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b. Labor education program (Incl #1 to Annex C, Monthly Military Government Activities Report for period ending 31 December 1947) is very successful to date. School at Saeki was postponed until 18-19-20 February due to Labor Rally conducted at Oita by Mr. James Hoover and Miss N. M. Smith, ESS, SCAP on 23 January at the same date Saeki school was scheduled. Attendance average at Nakatsu was a little more than 1400 and at Takeda 500. Audience was much interested in all phases of instruction and voiced opinion that more such schools should be conducted. This office is endeavoring to have the Japanese establish a permanent labor school in the prefecture.

c. Labor Rally conducted by Mr. James Hoover and Miss N. M. Smith, DAC's, ESS, Labor Division, SCAP on 23 January 1948 in Oita City was attended by approximately 1200 persons. Interest was shown by all, especially during the question-answer period. Approximately 75 attended an employer rally immediately after the labor rally. Questions unanswered by Mr. Hoover and Miss Smith due to lack of time are being answered by this office through use of newspapers in form of question-answer column.

d. An organization called the Oita Local Labor Welfare Association composed of factories, plants, companies, etc. is attempting to set up a hospital for laborers and a labor laboratory. This organization is working in conjunction with the Oita Labor Standards Bureau. It is planned to use the Oita Kyosai Hospital, Oita City for hospital and laboratory facilities. The organization has 3479 members who are assessed ¥10 per month. Thirty committee members were selected by the President of "Oita Laborers Goods Counter-Measure Council," who is Chief of Labor Standards Bureau, as the nucleus of the welfare association until April when a general election will be held. Further investigation into this organization is contemplated.

e. On 30 January 1948 the Chief of Oita Labor Standards Office, Mr. Kuzaki, held a meeting at Usa, Oita Prefecture for the purpose of explaining the Safety, Health and Sanitation laws and the laws concerning operation of dormitories. Attending were persons in charge of labor affairs, chiefs of labor unions, and chiefs of dormitories of eight textile mills in the prefecture.

7. Recommendations

None.

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INDUSTRYINDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

1. Production in factories in Oita Prefecture increased somewhat in January over December, due to improvement in the electric power situation. Shortages of raw materials, and in some cases, of labor, are hampering production.

2. A meeting of leading manufacturers, bankers, and prefectural Commerce and Industry officials was held, which it is hoped will lead to better financing arrangements between banks and manufacturers.

3. Mr. S. Cohen, Foreign Trade Division, Economic and Scientific Section, SCAP, met with representatives of companies manufacturing for export, and discussed their problems. He stated that priorities in coal, electric power, and raw materials would soon be raised for those manufacturing for export.

4. The recent ruling that machinery dispersed from arsenals will be considered as belonging with the industry now in possession is expected to give new confidence to some of the small industry in the prefecture. Companies using these machines have been afraid they will be withdrawn at any time. About one thousand machines will be released from custody.

5. The Fuji Cotton Spinning Company is short of labor, now that the supply of electric power and raw cotton has improved. Only 764 employees are working, and an additional 700 can be used.

SURVEILLANCE OF SHIP BUILDING

1. No steel vessels are built in Oita Prefecture.

2. Inspection of wooden shipbuilding yards revealed no wooden ships over 100 tons under construction without authorization.

OTHER ECONOMIC MATTERS

1. The electric power allocation for Oita Prefecture has increased due to rainfall and repair of thermal generating equipment in Fukuoka Prefecture. Electric power is still insufficient for the distribution

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plan of the Economic Stabilization Board, however. Plan number 3 of the Kyushu Electric Power Distributing Company is now in effect, which provides for considerably more power than plan 9, in effect a month ago. Important industries such as food processing, cotton spinning and ore refining plants are receiving electricity six days per week, and general industry four days per week.

2. Enforcement of Economic Stabilization Board Order No.14 appears satisfactory. Violators apprehended were in most cases private truck owners hauling charcoal. Officials and the general public are now familiar with the law requiring transportation certificates.

3. During January, five additional cases of violation of Cabinet Ordinance No. 6 were sent to the procurator. Illegal construction continues to be a problem, but enforcement appears to have improved somewhat.

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NATURAL RESOURCESAGRICULTURE

1. Crop collection.

a. Oita Prefecture collected 100% of its 1947 rice quota on 31 January. Prefectural officials are encouraging above-quota collections. Some incentive goods, especially sugar, are available for purchase by farmers who have completed their quotas and are turning in excess rice.

b. Sweet potato delivery increased slightly, and the prefecture achieved 81.1% of its quota on 31 January. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry gave the prefecture a quota of 640,000 kan of dried sweet potatoes. This is equivalent to 2,000,000 kan of raw potatoes, and represents about 14% of the total quota. The delivery date is set at 1 May 1948. Oita Military Government Team is pressing officials to complete quota as early as possible.

2. Inter-prefectural shipments of staple foods.

a. This prefecture shipped 7123 metric tons of rice to Osaka, Ehime Prefecture, and Kochi Prefecture. The January quota was 8250 tons. The remainder will be shipped the first week of February according to the local office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

3. Fish and vegetable distribution.

a. The newly assigned team has been active since 19 January and has already achieved noticeable results. It has been working principally with the economic police, and is presently shifting emphasis from the apprehension of small violators to investigations of large operators. There have been few apprehensions of dealers violating price control.

b. The inhabitants of the designated consuming areas received more fish in January than in any previous month through legal channels. However, they received only 16 momme of vegetables per person per day. ^{Less than} Over fifty percent of the out-of-ken shipments were met. Dealers are pressing for higher prices for shipments out of the prefecture, claiming heavy losses on those shipments made.

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4. Agricultural Cooperative Associations.

a. The newly formed Agricultural Cooperative Section of the prefectural government has been set up under the Land Department. It has a broad educational program under way, and achieved good results during January.

b. The Prefectural Agricultural Association will hold its dissolution meeting on 6 February. Local branches are holding their meetings within a week after the 6th. Most of the farmers are expecting worthwhile results from their cooperative efforts. However, more farmer education is necessary if any great change is made in present agricultural activities and methods.

5. Land Reform.

a. Resurveys are under way throughout the prefecture to complete the purchase of all arable land falling under the Land Reform Law, with the object of reducing tenancy to 8%. At present, the Land Section of the prefectural government estimates the tenancy rate to be 12 to 15%.

b. The purchase of 23,000 chobu of reclaimable land is getting under way, with the expected acquisition of 16,000 cho of arable land and 7,000 cho of forest and scrub brush land for the new settlers. Some opposition is developing among the owners of forest land who fear their land might be purchased. This fear has resulted in a slowing down of the reforestation of privately owned lands.

FISHING

1. The fish catch fell off the last twenty days of January. The monthly catch was 347.8 tons, compared to 605.7 tons for December. Bad weather and inadequate supplies were reasons given for poorer catch.

FORESTRY

1. The prefecture plans for reforestation for February and March call for the planting of 540 cho of forest. 1,000 cho have already been planted this season.

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REPARATIONS

1. The following plants were inspected during January:

- 30-3 Hita Branch, Kokura Military Arsenal
- 30-4 Itoguchiyama Branch, Kokura Military Arsenal
- 30-5 Tateishi Branch, Kokura Military Arsenal
- 30-6 Sakanoichi Factory, 2nd Tokyo Military Arsenal
- 30-7 12th Naval Air Depot

Maintenance was satisfactory except for minor deficiencies.

2. A regional reparations conference was held at Fukuoka on 16 January and those attending inspected the Kawatana Arsenal at Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture, where machinery is being packed for shipment.

3. Preliminary lists were prepared of machinery dispersed from arsenals prior to the time they were taken into custody, as instructed by Major Berry, Headquarters Eighth Army. Authority has now been received to release this machinery to the Construction Bureau, Japanese Government, and this will be done early in February.

4. Seventy pieces of machinery classified as scientific or technical equipment have been selected for shipment to Technical Intelligence Section, SCAP, and shipment will be made in February.

5. A review was made of machinery originally classified as special purpose, and changes in classification made to conform with criteria as stated in SCAPIN 1804. Thirty-one pieces of machinery not originally classified as SP machinery were added, and 299 pieces of machinery were removed from the list of items to be destroyed.

6. The cleaning, sorting, inventory, and allocation of hand tools, cutting tools, and accessories has been completed except at the Hita Branch, Kokura Military Arsenal, 30-3, which has approximately 300 tons of these items. Hita is 80% completed, and will be finished in February.

7. The Oita District Office, Kumamoto Financial Bureau, has been ordered to survey roads and bridges to be used for movement of packing materials into arsenal areas and for removal of machinery to railroads. Considerable repairs are necessary, and it is believed advisable to get this program under way as soon as possible.

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OITA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
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To Monthly Military Government Activities Report Period
Ending 31 January 1948I. EDUCATION

A. Fundamental Impediments:

The Prefectural Governor's New Year's message to the people, stating the aims of his administration, included, among other items, the "materialization of an ideal educational prefecture" and "creation of co-operative attitude." To attain those aims at least two improvements in the status quo must take place. First, there must be provided real educational leadership at the prefectural level - the kind that results in prefecture-wide uniformity of understanding, enthusiasm, and action. Secondly, the short-sighted financial policy of public officials in general which is responsible for the virtual neglect of the whole educational establishment will have to be corrected.

Steps taken by this section during the past month toward these ends were:

1. Insistence on the selection of an educational leader of proven ability as chief of the Education Department. The Governor has asked the Central Government for recommendations toward the appointment, which is more than eagerly awaited.

2. A two-day conference for prefectural and local officials and education leaders for the promotion of civic support of education. Education officers from Kyushu MG Region and other MG Teams kindly assisted. After the conference their remarks were published day by day in the newspaper. Reports indicate that this meeting was a needed tonic for educational leadership. Everyone in a position to estimate the benefits of the MG officers' instructions applauds their decision to attend.

3. Strong argument for an adequate prefectural education budget to lift the depressing atmosphere of decay from educational institutions. For example, the "prefecture-financed" boys' middle schools have received during the past year an average of 7,000 yen for building repair and maintenance, about 4 yen per student.

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4. Constant pleas for public interest in education in speeches and interviews throughout the prefecture.

B. Straws of Progress:

1. Beppu City has begun the construction of two new junior high school plants and a municipal kindergarten.

2. A prefectural education hall, suitable for lectures, forums, motion pictures, or stage plays, was completed in Oita.

3. The Beppu Youth Group sponsored a public art contest and display by elementary and junior high school students. Certificates were awarded to two winners by Oita Military Government Team.

4. The public safety campaign has been taken up enthusiastically in Oita City, with the setting up of children's safety police system in each school and the opening of a new city playground.

5. The Oita Branch of Kyushu Electric Distribution Office has equipped four study halls with lights for the city's students' use at night.

6. A conference of middle school principals to study the new senior high school standards was held by the Ken-cho and this section.

7. Mori Girls' High School held a social education course for the general public during the New Year's holidays, including lectures on the new Constitution and the spirit of democracy.

8. Inukai Girls' High School student government transcribed their social science studies of food collection into the form of a drama and presented it at various villages in Ono-gun, noting with pride that the rice collection of the most backward villages jumped to an average of 98% immediately after their visit.

9. A ken-wide meeting to re-organize PTA's on the model of the Niage (Oita City) Primary School PTA was held. Pamphlets secured from I Corps were reproduced and distributed to 400 delegates.

10. The Oita Prefectural Library has sent a collection.

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of children's books and magazines to the isolated Takashima orphanage, and has prepared sets of 50 popular volumes for loan to the first twenty villages completing their quota of rice collection.

C. Women's Affairs:

1. The past month's activities in Women's Affairs have shown a definite trend toward organization of smaller interest groups and the decentralization of the old Fujin Kai. Revised sample constitutions have been supplied to many groups undergoing organization. On March 1, in Oita City, a women's convention will be held to which delegates from all newly, democratically organized women's associations are invited. The details of the conference have not been worked out yet, but it is certain that much will be gained by all delegates through their association with other women and their discussion of common problems.

2. Women's section of the Japan Teachers Union have held meetings in Oita, Kitsuki, and Beppu during the month of January with a member of this section in attendance. These women are striving to educate their members for more effective, union participation and are trying to cope with numerous teaching problems especially confronting women. Their democratic organization and active educational programs are fine examples of the new type of women's associations in Japan.

D. Other Organizations:

During the month of January, one or more members of this section lectured to youth and women's groups on the topics of "Youth Associations in America," "Vocational Guidance for Women," "Democratic Organizations" in the following places: Nurses Training School, Saka-noichi; Youth Association, Kunizaki, Youth Association, Usa, Wasada, Oita, Beppu, Kitsuki; Teachers Union, Women's Section; Nakatsu Girls' High School; Taketa Girls' High School. The total attendance was approximately nine thousand people.

INFORMATION

A. Newspapers:

1. Representatives of the press in Oita prefecture not only show a receptive and cooperative attitude toward MG-fostered programs but also are beginning to show a marked amount of ability and initiative in carrying out information plans of their own creation

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that further the MG mission. In addition to well written editorials on the subjects of "The New Education", "Public Health," "The New Police System," etc., and to complete coverage of food collection program, fish and Vegetable control program, the new Agriculture Cooperative Associations, the Oita Godo, this month, in conjunction with a local theater initiated a Saturday Afternoon Education & News Theater Program. This activity provides news of world affairs, educational films and lectures for factory workers, government office employees and teachers who are not able to attend the theater during the week. The admission to this show is approximately one fifth of the price of the ordinary theater ticket.

2. To facilitate the releasing of material direct to the Information Media from this MG team, and to remind all sections of the MG team of the importance of Civil Information to their programs, a "press room" has been provided in the MG building for reporters to use while composing stories on MG suggested material and while interviewing officers of the various sections concerning the progress of their programs.

B. Radio:

A "question box" program initiated by the local radio station to publicize and explain the new agriculture cooperative law and to correct misunderstandings of the new law has met with great response from the farmers of the prefecture. The radio station maintains close liaison with the Agriculture Affairs section of the Ken government and with the Economics and CI&E Sections of this team.

C. Railway Public Address Systems:

An intensive information program on Fish and Vegetable Control, Staple Food Collection and Black Market Activities is in progress at each of the six railway Public Address systems in the prefecture. A group of over a hundred spot announcements and slogans is being used weekly.

D. Motion Picture Theaters:

Plans are being made to utilize the motion picture theaters as media for dissemination of information on such matters as Civil Rights, Civil Code, Criminal Code, The New Constitution and Democratic Elections. The Thirty Theaters in the prefecture will be encouraged to participate in this essential program.