivated to balk the nominee candidates shall never be tolerated.
3) Any members who violated the above two items shall be ejected and in some cases shall be indicted for imposture of the party nomination.
4) Any prefectural chapters leagues who approved candidates other than the party HQ nominess shall be made to assume the responsiblities.
5) Nomination shall aim at the election before anything else and shall take the following points into consideration; (a) Priority be given to the present Diet members. (b) As a matter of principle, the application by the prefectural chapters leagues shall be based upon in the choice. So the prefectural chapters league shall settle their own problems autonomously before filing application. (c) Cases of prefectural chapters leagues with special circumstances or surroundings shall be taken care of by the HQ of the party.

III. Central Committee.

It had been decided that the Central Committee Meeting shall be held five days before the convocation of the Extraordinary session of the Diet, and it was later almost fixed unofficially that the meeting shall be held on the 29th and 30th owing to various reasons.
However these dates were slated for the Gubernatorial Conference, in which all cabinet members shall be called upon to attend. As a result, the meeting of the Central Committee Meeting shall be held before or after these dates. In case the convocation of the Diet is postponed to later than Oct. 1st, the Central Committee Meeting may possibly be held on the 7th and 8th.

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Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Party Directive Prohibiting Collaboration with the "Orthodox" Group Members.

The Central Executive Committee of our Party on the 8th forwarded the following directive to local chapters prohibiting the party members to collaborate with the activities of the so-called "Orthodox" Group Social Democrat Diet Members.

The substance of the directive reads as follows;

Mr. Kuroda and his associates yielded to the criticism of the working class and the pressure of mass at this difficult situation, and they chose the easier road, shunning the party's own objective responsibilities.

It is however up to us to stand all criticisms and to train ourselves through all ordeals and struggles if we want to be real social democrats.

Collaboration to the Orthodox Group or its supporting organixations is the un-party action, which must be obliterated by any means.

This is the time for all members of the party to be united into one for tiding over the crisis of the party and for protecting it out. All local chapters and chapter leagues are directed to redouble their efforts for consolidation of the party discipline.

II. Party Directive for Reorganization of Okayama Prefectural Chapters League.

As the New Okayama Pref. Chapters League General Meeting was slated on the 19th, the Central Executive Committee on the 8th forwarded a directive for disorganizating the old chapters league and organizing new one over there.

The New Chapter League General Meeting was previously slated on the 12th. Meanwhile on the meeting of the Central Executive Committee on the 4th, Mr. Kato, Chief of the Organization Section spoke on the possibility of the final arbitration work.

Subsequently Mr. Shigei and Mr. Eda of the New Chapters League were called in to Tokyo. As a result of discussions the Central Executive Committee had with them, it was made clear that the arbitration was quite hopeless. Hence the directive for reorganization was issued. Chairman Katayama is expected to attend the General Meeting on the 19th.

III. Central Committee Meeting Decided.

It was decided at the Central Executive Committee on the 8th that the Social Democratic Party's Central Committee Meeting will be held five days prior to convening of the Extraordinary Session of the Diet.

IV. Chugoku and Shikoku Bloc Conference to be held.

The Chugoku and Shikoku Districts Bloc Conference will be held at Shinkeien, Shinkawa-machi, Kurashiki City on the 24th. The Meeting will also be attended by

Chairman Katayama, Organization Section Chief Kato and Propaganda Section Chief Yoshikawa who will be on a stumping tour to these districts.

V. Central School of Culture and Politics opened.

Commencement of the Central School of Culture and Politics sponsored by the Party Hq was held on the 7th at the Central Labor School, Shiba, Tokyo. It was attended by Chairman Katayama, Secretary-General Asanuma, other party executive members, lecturers and students, totalling to about 100. Chairman Katayama's opening address was followed by Secretary-General Asanuma's lecture on mass movement and Mr. Shimagami's lecture on labor union. Then lecturers and students exchanged earnest questions and answers. The School will continue on the 10th and 14th, up till the end of November.

VI. Struggle on policies.

Relating to the subject of diet dissolution, our party held liaison meetings of the Central Executive Committee and the members with seats in the Cabinet on the 8th and 13th, and had careful discussions. So far however they only understood the esplanations on the diet dissolution opined by Chairman Katayama. No definite conclusion as to the time of execution or method was reached as yet.

At the Central Executive Committee Meeting on the 8th, which was the first to speak on the dissolution issue, Political Affairs Investigation Dept. Chief Suzuki and Diet Session Measures Drafting Committee

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Chairman Yonekubo stated that the coalition of the Social Democratic Party with the Democratic Party has reached the limit insofar as the policies are concerned.

This opinion was countered by Committee member Ito and Matsuzawa, who emphasized the importance of the policy, speaking that it would not be appropriate to decide on the dissolution beforehand, but should be decided in line with the policy to be pursued hereafter. if the election is to be held in pursuit of cause of principle, especially becasue the problem of the amendment of the national public service law would wield an untold influence on the dissolution problem.

In the liaison meeting on the 10th, the policy problem was debated likewise. The cabinet members reported on the inter-cabinet situation and prospect of the execution of the policy.

Thereafter they agreed to support the dissolution as a matter of principle, and to endeavor for establishment of policy towards the Diet session and for its execution. It was also decided that the Central Executive Committee Meeting will be held continually for deliberation of the policy.

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Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma

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I. Decision of drafted basic policies of the Shakai-To.

The Political Affairs Research Committee of the Shakai-To decided the following six items on the basic policies as a result of four day deliberations from Aug. 8 to 11. They are to be presented to the Central Executive Committee of the Party and the coming Central Committee. Following the decision of the above Committees, they will be submitted to the Diet.

1) Final currency measures for the purpose of having its inflation done away with.

2) Draft of a revised National Public Service Law and establishment of enterprise structure of nationalization.

3) Supplementary budget for increase of the existing pay.

4) Local government budget and adjustment of local offices of the central government.

5) Firm stand for price structure of agricultural products and the third farmland reform.

6) A draft resolution of a plea for calling a Japanese peace conference at the earliest possible date.

II. Round-table conference between the Political Affairs Research Committee and unions.

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Having drafted policies so far which shall be presented to the coming special session of the Diet, the Political Affairs Research Committee held a round-table conference at 2 p.m. Aug. 14 in the Diet with the representatives numbering about 150 of the Sodomei, Sanbetsu, Zenkanko and other unions in order to hear their opinions concerning a revision of the National Public Service Law and necessary measures for inflation of currency.

In the first place, Mr. Y. Ito made an explanation on measures for inflation of currency and then K. Matsuzawa on a revision of the National Public Service Law, following which the union representatives made questions on the principles of the Shakai-To relative to the National Public Service Law, severely commenting on the Government's one sided and opportune policies. They strongly requested the Shakei-To to hold a firm attitude relating to the issue. In particular, Deputy chairman Matsuzawa replied it might be considered that a protest shall be made to the Government which intends to suppress the union activities by means of government ordinances and notifications prior to the convocation of the coming special session of the Diet. His remarks drew the attention of the representatives.

Chairman Suzuki also showed a firm attitude to attend the coming special session of the Diet with determination in order to realise the policies of the Shakai-To.

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Reported by the Secretary-General
Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Liaison Committee between the Shakai-To and the Sodomei.

The second meeting ofthe liaison committee between the Shakai-To and the Sodomei was held on July 31 in order to discuss the current labor situation.

Twenty five members were present including Secretary-General Asanuma, Labor Minister Kato, T. Mayeda, Shimagami, Katsumata, Matsubara and Takeya from the Shakai-To, while Chief secretary Hara, Kono, Saito, Daimon and Kumamoto representing the Sodomei.

As to the revision of the National Public Service Law, committeeman Saito stated the Sodomei's attitude, while Secretary-General Asanuma and Labor Minister Kato made reports centering around the proceedings concerning the counter measures which the Shakai-To has taken in respect of the revision. After they exchanged their opinions as to the concrete problems which would possibly arise in the future, they admitted the ground on which the Government regarded the SCAP's letter as a directive under the occupation and decided to issue a Government ordinance. Lively discussions took place as to how to maintain the acquired right of the workers under the new situation, as a result of which their views were found

completely in accord. Thus, the meeting decided that Secretary-General Asanuma shall state the following in the form of a joint statement under which basis the committee has determined to fight for the workers.

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The Joint Statement:

1. In view of the fact that Japan is under the occupation, the SCAP's letter addressed to Premier Ashida is regarded as a "directive order", with which interpretation the Government has decided to issue a Government ordinance provisionally legalising the contents of the letter pending a revision of the National Public Service Law. We understand the basic ground as above for issuing the ordinance.
2. The fact that the activities of the All Government Workers' Unions have been brought to the present state is greatly due to non-democratic domination of the unions under the coesive and destructive tactics taken by the Communist Party since the 2.1 strike.
3. Taking this opportunity, the labor movement in Japan should be guided along the constructive principles for her economic reconstruction and democratization. Therefore, we resolutely object to the scorched earth policy planned by the extreme leftists.
4. A right to organise the workers and for collective negotiations as well as the maintenance of the acquired rights on economic interests which the Shakai-To has demanded in connection with the Government ordinance should be firmly adhered to.

5. In the case of the revision of the National Public Service Law, the acquired right of operating workers should be protected.

6. Demand should be made to the Government for immediate solution of wages for the Government workers.

7. Resolute struggle should be made against reactionary offensive on the part of capitalists and bureaucrats who might make good use of the SCAP's letter.

II. The Shakai-To's presentation to the Government.

On the Cabinet meeting of July 27, the Government regarded the SCAP's letter relative to the National Public Service Law as a directive order and decided to issue a Government ordinance in order to take concrete measures immediately.

However, the Shakai-To took a basic attitude that the Government's decision to take concrete measures based upon its own one sided interpretation is non-democratic. The Shakai-To, therefore, questioned the Government as to its interpretation and the measures to be taken in connection with the SCAP's letter. In the meanwhile, the Shakai-To proposed to the Government the following three demands relating to the draft ordinance provisionally decided by the Cabinet meeting on July 29.

In view of the Shakai-To's presentation, Labor Minister Kato strongly stressed the points in the Cabinet meeting.

1. To recognise public service men's right to organise themselves.

2. To recognise a right for collective negotiations

(right to joint negotiations) excluding a right for dispute.

3. To recognise the acquired right which the government workers are now entitled to enjoy in respect of collective agreement and others, and to provide necessary measures for their personal security.

III. Postponement of the Central Committee.

The meeting of the Central Committee of the Shakai-To which was scheduled to be held on August 21 and 22 in Tokyo, according to the decision of the Central Executive Committee, has been postponed until about September 10 (immediately before the convocation of an extraordinary session of the Diet).

IV. Chairman Katayama's lecture tour in Hokkaido.

Mr. Katayama, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee, leaves Tokyo on August 10 for lecture tour in Hokkaido, the programe of which would take about ten days. He will be accompanied by Dietmen Yoshikawa, Yamahana, Katsumata and others.

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SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN

THE WEEKLY REPORT OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES
OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN
DURING THE WEEK ENDING 24th JULY, 1948.

Reported by the Secretary-General
Inejiro Asanuma.

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L. Reports concerning the relief work for the earthquake stricken Hokuriku district.

As reported previously, the Central Executive Committee of the Shakai To decided to carry out the relief work for those who suffered from the disastrous earthquake in the Houkuriku district and established a special committee for the purpose. Under the leadership of the chief of the secretariat, the headquarters of the Party commenced the relief movement positively and despatched Parliamentary Under Secretary Nishimura and Sakamoto, clerk of the Political Affairs Investgation Dept. of the Party immediately after the disaster in order to comfort and encourage the unfortunate people.

The headquarters of the Party sent Yen 50,000 as relief fund. In the meanwhile, the Shakai To despatched an official relief party consisting of Councillor Aoyama and Diet member Takeuchi to the district with the donations collected from all Shakai To members of the two Houses (Yen 100 each) and the street collections Yen 1,033.60 made by the employees of the secretariat. The Tokyo-to Rengokai (Joint Association of Branch Offices in Tokyo) is now still continuing the movement for public

relief contributions.

Up till July 11, the amount of relief fund sent to the Central Executive Committee from branch offices throughout Japan showed more than Yen 40,000, which is expected to exceed Yen 100,000 by the end of the month. It was reported that the Hiroshima Kenren remitted the relief fund to the Fukui Kenren directly.

II. The 3rd General Meeting of the Youth Section of the Shakai To.

The 3rd General Meeting of the Youth Section of the Shakai To was held on July 17 and 18 at the auditorium of the Meiji University, Kanda, Tokyo.

The First day.

Five hundred and fifty representatives from all parts of Japan gathered and the meeting was commenced at noon. Messrs. S.Ake, A.Iwai, K.Hirata and K.Matsumoto were recommended as chairmen of the meeting and Mr. S.Nakayama as secretary. Following this, Secretary-General Asanuma reported the meeting the proceedings relative to the dealings concerning Mr. Nishio's resignation from the Cabinet and the Central Executive Committee caused by the question of building contractors' donations and the executive's decisions on expulsion of Mr. Kuroda and others and secession of their followers. The meeting then adjourned for a little while.

It was reopened at 2.30 p.m., when both Mr. Masaburo Suzuki and Mr. Haruo Okada made reports on the questions of the budget bills respectively and then the debate was focussed upon the cases of the expulsion of Mr. Okada

and others after the headquarters and the national committee's reports were made. However, the debate was brought over to the second day meeting, thus closing the first day meeting at 9 p.m.

As to the Nishio case, the decision of expulsion reached by the committee on the previous day was approved by all except the Osaka Furen.

The second day.

The meeting was opened at 2.00 p.m. and passed bills as originally drafted by the headquarters as well as the districts which had been investigated by a special committee. After this, the meeting put the following decision of the national committee concerning the case on Mr. Kuroda and fifteen others to the vote.

Decision: "We are dissatisfied with the decision made by the Central Executive Committee on the expulsion of Mr. Kuroda and others and strongly request that the seceders be reinstated and either the Central Committee or the national conference be convened at the earliest opportunity in order to square up the cases of the expulsion and secession."

"Additional conditions: 1. The Shakai To is a main power of the revolution. 2. Substance of the actions taken by Mr. Kuroda and others are to be supported, but its fallacy in tactics should be blamed."

As a result of the voting, the above decision was approved by the majority of two, i.e. 215 for and 213 against it. Thereupon, the Okada faction of 152 who were dissatisfied with the decision left the meeting, which was,

however, continued by 250 representatives who remained in the place. They confirmed the decision made by the national committee and proceeded to elect officers of the Youth Section as mentioned below:

Chief of the Youth Section — Orinoshin Tanaka.
Deputy Chief " " — Shigeyoshi Ake.
" " " " — Yu Tadamatsu.

It was further decided that other officers of the section and attitude to be taken towards those who left the meeting shall be dealt with later by new national committee. It was also agreed that the following statement be published in order to fight resolutely against the action of split.

"The general meeting has been put into a crisis of split owing to the disturbances caused intentionally by those led by Mr. Okada who were either expelled or seceded from the Party, instigating some of the representatives to leave the meeting. The Okada faction, while outwardly pretending to have sincerity with the Shakai To, in reality have taken mean and underhanded actions to cause a split.

"We however support to the utmost their spirit to defend the genuineness of the Shakai To by opposing the budget bills at the cost of their life, while we object to the unreasonable steps taken by the party executives. However, we fight resolutely against their intention of causing a split. We defend the main stream of the Shakai To, while overcoming the crisis thrown upon the Youth Section."

NIPPON SHAKAITO
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN

THE WEEKLY REPORT OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN DURING THE WEEK ENDING 17th JULY, 1948.

Reported by the Secretary-General
Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. Instructions concerning the purification of the Party and strengthening the Party disciplinary action.

On both July 6 and 7, the Central Executive Committee discussed as to the actions to be taken against the socialist members who cast green votes (against the Government) and were intentionally absent when the so-called Nishio case and the budget bills were presented for decision.

With reference to the Nishio case, his resignation from the Cabinet, disciplinary action to be taken by the Disciplinary Committee of the Party and the convocation of the Central Committee at the earliest opportunity had been requested by some of the Party members, for which Chairman Katayama stated that the Nishio case should be dealt with by his own responsibility.

However, the second Diet session was adjourned and State Minister Nishio tendered his resignation on July 2, thus giving up the deputy Premiership. He then attended the Central Executive Committee which was held on July 6 and made an explanation as to his resignation stating that it was due to inter-party affairs.

After he made further a personal statement and then retired from the meeting, the Committee continued to discuss the matters and made its conclusion that it should further deal with the Nishio case and decide its attitude towards those who cast votes against the Government in respect of the budget bills. The Committee, thereupon, decided that a joint committee composed of the Disciplinary Committee and five-member subcommittee of the Central Executive Committee should investigate the cases so as to present its recommendation before the end of July.

The joint committee held its meeting on July 7 under the chairmanship of Mr. Muto. Those present were as follows;

The Disciplinary Committee; Inejiro Asanuma, Gentaro Takeya, Ryoji Inouye, Koichi Ohno, Shin-ichi Satake and Kozo Inomata.

The subcommittee; Shogetsu Tanaka, Ushiro Ito, Shikaichi Yasuhira, Ryozo Kato, Naosaku Doi.

The joint subcommittee, after investigations, requested the presence of both Mr. Nishio and Mr. Kuroda to whom it afforded an opportunity to make their own explanations, after which it made the following recommendations;

1. In view of the fact that the so-called Nishio donation case has caused a considerable trouble to the Party, the joint committee is of the belief that Mr. Nishio should adequately consider his position in the Central Executive Committee with his own responsibility.

2. The joint committee is of opinion that six members, Kuroda, Okada, Ohta, Tamai, Matsutani and Nakahara are worthy of being expelled from the Party due to their violation of the Party decision.

As to Ishino, Tate, Yamanaka, Sakai, Tokoro, S. Suzuki, Hori, Kimura, Chiba and Mizubashi, further investigations shall be made, pending which their executive rights in the Party should be suspended.

Upon receipt of the above recommendations, the Central Executive Committee made the following decisions:

1. The Committee recognises that in view of various circumstances, Mr. Nishio should resign from the post in the Central Executive Committee.

2. The recommendations concerning expulsion from the Party and suspension of executive rights in the Party are approved as recommended.

3. Warning shall be given to those who were absent from the voting on the important bills.

Thus, the Central Executive Committee, the subcommittee, the Disciplinary Committee and the joint committee gave deliberate considerations to the Nishio case and the disciplinary action against those who ignored the Party decision, and its dealings should be regarded as inevitable in order to establish the party democracy and to legalize the party members' actions after the party decisions are made. It is a principle of democracy that everyone should obey the decision and act accordingly when it is passed as the party decision after every

opinion is heard and necessary corrections are made during the debate which is allowed to the fullest extent. It is therefore not to be allowed for any party members to act against the party decisions so as to benefit the opposition parties.

Secretaries of all branch offices and the Prefectural joint associations throughout Japan are strongly requested to do their utmost to permeat the above decisions of the Central Executive Committee into lower parts of the organization in order to strengthen the party discipline, to establish a firm unity of our party and to promote our party as an organized body of the working class people and as a party of social democracy.

Appendix: As mentioned above, the Committee decided that nine members headed by Ishino should have their executive rithts in the party suspended pending further investigations, for their self contemplation. However, the aim of the Committee was not understood and they have seceded jointly from the Party. Their secession was approved with regret.

II. Printed matter from the British Labour Party.

Some time ago, we received a letter from Mr. Healey, Secretary of the International Section of the British Labour Party, informing us that he sent the publications of his party to the Shakai-To. The first parcel of literature sent by him has just been delivered to our HQ

through the good offices of C. I. & E., G. H. Q., Tokyo.

Labour Press Service.

Labour Woman.

Labour Party Bulletin.

Towards Tomorrow Series, No. 1. Industrial Democracy.

Towards Tomorrow Series, No. 2. Public Ownership.

Growing Up.

Penal Reform.

Talking Points.

Civic News.

Report of the 46th Annual Conference of the Labour Party.

Local Government Handbook.

A Guide to War Pensions.

A Guide To the Elements of Socialism.

Rebirth of a Nation.

Housing Progress Report..

A.B.C. of the Crisis.

Advance in Education.

New Opportunities.

Local Government Reform.

Fuel and Power.

Central Planning and Control.

The Making of Social Policy.

A Guide to the National Health Service Act.

National Health Service.

A Guide to the National Insurance Act.

Labour's First Year.

Purpose and Policy.

The Socialist Case.

The Bank of England and the Nation.

Nationalisation of Coal.

Food.

III. Official request was made in reference to the convocation of an extraordinary Diet session.

On July 12, the Central Executive Committee discussed as to the methods of requesting the Government to convene an extraordinary session of the Diet, as a result of which both Mr. Asanuma, Secretary-General, and Mr. Yonekubo, chairman of the Diet Policy Committee had an interview with Mr. Tomabechi, Chief Cabinet Secretary, to whom an official request was made relating to the convocation of an extraordinary session of the Diet at the earliest possible opportunity, which should be prior to the date due to the next payment of interest on war bonds.

IV. Further decisions on the scheduled lecture tours of the Shakai-To.

The Party has mobilized its leaders, headed by Chairman Katayama, by whom a vigorous political campaign has already been started. In addition to the previous report, further decisions have been made as follows;

The first group consisting of Chairman Katayama, Nagoya, Yoshikawa, Takeya, Katsumata and Matsuo will visit various places in the Tohoku district, covering Koriyama and Fukushima on July 17, Shiraishi and Sendai on 18,

Morioka on 19, Akita and Yokote on 22, Sakata on 23 and Yamagata on 24.

The fifth group consisting of Mr. Suzuki, Inouye, Akamatsu, Ohya, Morishita and Kawasaki will visit various places in the Kinki district, covering Osaka on August 7, Sakai and Wakayama on 8, Amagasaki on 9, Kobe on 10, Kyoto on 11 and Osaka on 12.

The seventh group consisting of Tomiyoshi, Yonekubo, Hosokawa, Ishigami and Murao will visit various places in the Kyushu district, covering Yawata and Iizuka on August 8, Hakata and Omuta (or Kurume) on 9, Karatsu and Takeo on 10, Saseho on 11, Nagasaki on 12 and Ohita on 14.

V. Election preparation has been commenced aiming at obtaining two hundred sucessful candidates.

In anticipation of the inevitable dissolution of the House of Representatives, the Election Policy Committee of the Shakai-To held its meeting at the party HQ on July 13 and studied necessary measures for possible general election. Secretary-General Asanuma, Ito, Chairman of the Election Policy Committee, Yasuhira, committee member and others were present.

It was decided at the meeting that official candidates shall be strictly selected with the aim of obtaining two hundred successful candidates at the election and great stress shall be laid on reports from the Kenren (joint association in each Prefecture) in connection with the selection of candidates, while expelling those who are

nominated by the HQ. It was also agreed that cautious considerations shall be given to the constituencies where those who went over to the Social Renovetion Party and the Ro-No Shinto (Labourers and Farmers New Party) stood at the last election and most adequate measures shall be taken for t he purpose. On July 17, the following notice was sent to each Kenren requesting that necessary preparation shall be made for possible general election.

1. To popularize the Revised Election Law.
2. Each Prefectural Joint Association is requested to select candidates for its constituency and to report to the party HQ.
3. In cooperation with the Political Affairs Investigation Dept., the Election Policy Committee shall take necessary measures and make reports for election campaign without delay.

N I P P O N S H A K A I T O

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN

THE WEEKLY REPORT OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN DURING THE WEEK ENDING 10th JULY, 1948.

Reported by the Secretary-General

Inejiro Asanuma.

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I. The Central Executive Committee:

The meeting was held at 12.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., July 6 and those present were as follows;

Katayama, Asanuma, Yonekubo, Nishio, K. Kato, Nomizo, Kikukawa, Hayashi, Kuroda, Doi, R. Kato, Oshima, M. Suzuki, Hara, Yasuhira, Tanaka, Nakasaki, Hosokawa, Tomiyoshi, Hori, Inamura, Hosono, Masaki, Ito, J. Matsumoto, Yoshikawa, K. Suzuki, Morito, Mizutani, Hosoda, Ohya, Takatsu, Mori, Kawashima, Yao, I. Akamatsu, Okada, Kubota, E. Mayeda, Inomata, Yamazaki.

1) Matters reported by the Secretary-General;

a. Establishment of a liaison council between the Shakai To and the Sodomei.

b. Appointment of members of editorial staff of the Shakai Shimbun.

c. Compilation of Diet reports.

d. Lecture tour in the districts.

e. Establishment of a special committee relating to inflation measures.

f. Establishment of a special committee relating to agrarian measures.

g. Mr. Katsuzo Arahata's secession from the Party, the treatment of which was discussed and finally approved.

2) The Election Committee's report. (by Ito)

3) Report of the Propaganda Section. (by Yoshikawa)
Lecture tour shall be made in various districts from July 10 to July 31.

4) Report of the Organization Section. (by R. Kato)

5) Report of the Public Relations Section. (by Hosokawa)
Contributions of pamphets and other printed matters from the British Labour Party.

6) Mr. Nishio's words relating to his own resignation.

7) Convocation of a special session of the Diet.

8) Investigations concerning disciplinary matters of the Party.

II. Expulsion of violators of the Party decision:

Following the meeting of June 6, the Central Executive Committee which was held again at 1 p.m. June 7 in the Diet Building discussed two proposals presented before the Committee; one was that both the Nishio and Kuroda cases should be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee at the same time, the other was that an investigation committee should be made by the members of the Disciplinary Committee as well as those of the sub-committee and it then investigates the cases.

After the deliberations, the CEC decided to take the latter proposal. The CEC recessed at 2 p.m. In the meantime the investigation committee was held and heard the personal statements made by Mr. Nishio and Kuroda.

The committee then made the following recommendations;

1) As Mr. Nishio has caused considerable trouble to the Party, he be advised to take necessary steps concerning his position in the CEC in order to fulfill his responsibility.

2) Of the so-called green vote group of sixteen members, six men, Kuroda, Okada, Nakahara, Ohta, Tamai and Matsutani are worthy to by expelled from the Party due to their violation of the Party decision.

The CEC which was again held at 7 p.m. the same night discussed the above recommendations for three hours up till 10.30 p.m. and decided to approve the recommendations officially, adding the following two decisions;

1) Nine members of the so-called green vote group, Ishino, Tate, Yamanaka, Sakai, Tokoro, Chiba, Mizuhashi, Hori, and Kimura who voted against the Government shall be under further investigations, pending which their rights in the Party shall be suspended.

2) Those who were intentionally absent or abstained from voting on the decision of important bills shall be warned and their self-contemplatibn shall be strongly required.

III. Nationwide lecture tour from July 10th;

In order to cope with the strained political situation and permeat the Party's policies and propagandize the Party's activities, the Central Executive Committee decided to carry out a nationwide lecture tour from July 10th to the early part of August by eight groups of the Party leaders led by Chairman Katayama.