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school board law is the publication of a pamphlet called "School Boards in the United States," prepared by this headquarters. This should be of assistance in the transition period about to begin between centralized education and education in the hands of the people.

(4) Distribution of the PTA pamphlet has been made in all prefectures. The initial island-wide distribution was 1000 copies to each prefecture, with one copy going to each school principal. Further distribution will be made after a reasonable amount of time has elapsed. PTA's have been formed thus far on the same old undemocratic lines characteristic of all Japanese organizations. A concerted effort will be made now, with the aid of the pamphlet, tohelp the PTA's become the worth-while assisting organizations that they should be.

(5) Work with youth organizations has been given added impetus. Training in democratic procedures has been started by CE officers in Ehime and Kagawa Prefectures. The CE Officer attended a youth conference in Kochi Prefecture, which well illustrated the need for assistance being given youth associations. Printed copies of the speeches and proceedings were distributed,making the cost exhorbitant in view of the questionable value of the conference.

(6) A School Lunch Program survey has been started so as to assist teams in their work with this program.

b. Field Trips: The CE Officer visited Kochi Prefecture, and the Asst CE Officer made a field trip to Ehime Prefecture. The Asst CE Officer and ten Japanese women from Shikoku Island attended the conference at Kumamoto, Kyushu, conducted by Miss Doris Cochrane of the State Department.

c. Shikoku University: Plans have been submitted by all prefectures to the Ministry of Education for the proposed Shikoku University. A visit was made to the SMGR CE office by two representatives of the all-Shikoku Shikoku University Committee. These men reported that Kagawa and Kochi Prefectures are cooperating for an all-Shikoku University but that Ehime and Tokushima Prefectures are not. The Ministry of Education's chief objection to this all-Shikoku University is a financial one. The Ministry of Education says Shikoku should begin with prefectural universities, although it is not entirely opposed to a Shikoku University. Another caller in the CE office was Mr. Masanobu Orita, member of the Japanese House of Representatives and a member of the Education Committee of the House. Mr. Orita is a member of a committee of four, one member from each of the Shikoku Prefectures, which is investigating the Shikoku University situation. He stated that the Ministry of Education is not opposed to a federated university, but that it is advocating prefectural universities because of the disagreements in local areas as to where the headquarters of the regional type universities would be.

7. CIVIL INFORMATION:

a. Intensive prodding during the month hastened the virtual completion of the Takamatsu CI&E Library, the 13th in the chain of 17 to be established in Japan. Formal opening with appropriate ceremonies is expected to take place on or about 14 August.

The services of an artist who is also an "idea man" have been secured. So far he has produced an excellent 18 frame pictorial strip entitled "The Road to Freedom". This is designed for newspaper use, three frames per day, and

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depicts the rugged road to freedom in Japan from early Tokugawa days to the present. Another is a series of 10 pictorials entitled "Yoi shimin" (The Good Citizen). Both of these will be used in connection with the Local Autonomy Law program.

The Region Civil Information Officer originated an information plan on Parent Teacher Associations in conjunction with the Civil Education Section. The latter section had already prepared and made wide distribution of a pamphlet printed in Japanese on how to organize and conduct such a group.

b. Two field trips were made during the month. Kochi was visited during the period 7-11 July and the entire time spent in the field with the Civil Information Officer. This was the subject of a special report and will not be repeated here. Considerable time has been spent this month with F/O Walker (Australian), the new Civil Information Officer of the Kagawa Military Government Team. With the help of the Region CI Officer, F/O Walker initiated a series of gun meetings attended by representatives of each village and town, the purpose being to organize an Information Committee in each community.

c. Advantage was taken of the Eighth Army PIO's offer of a feature writer and photographer to cover interesting military government activities. An excellent story accompanied with pictures was secured of CI and Economic activities in Kochi prefecture.

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