

KYOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 301 (Kyoto Honshu)

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SUBJECT: Information on Women's Organizations

TO: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region,
APO 301

1. There are present in Kyoto two federations of the Fujinkai, the Kyoto City Federation, which was formed in May 1947, in a rather informal federation of the wards within Kyoto City. The ward federations are in turn made up of school district units. Women's groups outside Kyoto City were federated in Nov. 1947. It is made up of Gun Federations which are made up of village and town units. A history of the each of the two organizations is attached.

2. Most of the geographically organized groups do not meet regularly. Each group collects very small dues, if any, one yen - ten yen annually. Most school district units have their offices in respective primary schools. The above type organizations have sprang up, though gradually, in the past two years now forming a net work covering all areas, except three Guns. Leaders of the federations say that women organized themselves but it is obvious that the prefecture and city Social Education Sections have had a say in their creation.

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HISTORY OF KYOTO CITY FEDERATION OF FUJINKAI

1. Nov. 1947, there was a gathering of representatives of all kinds of women's organizations, sponsored by the City Social Education Section, for the purpose of cooperation in the Community Chest campaign. At that time there was already growing intention among the small units to federate. Mrs. Mac Ferland spoke at the meeting and encouraged autonomous associations.

2. They had intended to federate before the end of the year. However, at that time, there was no federation formed in Fushimi Ward. Therefore they waited until April 1948, when Fushimi also was federated.

3. In April 1948, the City Social Education Section invited representatives of each ward and they drew up the constitution.

4. 9 May, 1948, they had an inauguration meeting, excepting Fushimi Ward (Fushimi joined in Sept., 1948) The City assisted in the inauguration.

5. July, 1948, they joined representatives of non geographical women's organizations in planning the 15 August event for World Peace Campaign.

6. 15 August, 1948, they participated in the event. Mrs. Ai Watanabe acted as chairman of the meeting. They disbursed ¥ 10,000 for that day's expense, while non geographical women's organizations disbursed another ¥ 10,000. The total of ¥20,000 went for posters, payment to the lecturer, and expense for the movie show. For this disbursement each school district unit paid ¥120. At this meeting the following topics were discussed and decided upon.

a. Acceleration of repatriation through petition to authorities.

b. Motion was carried that the City Federation of Fujinkai be organized. Drafting of Constitution was suggested but has not been carried out so far. There were some oppositions, but they agreed to have each small unit run itself according to its special need and still keep contact with one another.

7. An aftermath of the 15 August event was held on 17 August, 1948, when they evaluated the event. Non geographical women's organizations have participated, too.

8. 3 Sept., 1948, an election of officers took place: a recommending committee was formed, consisting of one member from each ward. They selected the standing committee members and the president and vice president. The term of office was decided to be one year.

9. 8 Sept., 1948, Mr. Murakami of City Social Education Section invited the committee members as well as non geographical women's organization representatives and explained the Board of Education and its election. This meeting was attended by 200 women.

History of Kyoto City Federation of Fujinkai....continued..

10. 10 Sept. 1948, the Standing Committee Meeting discussed whether or not the geographical Fujinkai should recommend or support any specific candidate for the Board of Education. The decision was 'No'.

11. 24 Sept. 1948 the Standing Committee members and the presidents of each school district unit attended the rally of Education Board candidates.

12. 27 Sept. 1948 a Standing Committee Meeting was called at Mrs. Imamoto's home. They decided to carry a campaign for getting out the votes for the Education Board election.

13. 2 Oct. 1948 City Social Education Section and the City Epidemic Prevention Section called a meeting of women and asked for their participation in the Board of Education election and the prevention of epidemics.

14. 3 Sept. 1948, the officers were elected as follows:

President: Ai Watanabe

Vice president: Hatsumi Kusaka

Standing Committee (Jyonin Iinkai)

- Asanuma, Nagahira, Fujii, Minami, & Tsuji.....Kamikyo Ward
- Nakagawa, Hisaita, Kanzaki, Kunishima & Kanaya..Shimokyo W.
- Imamoto, Nobuhara, Yamamoto, Uno.....Nakakyo Ward
- Watanabe, Saito, Nishigaki.....Sakyo Ward
- Izuta, Asukai, Yokogawa.....Ukyo Ward
- Kusaka, Hasegawa, Konishi.....Higashiyama W.
- Sumita, Kato, Kotera.....Fushimi Ward

The above representatives have been elected mutually from among presidents of school district Fujinkai.

Inclosure 1.

Constitution Of Federal Conference Of Kyoto Pref.
Women's Organizations

(Kyoto Fu Fujin Dantai Rengo Kyogi Kai Ka isoku)

Article 1. The name of this conference is Kyoto Fujinkai Dantai Kyogi Kai, It is located in the Pref Social Ed. Section.

Article 2. The purpose of the Conference is to act as liaison among women's organizations and promote women's movements.

Article 3. The members of this Conference are the geographical women's organizations in Kyoto Prefecture (except Kyoto city).

Article 4. The Conference carries on the following activities:

- a) establish women's autonomy and to raise their social status.
- b) instil in women political consciousness and establish economic independence.
- c) rouse public opinion for women's movements and give practical guidance.
- d) investigate women's organizations
- e) hold lectures and discussion meetings
- f) help establish better home equipments
- g) publish a n organ paper
- h) give commendation to those organizations who are active in women's movements.

Article 5. The officers are the following kind:

one chief, 3 vice chiefs, several standing committee members, several committee members, and one secretary.

Article 6. The chief and vice chief are selected mutually from among committee members.

Article 7. The chief represents the Conference and supervises the activities of the Conference. Vice chiefs assist the chief and act as substitute in case of latter's absence.

Article 8. The standing committee consists of presidents of each member association in each locality. It is the executive organ and hold power to make decisions on urgent problems.

Article 9. The Committee consists of three members of under from each local organization and holds power to make decis-

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1 ions of the Conference.

Article 10 The secretary will be appointed by the chief, with the approval of the Committee. The secretary takes care of the finance and general affairs of the Conference, according to the chief's direction. When necessary a assistant secretary will be appointed.

Article 11. The term of office is one year. Re-election is permissible. Those who fill vacancies during the term will hold the office until the end of the term.

Article 12.

Officers may be paid through decisions of Committee meeting.

Article 13. Decisions will be made when majority of members are present and two-third are in favor.

Article 14. The Conference will be financed with dues, subsidies, and other income.

Article 15. The Financial Fiscal year begins on 1 April and ends on 31 March.

Article 16. When necessary the Conference may call sub-committee meeting or divisions.

Article 17. The amendment of the constitution of the Conference will be made by the decision of the Committee.

Article 18. Bylaws will be provided a part from this constitution.

This constitution will become effective 28 Nov. 1947.

A Constitution!

Kinki Women's Organizations Federation
in Six Prefectures in Kinki Region

1. Purpose: Women's organizations in six prefectures in Kinki region should respect each other and unite their efforts for building peaceful democratic Japan.
1. Office: In the social education section of Osaka-fu-cho.
1. Agreed Upon :
 1. To establish friendly relations between organizations.
 2. To discuss common problems
 3. To respect unique characters of each prefecture to carry on activities of its own.
1. Administration: Each prefecture takes its turn to take charge of the conferences.