



Report on Investigation Activities  
(For the First Half of April, 1951)

IV. Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. Conference:

- a. 34th Conference on Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation (Special Meeting on Foodstuffs).  
(Refer to B-6)

Date: April 9

- b. Round-table Conference on School Lunch.  
(Refer to B-4)

Date: April 4

- c. Round-table Conference of Foodstuffs Dealers.  
(Refer to B-5)

Date: April 7

- d. Round-table Conference of Clothing Dealers.  
(Refer to D-2)

Date: April 12

2. Publicity:

- a. Establishment of the Circulating Complaint Settlement Center on Daily Necessities.

In succession to the previous month, the complaints of the public were heard by holding the Circulating Complaint Settlement Center on Daily Necessities in the below-mentioned places.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Apr. 5	Hofu City
" 11	Kudamatsu City
" 13	Iwakuni City
" 14	Takamori-machi

b. By means of radio.

(1) On Apr. 12, Director of this Agency made a broadcast on "It is up to us to control daily necessities" in the form of conversation between a member of the Hofu Broadcasting Station.

(2) On Apr. 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14, from Hofu Broadcasting Station broadcasts were made several times in order to let the general public know;

(1) the establishment of the Circulating Complaint Settlement Center;

(2) the location & date of the above and to request them to utilize this service.

(3) Distribution of posters:

400 pieces of posters regarding the Circulating Complaint Settlement Center on Daily Necessities were distributed for putting up major cities & towns, major stations of the national & private railways, & arrival & departure places of ports & bus stops.

(4) Preparation & showing of slides for propaganda.

For the purpose of letting the public know the establishment of the Circulating Complaint Center on Daily Necessities and utilize this service 60 pieces of slides were distributed to every moving theaters of principal cities & towns to prospect them on the screen.

c. By means of newspapers.

Advertisements on the establishment of the Circulating Complaint Center on Daily Necessities were put in the Asahi, Mainichi, Chugoku & other newspapers.

B. Food Section

1. Remedial measures taken against maldistribution of sugar and bean paste.

a. Upon hearing complaints of consumers at Senzaki-cho, Misumi-cho and Kayoi-mura in Otsu-gun, against non-distribution of home-use-sugar for the month of March, (as of Mar. 28) this agency immediately commenced to conduct negotiations with those concerned and succeeded in carrying out the distribution thereof from March 30.

- b. The Yokoyama Shoten, wholesaler and retailer of bean paste at Senzaki-cho, Otsu-gun, was found to have withheld the sale of 60 kan out of 100 kan of bean paste received from the manufacturer in March, in anticipation of a probable shortage of "miso." Therefore, this agency ordered the said Shoten to ship 20 kan out of 60 kan to the retailer Asamura Shoten at the same town, with whom it has business relations.

## 2. Surveillance on Food Distribution Corporation.

- a. The amount of unpaid money of the Oze-mura Distribution Agency, Agr. Cooperative Association to the Food Distribution Corporation (already reported in D-3, latter part of Nov. 1950), is ¥1,426,911 (as of Mar. 31, 1951). However, this case will soon be solved in the near future, because conferences on the ways and means of payment are under way between this agency and the Yamaguchi-ken Branch of the Food Distribution Corporation, together with the re-election of the officials in charge.
- b. 79.5 bales of non-glutinous rice (1947-harvest, 35 bales, 1948-harvest, 29 bales and 1950-harvest, 15.5 bales) in the custody of the Jifuku-mura Distribution Agency, Agr. Cooperative Association was found to have been lost in the warehouse of the said agency between Feb. 26, 1949 and Apr. 4, 1950. Therefore, the cause thereof is still under investigation by this agency.

## 3. Investigation into restaurant.

### a. Summary:

This investigation was conducted in Tokuyama City to unearth unlicensed operation of restaurant business.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admon-ished	Transferred to surveil-lance squad		
7	5	0	5	0	0	0

### b. Results obtained:

FUJIWARA Masaichi, operator of a light restaurant, Higashi-Hamazaki-cho, Tokuyama City, was found serving "Sushi" to guests at his shop about 2 p.m. of Apr. 11, 1951.

4 other operators of restaurant business were found displaying "Sushi" for sale in their shop-windows.

### c. Steps taken:

Strict admonition was given to the said violators.

## 4. School Lunch Conference:

The results of investigation into school lunch conducted by our officials were discussed at the conference between our officials & the Education Committee of this

pref. held at the meeting hall of this agency on Apr. 4. The Education Committee was warned against the following points revealed as a result of our investigation and requested to enforce a stricter surveillance over and to give a more proper guidance to schools & bakeries concerned.

Points revealed:

On the part of bakeries:

- a. Inferiority in quality & shortage in weight of bread.
- b. Loss in weight of materials, production margin & misappropriation thereof.

On the part of schools:

- a. Distribution of school lunch to others than school children.
- b. Distribution of the excess among teachers for eating between meals.
- c. Disposal of surplus food.

5. Staple Food Wholesalers Conference:

7 staple food wholesalers were invited from throughout this pref. at the Education Hall of this city on Apr. 7 for the above conference jointly sponsored by this agency & Food Office. This agency & Food Office gave instructions regarding the below mentioned problems arising from the revision of the staple food distribution system to those invited.

- a. Guidance & superintendence of staple food dealers.
- b. Staple food transportation certification system. ✓

6. 34th Conference on Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation (Conference of Food Committee):

On Apr. 9, a conference of Food Committee was held at the meeting hall of this agency to confer on the following matters with the officials representing the Procurators' Office; Yamaguchi Headquarters of National Rural Police; Food Office; Yamaguchi Municipal Police and Yamaguchi Pref. Government.

As regards (1), the draft measures for the disposition of noodle and bread will be submitted again to the next conference by the Pref. Govt. after close scrutiny.

As regards (2) & (3), mutual cooperation of all the organs concerned in guidance and control was pledged by the attendants, after hearing the results of control conducted by this agency.

- (1) Draft measures for the disposition of foodstuffs exposed and confiscated.
- (2) Guidance & control of dealers in staple food.
- (3) Examination in connection with school lunch.

C. Material Section I

Control over hoarding and cornering of daily necessities.

Continued from the preceding period, this investigation was conducted to bring to the fore the status of hoarding and cornering of such daily necessities as edible oil and soap, etc. However, no illegalities were disclosed.

D. Material Section II

1. Control over hoarding and cornering of daily necessities.

Continued from the previous period, this investigation was carried out with a view to putting efficient control over hoarding & cornering of clothing, timber, fertilizers and rubber-soled "tabi" as well as tracing changes in their prices.

However, no illegalities were discovered, presumably due to the well-balance between the demand and supply.

2. Round-table conference of dealers in clothing.

On Apr. 12, wholesale merchants and licensed dealers in clothing & dress-makers living in Yamaguchi City and Ogori-cho sat in a conference held at the meeting hall of this agency to discuss about the recent supply and demand situation of clothing and the changes in prices thereof.

Report on Investigation Activities  
(For the Later Half of March, 1951)

IV. Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. Conference:

- a. 33rd Conference on Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation.

Date: March 22, 1951

Place: At meeting-hall of this Agency

Subject discussed: Demand-supply status of daily necessities & price conditions thereof.

Interim report on school lunch.

Interim report on eating & drinking establishments.

- b. Round-table Conference of Dealers & Manufacturers of Bean-paste & Soy.

Major dealers & manufacturers of bean-paste & soy in this prefecture attended this conference & conferred on the status of materials, processing, sale & price thereof & the measures for price control.

Date: March 20, 1951

Place: At meeting-hall of this Agency

2. Publicity:

- a. Establishment of the Circulating Complaint Settlement Center on Daily Necessities.

With a view to hearing the complaints of the public against demand-supply status, hoarding & cornering of daily necessities & to requesting their cooperation in controlling prices, the Circulating Complaint Settlement Center on Daily Necessities was held, attended by leaders of this Agency as shown below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
March 20	Yamaguchi City
23	Onoda City

March 24	Ube City
27	Hagi City
28	Senzaki-cho
30	Shimonoseki City

b. By means of radio.

From Hofu Broadcasting Station broadcasts were made several times in order to let the general public know;

- (1) The establishment of the Circulating Complaint Settlement Center.
- (2) The location & date of the above.

And to request them to utilize this service.

c. By means of newspapers.

Articles of same purport as was broadcast were published in newspapers.

B. Food Section

1. Investigation into School Lunch:

a. Summary.

During this period an investigation was conducted at schools and bakeries in Shimonoseki and Iwakuni Cities.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admon-ished	Transferred to surveil-lance squad		
5	4	0	4	0	0	0

b. Results.

- (1) The Sanwa Seifun Shokuryo K.K. (The Sanwa Milling and Food Industry Co., Ltd.), Shimonoseki City.

The above company furnished Koppe Pan to 3 primary schools in the same city, namely the Mukaigami, the Oe and the Katsuyama Schools.



The official weight of 10 pieces of Koppe Pan for school lunch use is 1,424 g. when weighed 4 hours after taken out of the oven. However, when investigated on March 16, an average shortage of 94 g. per 10 pieces was found.

(2) The Iwakuni Municipal Higashi Primary School.

The actual number of pupils taking school lunch at the above school in Feb. and Mar. were 1,154 and 1,174 respectively. However, the school received bread for 1,200 pupils during 2 months from the bakery, and distributed the excess among teachers for their eating between meals, as shown below.

Month	No. of pieces of bread received	No. of pieces of bread required	No. of pieces of bread in excess	Remarks
February	21,600	20,772	828	Applied for eating between meals among teachers.
March	13,200	12,914	286	Money for 1,114 pieces unpaid.
Total	34,800	33,686	1,114	

(3) Furthermore, the school furnished school lunch to servants, school-boys and cooks totalling 6, since March 1.

c. Steps taken.

As for (1), (2) and (3), this Agency instructed them to end the illegal practice immediately after strict admonition.

2. Investigation into Restaurant Business:

a. Summary.

This investigation was conducted in Shimonoseki City to unearth unlicensed operation of restaurant business.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels	Administrative steps were requested against
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admon-ished	Transferred to surveil-lance squad			
5	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

b. Results.

MASUTANI Hatsune, Takezaki-cho, Shimonoseki City.

It was revealed that the above mentioned had been engaged in restaurant business without license.

One other case revealed by the Agency was of the same nature as above stated.

c. Steps taken.

Administrative steps were requested against them.

3. Control over Hoarding and Cornering of Daily Necessities:

During this period, our investigation was conducted into status of demand and supply of bean paste, soy and sugar and prices thereof in Shimonoseki City. No tendency was seen towards hoarding and cornering, the demand and supply having been conducted smoothly.

C. Material Section I

1. Investigation Relative to Labor Business at the Special Procurement Board:

a. Summary.

This investigation was conducted at the below mentioned places to ascertain whether or not wages to workers serving for the Occupation Forces and labor business expenses were duly paid.

Mar. 13 - 15, 1951 ----- The Hofu Labor Administration Office

Mar. 20 - 24, 1951 ----- The Iwakuni Labor Administration Office

## b. Results:

The investigation at both offices revealed miscalculations of the distances of labor transportation and a few other defective points in the books. However, no illegalities were found in connection with the payment of wages and other expenses for labor business.

## 2. Control over Cornering and Hoarding of Daily Necessities.

Continued from the previous period, our investigation has been conducted into such items as edible oil, soap & others with a view to putting efficient control over buying up & hoarding of those daily necessities.

## D. Material Section II

## 1. 2nd Examination in Connection with the Designated Daily Necessities:

As informed you by last report, this examination was carried out for 4 days from Mar. 13 in Iwakuni & Shimono-seki Cities. Inquiries have been made to each Regional Economic Investigation Agency of Osaka, Kyoto & Hiroshima as to sources of those designated daily necessities revealed in this examination.

## 2. Control over Cornering &amp; Hoarding of Daily Necessities:

Continued from the previous period, our efforts have been directed to the investigation of clothing, timber, fertilizers & rubber-soled "Tabi" to exercise rigid control over cornering & hoarding of those daily necessities.

Report on Investigation Activities  
(For the Former Half of March, 1951)

IV. Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section.

1. Conference:

a. 32nd Conference on Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation.

Date: March 8, 1951

Place: At our Assembly-Hall

Matters placed before the conference:

(1) Matters discussed;

Steps to be taken for control of daily necessities' price.

Examination of school lunch.

Investigation of business relative to labor at the Special Procurement Board.

(2) Matter reported;

Interim report on 2nd examination of designated daily necessities.

b. Round-Table Conference on Stabilization of Livelihood.

Date: March 6 ~~and 15~~

Place: Hikari City ~~and Tokuyama City~~

2. Publicity:

a. A round-table conference on stabilization of livelihood was held at the cities of Hikari, ~~and Tokuyama~~. Publicity was conducted along the lines of regulation of general consumers' living and the cooperation in controlling prices.

b. By means of newspapers.

We offered some articles to the newspaper offices located in this prefecture, concerning profiteering control on the designated 9 items of merchandise and

the establishment of the Circulating Complaint Settlement Center on Daily Necessities, with the view to infiltrate our purport into the general public and to contribute towards price control.

c. By means of radio.

The same purport as appeared in newspapers was repeatedly broadcast from Hofu Broadcasting Station.

d. 300 posters for the prevention of staple food black-marketeering, sent from our Central Board were distributed among the major government and public offices in this prefecture.

B. Food Section.

1. Special Investigation Regarding Staple Food:

a. Summary.

Investigation was conducted into the sources from which blackmarketeers get staple food, which we mentioned in Item (b) of 1 of B in the report for the latter half of February.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels	Administrative steps were requested against
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admon-ished	Transferred to surveil-lance squad			
2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0

b. Results.

Kin Bun-kei, Korean, Furuichi, Heki-son, Otsu-gun, Yamaguchi Prefecture.

Ri Mo-shi, Korean, Furuichi, Heki-son, Otsu-gun, Yamaguchi Prefecture.

It was brought to light that the above two bought rice from the farmers of their village and got their children carry the rice to Shimonoseki City, Fukawa-cho, or Senzaki-cho for blackmarketeering purpose.

## c. Steps taken.

The case was transferred to our Surveillance Squad because the acts can be recognized habitual and malicious.

## 2. Investigation into Status of Staple Foodstuffs Collection and Storage:

## a. Summary.

Investigation was conducted into the case reported by B. 2. (b), that is, the deficiency of 7 bags of 1950<sup>non</sup> glutinous rice (420 kg) from the rice in the custody of Shimaji Agricultural Cooperative.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels	Administrative steps were requested against
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admon-ished	Transferred to surveillance squad			
1	1	0	0	0	0	<sup>non</sup> Glutinous rice 60 kg	1

## b. Result of investigation.

Our investigation disclosed:

- (1) That KATO Shuichi of Shimaji Village delivered 32 bags of glutinous rice.

That they were erroneously entered as 40 bags into warehousing slip of Shimaji Agricultural Cooperative, designated collecting agency, and the inspection book of NAKAMURA, inspector of the Food Office and the paying out slip.

That the shortage was due to imaginary delivery and inspection of 8 bags of 3rd grade rice and the price for this imaginary delivery (¥17,720) was paid into KATO's deposit account.

- (2) The same delinquency as above was disclosed concerning 1 bag of 1950<sup>non</sup> glutinous rice (60 kg) delivered by HAYASHI Tsuneichi of the same village. Neither any entry was made into the book of the same cooperative nor inspection

This also was found assignable to faulty handling of the book by the said cooperative and neglected inspection by the inspector.

c. Measures taken.

Request was made upon the chief of Yamaguchi Food Office to take administrative measure against Shimaji Agricultural Cooperative and rice deliverers.

3. Investigation into School Lunch.

a. Summary.

This investigation was held at schools and plants in Ube and Yamaguchi during this report period.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admonished	Transferred to surveillance squad		
7	5	0	5	0	0	Flour 44 kg

b. Results of investigation.

- (1) At Kami-Ube Primary School, Ube City, children, while eating, found a cord of 30 cm. and 5 yen copper in the school lunch bread delivered by Marunaka Bakery.
- (2) At Shinkawa Primary School, Ube City, something like a piece of bandage was discovered by children while eating in the school lunch bread furnished by Sankyo Bakery.
- (3) At Sankyo Bakery, Ube City, which furnishes bread to Shinkawa and Hara Primary Schools, the balance of flour on the book was 1,276.500 kg., but the actual amount in stock was 1,331.500 kg. Hence it was found the bakery was in possession of 44 kg. of flour in excess which was obtained through undue processing.
- (4) The official weight of 10 pieces of Koppe Pan for school lunch use is 1,424 g. when weighed 4 hours after taken out of the oven. However, shortages were found as shown below:

Date of investigation	Name of primary school	Name of bakery	Bread		
			Kind of bread	Weight	Shortage
Mar. 6 1951	Shinkawa Primary School (Ube City)	Sankyo Bakery (Ube City)	Koppe Pan	Per 10 pieces	
				1,300 g.	-124 g.
				1,320 g.	-104 g.
				1,350 g.	- 74 g.
	Yamaguchi Shihan Fuzoku Primary School (Yamaguchi City)	Kinoshita Bakery (Yamaguchi City)	"		Per 10 pcs.
9 pieces -					
120 g. per one				- 224 g.	
1 piece -					
				140 g. per one	- 24 g.

(5) Investigation held at the Sankyo Bakery, 2-chome, Misumi-machi, Ube City, from Feb. 7 to Mar. 6, 1951, revealed the following:

(a) The said bakery received 120 kg. of sugar on Feb. 7 for school lunch bread, but it actually used 140.331 kg.

(b) The said bakery, to make up for the shortage, temporarily appropriated 20.331 kg. of sugar out of the sugar stock for bread for general household distribution.

c. Steps taken.

As for (1) and (2), this Agency warned them to be careful in handling materials in future.

As for (3), it was strictly admonished, as the surplus amount of flour was recognized as the excess products resulting from deterioration of bread it produced.

As for (4), it was strictly admonished.

As for (5), this Agency requested the educational superintendent of the Yamaguchi-Ken Board of Education to effect smooth distribution of sugar.

#### 4. Examination in Connection with Restaurant Business:

a. Summary.

This examination was conducted in Shimonoseki to unearth unlicensed operation of restaurant business.



No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels	Administrative steps were requested against
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admon-ished	Transferred to surveillance squad			
12	4	0	0	0	0	0	4

b. Results.

HOSOKAWA Chizuko, No. 365 Takezaki-cho, Shimonoseki.

It was revealed that the above mentioned, since Jan. 16, 1951, had been engaged in restaurant business without license at the above mentioned place. 3 other cases revealed by this Agency on the same occasion were of the same nature as above stated.

c. Steps taken.

Administrative steps were requested against these cases.

5. Inspection of the Food Distribution Corporation:

In connection with the amount of empty bags (cloth or hemp bags) received and delivered during the period from Apr. 1, 1950 to Feb. 28, 1951, this inspection was conducted at the Tokuyama Branch of the Corporation.

Upon investigation, a marked discrepancy was discovered between the amount of bags shipped from the Tokuyama Branch and that received by the Tokuyama Branch of the Mizuho Ryokoku K.K., designated foodstuff collection agency.

Our investigation is still under way to grasp the accurate figures of discrepancy and delve into its cause.

C. Material Section I.

1. Investigation of the Status of Rape-seed Oil Delivery:

a. Summary.

With a view to grasping the actual situation of the turning in of rape-seed oil quota by oil extraction.

plants, and encouraging them to early delivery, 15 oil extraction plants were placed under our investigation (6 private plants and 9 Agricultural Cooperatives).

b. Results.

Upon checking the amount of oil collected by the Oil Corporation with that delivered by oil extraction plants (this amount was confirmed by this Agency by on-the-spot investigation), no discrepancies were found in the case of private plants. However, the amount delivered by the Agricultural Cooperatives were at variance with that collected by the Corporation, as shown below:

This is considered because that the delivery of oil by Agricultural Cooperatives are made through the Federation of Production and Sale Associations, thereby causing delay in the actual receipt of oil by the Corporation.

Description	Delivery quota	Amount delivered	Amount not yet delivered	Delivery percentage
	kg.	kg.	kg.	%
Amount registered in the Corporation	23,305,928	5,808,000	17,497,928	26
Amount revealed by on-the-spot investigation	23,305,928	17,494,300	5,811,628	75
Balance	-	(+)11,686,300	(-)11,686,300	

This Agency made delinquent manufacturers pledge to complete oil delivery at the earliest possible day.

D. Material Section II.

1. Investigation of Supply and Demand Situation of Petroleum for Fishing:

As regards this investigation, which had been under way during our previous report period, the results were already reported to you by our report "Yamaguchi Chi Kei Shi II No. 28" of Feb. 27.

## 2. 2nd Examination in Connection with the Designated Daily Necessities:

## a. Summary.

Continued from the previous term, this examination is still under way with the below mentioned results so far obtained.

## (1) Sources of designated daily necessities:

Shown below are the places where those designated daily necessities were illegally purchased. Of the total amount of those designated daily necessities investigated, 28% came from the Hiroshima district and 12% from Iwakuni City.

There are strong suspicions that a considerable amount of designated daily necessities was flowed from the Kokura district into Shimonoseki City.

Places investigated	No. of cases investigated	No. of cases by sources						Unknown sources
		Hiroshima City	Iwakuni City	Kamino-son	Kyoto City	Shimonoseki City	Osaka City	
Iwakuni City	15	3	5	0	1	0	0	6
Yanai-cho	9	3	0	1	0	0	0	5
Shimonoseki City	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Ube City	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	3
Yamaguchi City	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Total	43	12	5	1	1	1	2	21

## (2) Items handled:

The number of items handled in the said illegal transactions amounts to about 31. All of them, except such few items as "Nestles" (chocolate) made in Australia & cloth in England, are of American manufacture. Confectionery occupies the greater part of the items.

## b. Results.

A 4-day investigation will resume on Mar. 13 in Shimonoseki & Iwakuni Cities regarding illegal handlings of those designated daily necessities.

## 3. Control Over Hoarding &amp; Cornering of Daily Necessities:

## a. Summary.

This step will be enforced from this month to the end of April.

During this term, our investigation was conducted as below mentioned. The results of the investigation are now in course of arrangement.

Date	Place	Items investigated	Persons investigated
Mar. 13	Each city of Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi, Iwakuni, Tokuyama, Ube & Onoda.	Timber, fertilizers, rubber-soled "Tabi" & clothing.	Producers, wholesalers, retailers, large consumers & general consumers.
Mar. 16	Each town of Yaneji & Yuu.		

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(For the Latter Half of February, 1951)

IV Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. Conference:

Round-table Conference on Stabilization of Livelihood

On February 28, 1951, this round-table conference was held for officials, school teachers, leaders of Women's Association and the prominent persons connected with commerce and industry in Yanai Town.

The aims of this conference was:

a. To gather opinions and desires of the public on economic controls, hear their complaints against unreasonable high prices, and violation of price controls, and collect information upon their actual living conditions, in connection with the changed economic conditions due to the outbreak of the Korean War.

b. Thus to educate the public to recognize the need of economized consumption as well as to obtain their cooperation in curbing the rising trend of prices.

2. Publicity:

Refer to the above mentioned Round-table Conference on Stabilization of Livelihood.

B. Food Section

1. Special Investigation Regarding Staple Food:

a. Summary

During this period, our investigation was conducted in Shimonoseki City into blackmarket transactions of staple food.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admonished	Transferred to surveillance squad		
7	2	0	0	0	2	0

b. Results

(1) A certain Korean living at Takezaki-cho, Shimonoseki City, was placed under suspicion of having purchased a great deal of rice from a blackmarket dealer.

(2) There are strong suspicions that Suzuya Store, Higashi Otsubo-cho, Shimonoseki City, purchased rice in front of Shimonoseki Station from blackmarket dealers from trains on the Sanin Line and sold it to the general people.

c. Steps taken

Our efforts are being concentrated on securing positive evidences of the above mentioned violations.

2. Investigation connected with the status of collection and custody of staple food:

a. Summary

A stock-taking was effected at the Shimaji Agricultural Cooperative, of which we already related in paragraph (5) of the report for the former half of February.

b. Results of investigation

It is brought to light that ledgers show the figure of 2,422 bales of the stock in store, whereas the actual number of bales proved 2,415, 7 bales short.

c. Steps taken

An investigation is further extended to the cause of the shortage.

3. Examination upon matters pertaining to the Food Distribution Corporation:

a. Jointly with the Surveillance Section II, the Hiroshima Area Economic Agency, investigations were made from February 12 to 17 into the Yamaguchi-Ken Branch and the Yamaguchi Sub-branch of the Corporation in regard to;

- (1) Progress in collection of credit accounts.
- (2) Steps taken for securing collection of credit accounts.
- (3) Whether the number of days of arrearage in the payment to Special Food Control Account is proper and reasonable.
- (4) Non-receipts of remittances:  
The result of the investigation will be arranged by the Agency.

b. As to the payment to the Corporation of the returns from staple food for the period of Jan. to Dec., 1950 made by the Jifuku-mura Agricultural Cooperative's Distribution Agency, the actual remittances differ from the figures shown in daily reports by ¥400,000, it is disclosed. Further examination is scheduled in this connection.

4. Examination in connection with restaurant business operation:

a. Summary

This examination was carried out at Shimonoseki City.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels	Administrative steps were requested against
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admonished	Transferred to surveillance squad			
5	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

## b. Results of examination

(1) Light restaurant operator ISHIMURA Katsumi, Takezaki-cho, Shimonoseki City, since January 25, 1951, followed staple food consignment processing as a side-job beside light restaurant.

(2) TANAKA Kame, Nagato-cho, Shimonoseki City, was operating a light restaurant without license since January 9, 1951.

## c. Steps taken

Administrative steps were requested against both (1) and (2).

## C. Material Section I.

## 1. Investigation regarding compensation for losses incurred through handling reward goods for staple food delivery:

## a. Summary

With a view to investigate whether correct entries are made or not in the applications for compensation for losses incurred through handling reward goods, an investigation was conducted at two fibre retail organs on February 13 and 14 by officials of Food Board in collaboration with those of the Yamaguchi Prefectural Agricultural Affairs Section.

## b. Result

Object	Goods	Application (A)		Justifiable (B)		Not Justifiable (A) - (B)	
		Quantity	Amount of money	Quantity	Amount of money	Quantity	Amount of money
Bofu City Nakanoseki Agricultural Corporative	Bleached cotton	6 <u>tan</u>	1,465.56 ¥	5	1,221.30 ¥	1	244.26 ¥
Shimonoseki City Yoshimi Agricultural Corporative	Bluish cloth with white splashes (Kon-gasuri)	4 <u>tan</u>	894.40	0	0	4	894.40
"	Bicycle	3	10,215.00	1	3,405.00	2	6,810.00



## 2. Investigation into transportation status of leaf-tobacco:

## a. Summary

In connection with the investigation of last October into the propriety of transportation charges for leaf-tobacco, this time an investigation was conducted into the actual average loading capacity per one ton-waggon of leaf-tobacco wrapped in straw-matting at 11 express companies in this prefecture.

## b. Result

Year	Kinds	Basic quantity for computation of transportation charges	Actual average loading capacity
1949	Yellow	226 kgs.	229 kgs.
1950	"	237 kgs.	244 kgs.

## D. Material Section II

## 1. Investigation into the Supply &amp; Demand Status of Petroleum for Fishing:

## a. Summary

To grasp the actual supply and demand situation of petroleum for fishing in the 3rd quarter of 1950 fiscal year, this investigation was conducted at the below mentioned places.

Date	Type of fishery	Place investigated
From Feb. 13 to Feb. 16	Bull-trawling	Shimonoseki Branch Office, Association for Bull-trawling in Western Area from Long. 130 E.  Fishermen engaging in trawling.  Cooperative Association for Bull-trawling in Eastern Area from Long. 130 E. (Hagi, Senzaki and Shimonoseki)

From Feb. 13  
to Feb. 16

Inshore fishery	Purse Sein Fishery Association (Shimonoseki)
Coastal fishery	Fishermen's Cooperative Association (Hagi, Senzaki, Kogushi, Esaki, Agenosho & Murozumi)
Others	Transportation Vessels Association

b. Results

The results of this investigation, which are now in course of arrangement, will be reported to you later.

2. 2nd Examination in connection with the designated daily necessities;

a. Summary

This examination is scheduled to be enforced from Feb. 1 to March 31 to effect a control over the designated daily necessities in accordance with the Regulations Concerning the Distribution of Daily Necessities on the List of the Designated Imports.

During this term, the following places were investigated.

Date	Description	Place investigated
From Feb. 20 to Feb. 23	S.P.S.	The Graham, Shimonoseki City.
	Dealers in the designated daily necessities.	Shimonoseki, Tokuyama, Ube and Iwakuni.
	Brokers	Iwakuni.

b. Results

The results will be reported to you immediately after the completion of their arrangement.

Report on Investigation Activities  
(For the First Half of February, 1951)

IV Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. Conferences:

The 31st Conference on Economic Investigation in Yamaguchi District.

Date: February 15, 1951

Place: Meeting hall of this agency

Matters placed before the conference:

a. Matter discussed

The daily necessities on the list of the designated imports.

b. Matters reported

Interim report on the special examination connected with staple food.

Report on the results of investigation of the population unlawfully receiving sugar rations.

Report on the results of examination connected with minor transportation of tobacco.

B. Food Section

1. Investigation connected with the status of collection and custody of staple food.

a. Summary:

For the prevention of blackmarketeering of rice after the completion of rice delivery, this section,

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with the cooperation of Material Sections I and II, carried out investigation concerning the actual amount of rice stock, the amount of rice collected, the amount of rice shipped and the state of collection and custody of rice at the Takamori-cho Agricultural Cooperative Association, Kuga-gun and 11 others.

b. Results of investigation:

(1) About one to 26 days' delay was discovered in the payment of rice price (provisionally fixed) to farmers.

The payment of the balance between provisional price and the finally fixed price was delayed by about 26 to 111 days. (Kuga Agricultural Cooperative Association & 6 others)

(2) Farmers' private rice with which the Association was entrusted and the Gov't. rice were piled up in the same warehouse, and no clear distinction was drawn between them. (Nishiatsu Agricultural Cooperative Association)

(3) The Association neglected to keep books regularly and calculated the stock of rice on hand on the basis of the food inspector's data. (Funaki Agricultural Cooperative Association)

(4) Contrary to the entry in the book that 29 bags of 5th grade brown glutinous rice were kept, all the stock of rice on hand were revealed to be 3rd and 4th grade rice. This is because the Association shipped 5th grade rice in disregard of instructions to consign 3rd and 4th grade rice. (Yamada Agricultural Cooperative Association)

(5) Because of rice bags piled up in disorder, we could not confirm whether the amount of rice stock actually kept was in agreement with that (2,521 bags 172.4 kg.) entered in the books. (Shimaji-son Agricultural Cooperative Association, Saba-gun)

c. Steps taken:

As for (1), they were instructed to pay the rice price into the individual farmer's deposit account in the Associations retroactive to the day when rice was delivered.

As for (2), it was instructed to make clear the distinction between the government rice and others.

As for (3), it was instructed to adjust accounts.

As for (4), it was instructed to ship rice as instructed.

As for (5), investigation is still under way.

2. Examination upon matters pertaining to the Food Distribution Corporation.

Re conservative evaluation of goods in the provisional closing accounts:

In the 1950 provisional closing accounts of the prefectural branches of the Food Distribution Corporation, reasonable estimate of the value of the goods in their possession should be ¥165,130,838.10.

In spite of this, upon examination it was disclosed that the value of the goods had been estimated at ¥162,860,607.40, which is less than the above estimate by ¥2,270,230.70.

This is assignable to the fact that the accounts were closed on the basis of the books of the accounting section which contains erroneous entries of goods bought by the central government, in complete neglect of checking each item by contrasting accounting books with business books. Accordingly, investigation is still under way to bring details to light.

3. Investigation connected with the population unlawfully receiving sugar rations.

From February 1 to 9, this investigation was conducted to compare the population revealed by the recent national census with the population on the register of staple food ration and the population on the register of sugar ration at Kudamatsu City, Senzaki-cho, Narutson, Kuga-gun and Ochi-son, Yoshiki-gun. Side by side with this investigation, 7 licensed sugar retailers were investigated. However, no illegal receipt of sugar was discovered.

4. Examination in connection with restaurant business operation.

This examination was carried out at Iwakuni City

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admonished	Transferred to surveillance squad		
6	0	0	0	0	0	0

C. Material Section I

1. Investigation regarding petroleum products.

a. Summary:

With a view to smoothing the way between demand & supply of petroleum products, our investigation was conducted regarding the receipt of the article against the issuance of ration tickets.

(1) Issuance of ration tickets.

The issuance of ration tickets for the 3rd & 4th quarters of the year was fairly carried out by the competent authorities.

(2) Distribution of petroleum products.

Irregular arrivals of petroleum products resultant from their shortage have caused repeated delays in the distribution of the articles since November last.

The above mentioned circumstances exerted a harmful influence on the management of the fishing industry impeding fishermen's operations.

(3) Petroleum products in stock.

Amount of petroleum products on hand of sellers is very small at the end of every month. Unless new supplies of the said articles are effected, some trouble may occur in the distribution of the petroleum products for the next month.

b. Steps taken:

A request was made to the Central Board & the Regional Bureau to take emergency measures for development of the present situation.

2. Investigation on demand of scrap iron.

a. Summary:

From Feb. 1 to 4, our investigation was conducted into 10 persons dealing in scrap iron in this pref. regarding the movement of scrap iron and change of prices therefor since just before the outbreak of the Korean War.

b. Results:

Owing to the strained international situation since the outbreak of the Korean War, there has been a sudden increase in the demand of scrap iron and the tone of the market has become very active with keen competition for scrap iron.

(1) Just before the outbreak of the Korean War, the amount of scrap iron handled by dealers in this pref. was in the neighborhood of 800 tons a month at prices lower than official one.

(2) Prices of scrap iron which have been on the rise with the increase of demand since the outbreak of the War, jumped up at the beginning of October.

D. Material Section II

1. Inspection of Fertilizers Distribution Corporation in the stage of liquidation regarding credit account.

a. Summary:

On Feb. 2, our inspection was carried out at the Yamaguchi-Ken Branch Office, Fertilizers Distribution Corporation, regarding whether or not there were credit sales which could not be accounted for. On Feb. 8, our investigation was made into TASAKA Tadashi, Funaki-cho, Asa-gun, regarding the irrecoverable credits which he owed to the Corporation.

b. Results:

Our inspection at the Corporation disclosed unaccountable credits totalling ¥137,460.19 which were left untouched at the settlement day on July 31, last year. Our instructions were given to the Corporation to trace the origin of the said accounts.

Our officials attended the investigation conducted by the Chief of the Branch Office & other officials of Sub-branch Office of the said Corporation regarding ¥160,000, the debts TASAKA Tadashi owed to the Corporation. Our official made other officials to take proper steps for the collection of the debts.

2. Investigation connected with the status of collection & custody of staple food.

Our Section extended cooperation in the above investigation. (Refer to the column of Food Section)

Report on Investigation Activities  
(For the latter half of January, 1951)

IV. Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency.

A. General Affairs Section.

1. Conferences:

a. 30th Conference on Economic Investigation in Yamaguchi District.

Date: Jan. 25, 1951, from 1.00 p.m.

Place: Meeting Hall of this agency.

Subjects discussed:

Supply and demand situation of petroleum for agricultural use.

Report on the state of examination connected with restaurant business.

Interim report on the inspection of Food Distribution Corporation.

Report on the state of rice collection.

Report on the results of inspection of Fertilizers Distribution Corporation.

b. Liaison conference on the control of illegal transportation of staple food.

2. Education & training:

a. Leaflets on abacus practice were distributed and a short course on abacus was held.

B. Food Section.

1. Special examination connected with staple food.

a. Summary.

On Jan. 27, under the joint sponsorship of Shimane Pref. Economic Investigation Agency and this agency, a liaison conference on the control over illegal transportation of staple food was held at the Kanoashi District Police Station, Shimane-Ken to make arrangements for the continuation of the control for the prevention of illegal transportation of staple food and the promotion of rice delivery.

Those present at the conference were officials of National Rural Police Headquarters of both pref. and polices of District Police Stations of NRP and Municipal Police Stations concerned.

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In parallel with the inspection of Food Distribution Corporation, examination was put into execution at rice distribution stations and rice-mills.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admonished	Transferred to surveillance squad		
5	2	0	2	0	0	0

b. Violations:

(1) The Tonda Distribution Station, Tonda-cho, Tsuno-gun, received 30 kg. of <sup>new</sup> glutinous rice from the Fukugawa Agricultural Cooperative Association on Dec. 16 last. However, investigation revealed that the stock of rice on hand was 17 kg., which fell short of 30 kg. by 13 kg.

(2) Shown below is the actual loss margin in rice polishing conducted by the rice-mill of the Food Distribution Kodan's Asa Branch for the period of April 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950. A decrease of 1.1% (6,606.4 grams) can be seen in the loss margin in comparison with the standard of 94%, as shown in the following table.

Year of production	Term of polishing	Quantity of brown rice (A)	Quantity of polished rice (B)	Quantity of by-products (C)	Loss by polishing (D) (exclusive of (C))	%		
						B/A	C/A	D/A
Unpolished glutinous & non-glutinous rice (b)	1949 & 1950 Apr. 1 - Dec. 28 1950.	-583,138 kg.	541,543 kg.	40,530 kg.	92.90 1,065 kg.	92.90	6.92	0.18
Standard loss margin; 94% (a)			548,150 kg.	33,923 kg.	94.00 1,065 kg.	94.00	5.82	0.18
Decrease (a) - (b)			(-)6,606 kg.	(+) 6,608 kg.	0	(+)1.10	(-)1.10	0

## c. Steps taken:

As for (1), instructions were given them to make reparation for the shortage and the case was reported to the Kodan's Prefectural Branch.

As for (2), their attention was called to keep up the standard loss margin.

## 2. Special examination of restaurant business:

## a. Summary.

This term, an examination was made of the illegal restaurant business both at Tokuyama and Ube Cities.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admonished	Transferred to surveillance squad		
24	4	0	0	0	0	4

## b. Violations.

No violation could be actually seen at Tokuyama City. But at Ube City there were cases where they took over eating shop closed because of dull business and served staple food without license on the plea that they were ignorant of the formalities prescribed by law.

## c. Steps taken.

Request is made for taking legal steps upon the violators.

## 3. Examination of Food Distribution Kodan.

a. Stock-taking and checking of business with reference to ledgers and books were made at the Kodan's branches of Tokuyama, Hikari and Asa and the distribution agencies under their management, with the following facts discovered.

(1) Shortage of ¥630 in cash was found against the proceeds of sales at Mandokoro Distribution Agency, Tokuyama City.

(2) The distribution Agency of Mitsuo-mura Agricultural Cooperative Association, Kumage-gun, is under our investigation on the suspicion of having illegally pocketed a freightage of ¥14,300 on the assumption that 110 bales of non-glutinous rice were transported from its warehouse No.3 (in reality, from the nearby warehouse No.1), which is some 6 kilometers far from the agency.

## b. Steps taken:

As to (1), they were strictly instructed to fill up the shortage soonest and the case was reported to the Kodan's Prefectural Branch Office.

## C. Material Section I.

Investigation on transportation of tobacco.

## a. Purpose:

The purpose of this investigation is, by obtaining first hand data upon current operation charges relative to minor transportation of tobacco, to furnish data for the establishment of rational charges.

## b. Period &amp; place of investigation.

Jan. 16 - Jan. 18

8 branches of the Japan Express Company (Shimonoseki, Kogushi, Shomyoichi, Hagi, Nishiichi, Yanai, Iwakuni & Tokuyama)

Jan. 22 - Jan. 24

4 branches of the Japan Express Company (Yamaguchi, Ube, Mitajiri & Yoshinori)

## c. Results.

(1) Any illegality worthy of mentioning was not seen.

(2) Settlement of account between major agents and minor agents cannot be said to be done with correctness and speed.

(3) Arrangement of slips and payment are handled very roughly.

(4) On account of the pool accounting system on national basis, exists intricate interrelationship of business between branch office, major agent and minor agent. Thereupon a considerable intermediary expenses is required for these organs. These points need scrutiny to reduce unit operation cost and thereby to decide rational transportation charges.

(5) Transportation of tobacco between Hiroshima & Iwakuni is stipulated to be by railway minor transportation, but in reality the transportation of certain quantity is conducted by private regular truck service between the said two stations.

## D. Material Section II.

Investigation on demand and supply of petroleum products for the agricultural use:-

## a. Summary.

Investigation on demand and supply of petroleum products for thrashing use for 3rd and 4th quarters in 3 cities, 3 towns & 6 villages was conducted during the period of 4 days from Jan. 17 to 20.

## b. Result of investigation.

As shown in the list below, concerning petroleum for thrashing & hulling use, allocated amount stands at 55% of requirements. That is, there is a shortage of 45%.

To cover this shortage, farmers are constrained either to save as much as possible from allocations furnished during the previous quarter for irrigation, draining and moth light trap; or the by blackmarket petroleum.

At the same time, it was perceived that delay in allocation has a serious bearing upon farming operations and the shortage of petroleum among farmers.

In addition, allocations are made in exert ratio of the output of rice (0.5 litres per koku), and therefore, as is easily understood, in the electrified district, requirements are conspicuously out of balance with the output. From this, it can be seen that the percentages of petroleum shortage are not uniform throughout the districts.

Classification	Required quantity (A)	Allocated quantity (B)	Shortage (C)	B/A %
Petroleum for thrashing & hulling use (main fuel)	48,358	26,671	21,687	55

## c. Type of violation.

None

Report on Investigation Activities  
(For the Former Half of January, 1951)

IV. Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency.

A. General Affairs Section.

1. Conferences:

29th Conference on Economic Investigation in Yamaguchi District.

Date: Jan. 11, 1951, from 1 p.m.

Place: Meeting Hall of this Agency.

Subjects discussed:

Our business program for the 4th quarter.

Report on result of 28th conference on economic investigation (Food Committee).

Report on the latest petroleum situation.

Program for prevention of illegal receipt of sugar for distribution.

B. Food Section.

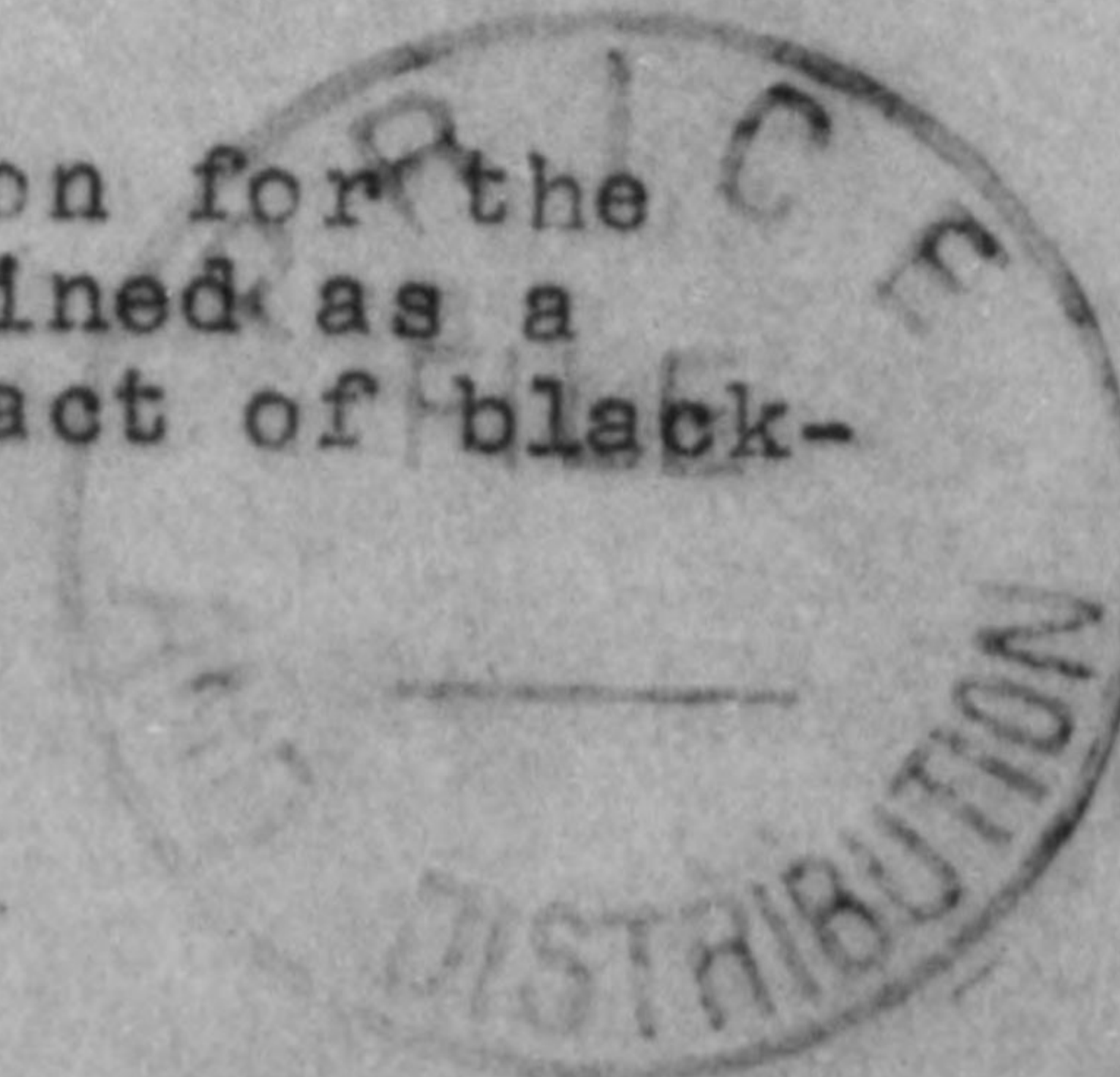
1. Examination of suspected economic offences, based on information:

- a. MATSUZAKI Kaiji, responsible person for Ogori Rice Mill, Ogori-cho, Yoshiki-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.

The above, who manages the mill for the Food Distribution Kodan and is now under investigation, on suspicion of having blackmarketed rice and rice-bran by reducing the polishing rate of rice.

- b. MATSUI Riichiro, responsible person for Hanagi Agricultural Cooperative Association, Niiryo, Hofu City.

(1) The above, who is the responsible person for the Government-consigned rice mill, was examined as a suspect of rice blackmarketeering. No fact of blackmarketeering was brought to light.



(2) Though 9,900 kilograms (165 bales) of 1950's unpolished glutinous rice are mentioned in a shipment order sheet of the mill to the Hofu Branch of the Food Distribution Kodan, he, in reality, shipped 10,200 kilograms, which exceed the amount by 300 kilograms (5 bales), and entered the figures of the ordered amount in the ledger. He was admonished not to repeat such a misconduct.

c. KONDO Hisachika, responsible person for Yamaguchi Vermicelli Manufactory, Sayama, Yamaguchi City.

The above Government-consigned plant of vermicelli and flour-milling was suspected of having blackmarketed unpolished wheat and flour. This case is still under investigation, taking into consideration the circumstances that the operating techniques of machines are poor and inexpert management of the plant, to make the matter worse, the leading staff of the plant was absent at the time of our investigation and the ledgers and books were unsatisfactorily entered.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admonished	Transferred to surveillance squad		
3	1	0	1	0	0	0

C. Material Section I

Investigation on transportation of tobacco.

a. Purpose.

The purpose of this investigation is, by obtaining first hand data upon current operation charges relative to minor transportation of tobacco and probing into the basis on which those charges are worked out, to furnish data for the establishment of both rational charges and rules for disbursement thereof with the intention of economizing the state expenditures.

b. Period of investigation: Jan. 8 — Jan. 30

c. Places of investigation: Yamaguchi Branch and other branches in this prefecture, of the Japan Express Company.

d. Summary of investigation up to date:

During this period, the collection of data and various preparations were made for bringing this investigation to a successful conclusion.

D. Material Section II

1. Special investigation on designated daily necessities on the list of imports (sugar).

On 28 and 29 Dec. 1950, investigation of 4 Formosans & 2 Japanese who were suspected of having smuggled sugar, including Ko Ka Sho, a Formosan living at Toyo St., Shimonoseki City, was made.

No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admonished	Transferred to surveillance squad		
6	0	0	0	0	0	0

2. Investigation on released goods.

This investigation was carried out on Dec. 28 & 29, 1950 at Wakasa Shoji K.K., wholesaler of released goods, Toyomaeda St., Shimonoseki City.

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No. of cases investigated	No. of cases of violation		No. of cases disposed of		Not disposed yet	Quantity put into legal channels
	This term	Pending from the previous term	Admon-ished	Transferred to surveillance squad		
1	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. Examination into business of Yamaguchi Branch, Fertilizer Distribution Corporation.

This examination was conducted on Jan. 8 & 9.

- a. The quantity of fertilizer released during Dec. 1950 aggregate 100.4484 tons (¥1,563,090). This quantity comes up to 49% of the total in possession of the branch at the end of July. The total quantity released since Aug. 1 is 786.0084 tons (¥9,889,608.96).
- b. The accounts collected during Dec. 1950 total ¥1,177,115.82 and the amount not yet collected, ¥941,116.23 as of the end of Dec., which corresponds to 60% of the amount in arrear as of the end of July. Accordingly, we encouraged the branch to effect the full collection of outstanding accounts.

4. Investigation of violation cases connected with petroleum products.

This investigation in progress since Sept. 1950 in connection with suspected cases of illegal channelling of petroleum products by means of forged coupons, disclosed the following facts suspected to be in violations of law on Dec. 2.

- a. Suspected use of forged official documents, and suspected violation of the Price Control Law and the Temporary Commodities Demand & Supply Adjustment Law.

Name: MUSHIDA Hideo, operator of Registered Petroleum Products Shop and Agency of Standard & Vacuum Petroleum Company.

Address: 401, Oaza Yanaitsu, Yanai-cho, Kuga-gun, Yamaguchi-ken.

The said person, during the period Mar. 29 - Oct. 24, 1950, to 15 persons, including OTA Katsumi of Ganyo Shoji K.K., 609, Oaza Imazu, Iwakuni City, sold benzine totalling 20,200 litres without exchange for official allocation coupons at the price of ¥972,500 which is in excess of the controlled price by ¥273,580.



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In order to conceal the illegalities, the said person, on receipt of 6 official allocation coupons issued from Yamaguchi-ken Land Transportation Control Office to 6 persons, including OKAWA Kantatsu, Yanai-Eki St., Kuga-gun, Yamaguchi-ken, changed the figures on the coupons from 452 litres to 2,152 litres.

Thus, TOSHIDA who falsified a report to be prepared in accordance with Art. 17 of Distribution Regulations, submitted it Hiroshima Trade and Industry Office around May 10, 1950.

- b. Suspected use of forged official documents and suspected violation of the Temporary Commodities Demand & Supply Adjustment Law.

Name: NAGAHARA Takaaki, driver in the employment of Onoda Municipal Police.

Address: Nakagawa St., Onoda City, Yamaguchi-ken.

The said person altered the figures on the official allocation coupons, dated April 7, 1950, of benzine and mobil oil from 300 litres and 10 litres to 800 litres and 60 litres, respectively. The said driver again altered the figures on the allocation coupon of benzine dated June 20, from 400 litres to 600 litres. With these falsified coupons, the said driver cheated 700 litres of benzine and 50 litres of mobil oil out of Ito Petroleum Distribution Centre at Onoda, and sold the said stuffs to Nawada Shoten, Nissan St., Onoda City and another shop.

This case was notified to Onoda Municipal Police, which is now making investigations thereof.



Report on Schedule of Various Conferences and  
Business Activities Scheduled to be Executed

(Latter Half of March, 1950)

III. Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency.

1. Schedule of various conferences.

Name of conference	Date	Place	Contents	Section in charge
The 18th conference of Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Committee.	Mar. 16, 1.00 p.m.	Conference room of this agency.	Report on the results of special surveillance over restaurant business & black-marketeering confectionery. Report on the results of special surveillance over controlled aquatic products. Report on the results of special surveillance over staple food. Report on the results of special surveillance over soap. Interim report on the progress of special surveillance on fertilizer.	General Affairs Section.
Conference of Food Committee.	Mar. 27, 1.00 p.m.	"	Control over both staple food and processed staple food.	Food Section

2. Business activities scheduled to be executed.

A. General Affairs Section.

(1) Matters concerning education and publicity.

Broadcasting

Our opinion concerning meal-coupon, restaurant business, staple food and fresh fish, etc. will be broadcast time and again.

## (2) Others (Seminar).

- a. We intend to send one of the investigators to a conference to be held by the Yamaguchi Local Procurators' Office on Mar. 6, when the ways and means of search will be discussed by the judicial polices. (As we were notified of the holding of this conference on Feb. 22, we could not report this plan with our previous report)
- b. We intend to hold a short course on economics, inviting an economical specialist from outside as a lecturer. Date, subject of lecture & lecturer are not yet decided.
- c. With a view to extending the knowledges of investigators with regard to economics & sociology, we intend to distribute pamphlets of current new words (explained in detail) among the investigators of this agency.
- d. We intend to gather all the investigators in a meeting every Friday, when those who attended a course for the training of policemen in their duty held by the Yamaguchi Local Procurators' Office and a seminar held by the Central Economic Investigation Board will make a report and lecture with regard to what they studied.

## B. Hidden &amp; Hoarded Goods Sub-section.

- (1) Planned investigation: Not yet decided.
- (2) Investigation based on information: None.

## C. Food Section.

- (1) Special surveillance on staple food.

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Mar. 16 to Mar. 31	Hirao	Collecting organ & the designated warehouse.	Agricultural Cooperative Association.	Investigation into whether or not the collected foods are flown into illegal channels.
	Nagao	"	"	"
	Nako	"	"	"

## (2) Special surveillance on restaurant business &amp; blackmarketeering confectionery.

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Mar. 16 to Mar. 31	Yamaguchi	Those operating restaurant business and selling confectionery.	Hotels & inns, restaurants & confectioners.	To find out illegal sale and illegal service of staple foods.
	Shimonoseki	"	"	"

## (3) Special surveillance on controlled aquatic products.

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Mar. 16 to Mar. 31	Kottoi	Fishermen.	Kottoi Fisheries Cooperative Association.	Investigation into the condition of collection & shipment of controlled fish.
	Kawajiri	"	Kawajiri "	"
	Kojima	"	Kojima "	"

## D. Material Section I.

Inspection of the effects produced by the special surveillance on petroleum products.

In accordance with the schedule as reported to you with our previous report, this surveillance will be carried out in this period.

## E. Material Section II.

## Special surveillance on fertilizers.

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Mar. 15 to Mar. 18	Shimono- seki City.	Fertilizer manufacturers.	Hikoshima Factory, Toyo Koatsu K.K.	Investigation into the condi- tion of produc- tion & shipment of fertilizer and the amount of stocks.
Mar. 21 to Mar. 24	Oshima- gun.	Dealers in fertilizers & farmers.	Agricultural Co- operative Ass'ns & farmers in Yuno-son & Gamano- son.	1. Condition of allocation, purchase, dis- tribution & the amount of stocks of fertilizers.
	Kuga-gun.	"	Agricultural Co- operative Ass'ns & farmers in Kawa- goe-son, Yonekawa- son & Takane-son.	2. Reserve of fertilizers.
	Asa-gun.	"	Agricultural Co- operative Ass'ns & farmers in Oki-son.	3. Condition of fertilizers coming into the blackmarket.
	Shimono- seki City.	"	Yasuoka Agri- cultural Co- operative Ass'n. & farmers.	4. Relation between the distributed fertilizers and agricultural products as well as special agri- cultural products.

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Report on Schedule of Various Conferences  
and Business Activities Scheduled to be  
Executed

( First Half of March, 1950 )

### III. Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency.

#### 1. Schedule of various conferences

Name of conference	Date	Place	Contents	Section in charge
Conference of Staple Food Committee.	Mar. 7, 1.00 p.m.	Conference room of this agency.	Control over staple food and blackmarketing confectionery.	Food Section.

#### 2. Business activities scheduled to be executed

##### A. General Affairs Section.

##### Matters concerning education and publicity

##### a. Broadcasting

Our opinion concerning soap, restaurant business, staple food, meal-coupon & petroleum products, etc. will be broadcast time and again.

##### b. Others

##### Seminar

- (1) With a view to training the investigators in the economical knowledges, seminar will be held with an economic specialist who will be invited from outside as a lecturer. Date, lecturer & the subject of lecture are not yet decided.
- (2) Pamphlet in which sociological as well as economical terms are explained in details will be given to each investigator of this agency.

##### B. Hidden & Hoarded Goods Sub-Section.

##### 1. Planned investigation

Investigation into the stock of sugar, milk products and canned goods kept by Food Distribution Corporation.

Summary: Continued from the preceding period, this investigation will be carried out by 2 Inspection

Squads (one squad consists of 2 investigators) upon the manufacturers and the wholesale dealers of sugar, milk products and canned goods in 13 places within this prefecture. This investigation is scheduled to be completed by the end of this period.

2. Investigation on information: None.

C. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on Staple Food

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Mar. 1 to Mar. 15	Yanai	Collecting organ & the designated warehouse.	Agricultural Cooperative Union.	Finding out black-marketeering of staple food collected.
	Nishiichi	"	"	
	Takibe	"	"	

2. Surveillance on restaurant business & blackmarketeering confectionery

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Mar. 1 to Mar. 15	Ogori	Those operating restaurant business, & selling confectionery.	Hotel & inn, restaurant & confectioners.	Finding out un-licensed restaurant operators, illegal service of staple food & blackmarketeering of confectionery made of staple food.
	Ube	"	"	



## 3. Special surveillance on controlled aquatic products.

Date.	Name of place.	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ.	Name of object	
Mar. 1	Shimonoseki	Shipping agencies.	Shimonoseki Fish Shipping Association.	Whether shipment is fairly conducted or not.
	Hagi	"	Hagi Branch, Yamaguchi-Ken Federation of Fisheries Associations.	"
	"	"	Hagi Fisheries Cooperative Association.	"
to	"	"	Hagi Central Fisheries Cooperative Association.	"
	Senzaki	"	Senzaki Branch of Yamaguchi-Ken Fisheries Associations.	"
	"	"	Senzaki Fisheries Cooperative Association.	"
	"	"	Senzaki Fish Shipping Association.	"
	Yamaguchi	Receiving agencies.	Receiving agencies & retailers.	Whether distribution is duly conducted or not.
Mar. 15.	Shimonoseki	"	"	"

## D. Material Section I.

Re inspection of the effect produced by the special surveillance on petroleum products;

We have not yet received any instruction from Central Board or Regional Agency ordering us to enforce a special surveillance, but we are expected to make an inspection on the actual state after the period of September - December last year when the special surveillance on petroleum products was conducted, especially on the state of steps taken by sellers for the advance delivery of petroleum products on next month ration tickets.

## E. Material Section II.

## 1. Special surveillance on fertilizers.

Date.	Name of place.	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Feb. 21 to	Ube.	Fertilizer Manufacturing factories	Ube Nitrogen Factory	Fertilizers in process of manufacturing.
Feb. 24	Cnoda	"	Nissan Chemical Industry K.K.	"
(Surveillance of the above-mentioned factories was decided after previous report was submitted to you).				
Mar. 2 to	Kuga-gun.	Those engaged in the trade of fertilizers & farmers.	Kawayama Agricultural Cooperative Association.	Allocation & distribution.
Mar. 4	Ctsu-gun.	"	Misumi Agricultural Cooperative Association.	"
Mar. 6 to Mar. 7.	Yamaguchi-shi.	Distribution agencies.	Yamaguchi Agricultural Cooperative Association.	Distribution to farmers & violations thereof.

## 2. Enlightenment &amp; propagation.

Date.	Kind.	Object.	Place.
Mar. 11 to Mar. 15	Radio broadcasting.	Farmers.	Hofu Broadcasting Agency.

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**III. Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency**

**A. General Affairs Section**

**1. Matters concerning Education and Publicity**

**a. Broadcasting**

Such items as soap, rice-delivery, eating and drinking business will be broadcast time and again.

**2. Others:**

**Seminar**

Date	Subject	Lecturer	Place
Feb. 17	Unsettled	Undecided	Conference room of this agency.
" 24	"	"	"

**B. Hidden and Hoarded Goods Sub-section**

**1. Planned Investigation**

Investigation will be made into the stock of sugar, milk products and canned goods kept by Food Distribution Corporation.

**Outline:**

Succeeding the previous investigation, wholesale dealers and manufacturers of these materials belonging to the Food Distribution Corporation in 54 places within this prefecture will be subject to our investigation. The investigation during the latter half of Feb. will be carried out by 2 Inspection Squads (one squad consists of 2 investigators) to inspect the remaining half of the total number of these dealers and manufacturers.

**2. Investigation on Information**

**Undecided.**



## C. Food Section

## 1. Special Surveillance on Staple Food:

Date	Name of Place	Object of surveillance	Main emphasis of surveillance
Feb. 22 - 23	Kyowa-mura, Mine-gun.	Kyowa-mura Agricultural Cooperative Association.	Proper collection of staple food.

## 2. Special Surveillance on Eating &amp; Drinking Business:

Date	Name of Place	Object of surveillance	Main emphasis of surveillance
Feb. 20	Shimonoseki City & Yamaguchi City	Shops operating eating & drinking business & selling cakes.	To investigate whether or not staple foods or cakes made of them are served or sold in those shops.

## 3. Special Surveillance on Controlled Marine Products:

Date	Name of Place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
✓ Feb. 16	Hagi City	Consignee's Agencies	Kejima & Tsuyama Receiving Agencies	To investigate the details of competition in buying fish among the consignees stationed here from Okayama Pref.
Feb. 28	Senzaki City	Shipment Agencies.	Senzaki Shipment Corporation & Senzaki Branch Office of Yamaguchi-Ken Fishery Union's Federation.	Investigation into the price of fish & whether fish is distributed equally & fairly.

## D. Material Section II

## 1. Special Surveillance on Fertilizer:

No report was made on the special surveillance of fertilizer for the preceding month and we were notified to carry it out during the period, Feb. 1 to the end of Apr., this year by the Central Board, details still unknown

## E. Material Section I

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance.
		Name of Organ	Name of Object	
Feb. 20	Ube City	Consumers of soap	Ube Nitrogen Manufactory	To investigate whether or not application for supply of & distribution of soap is made properly
Feb. 20	Higashi-Toyoi, Kudamatsu City		Hidachi Manufactory	
Feb. 21	Tokuyama City		Tokuyama Soda K.K.	
Feb. 22	Onoda City		Nissan Chemical Industry K.K.	
Feb. 22	Iwakuni City		Teijin Artificial Silk K.K.	
Feb. 23	Misaki, Ube City		Higashi-Misome Mining Co.	

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III. Yamaguchi Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency.

A. General Affairs Section.

1. Matters concerning Education & Publicity

a. Radio broadcasting

In an effort to encourage farmers to turn in rice quotas as early as possible, and at the same time, to draw the public's concern to such problems as prevention of blackmarketeering, distribution of charcoal, controlled fresh fish and petroleum products, etc., radio broadcasting will be made over & over again.

2. Others

Seminar will be held on every Friday, though the subject of which is yet to be decided. Besides this, research meeting will be held by each Section to train the investigators in the knowledges necessary for surveillance and to give explanation about economical, legal as well as sociological terms.

B. Hidden & Hoarded Goods Section.

1. Surveillance on the stores of sugar, dairy products and canned foods held by Food Distribution Corporation.

a. Outline:

In accordance with the instructions of the Central Economic Investigation Board, wholesale dealers and manufacturers of these materials belonging to the Food Distribution Corporation in 54 places within this prefecture will be subject to our surveillance excluding those in Shimonoseki, Tokuyama & Hofu Cities which are expected to be inspected by Hiroshima Regional Economic Investigation Agency. The surveillance during the first half of Feb. will be carried out by 3 Inspection Squads (one squad consists of 2 investigators) to inspect about half of the total number of these dealers and manufacturers.



2. Surveillance on information:

a. Outline:

Based on the rumours that heavy oil aboard the sunken Japanese battle-ship Mutsu has been sold illegally by the Nishi Nippon Kaiji k.k. of Yanai-cho which has been engaged in the salvage of materials on board the Mutsu being sunken in the sea off Hashirajima, Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi-Ken, inspection of the said company will be carried out by this Section accompanied by Inspection Squad.

## C. Food Section.

## 1. Surveillance on eating &amp; drinking business &amp; illegal cakes.

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Feb. 1- 14.	Yamaguchi, Iwakuni, Ube, & Tokuyama	Shops operat- ing eating & drinking busi- ness & selling cakes.	Hotels, eating & drinking houses, & candy stores within each city.	To investigate whether or not staple foods or cakes made from them are served or sold in those shops and the owners of the shops are licenced

## 2. Special surveillance on staple food.

Date.	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Feb. 1- 15	Iwakuni City	Those engaged in processing, & distribution corporations. within the city.	Those engaged in processing & distribution offices in the city.	To investigate whether or not rice distribution is fairly conduct- ed and rice is sold by fair weight.
	Tokuyama "	"	"	"
	Ube "	"	"	"
	Yamaguchi "	"	"	"
	Tokusa-son	Stapel Foods Collection Agency.	Tokusa-son Agri- cultural Cooper- ative Union & its warehouse.	To survey whether or not staple food collection is duly conducted & staple foods are sold through illegal channels.
	Asa-cho	"	Asa-cho Agricult- ural Cooperative Union & its ware- house.	"



## 3. Special surveillance on controlled marine products.

Date.	Name of place.	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Feb. 1-15	Hikari City Agency.	Shipping Branch, Agency, Yamaguchi-Ken Fisheries Federation.	Hikari Branch, Yamaguchi-Ken Fisheries Federation.	To investigate whether or not fair shipment is conducted.
	Tonda-cho	Receiving Agency.	Tonda Fish Receiving Ass'n.	To investigate the state of receiving agency in buying fish.
	Nishiichi-cho	"	Nishiichi Fish Receiving Ass'n.	"

## D. Material Section I.

## 1. Special surveillance on soap.

Date.	Name of place.	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance.
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Feb. 1	Esaki-cho.	Wholesale dealers of soap.	Abu Daily Necessities Ass'n.	To investigate whether or not soap is fairly distributed.
"	Ube City.	"	Ube Commercial K.K.	"
Feb. 2	Asa-cho.	"	Asa Daily Necessities Ass'n.	"
Feb. 6	Hofu City	"	Takeo Yamamoto.	"
Feb. 7	Tokuyama City	"	Hashimoto Industry K.K.	"
Feb. 8	Kudamatsu City	"	Sanko Commercial K.K.	"
Feb. 8	Iwakuni City	"	Sanyo Commercial K.K.	"
Feb. 14	Shimonoseki City	"	Yamaguchi-Ken Soap Selling K.K.	"
Feb. 15	Tonda-cho	"	Tomiji Tokura	"

## E. Material Section II.

We, not yet receiving any instruction of special surveillance on charcoal from Central Board or Regional Agency, will enforce an ordinary one on it.

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III. Yamaguchi-Ken Economic Investigation Agency.

A. General Affairs Section.

1. Matters concerning education & publicity.

a. Putting on the air;

Broadcast shall be given repeatedly about the necessity of the controlled economy, the delivery of rice and the distribution of fresh fish, etc.

2. Others.

a. Education;

Date	Classification of event	Subject	At the place of
Jan. 13, '50	Lecture	"On search"	Assembly room of this Agency.

b. Collection of informations;

The informations shall be collected, relative to the present state of production, sale, consumption, and management of coal produced in this Pref.

B. Hidden & Hoarded Goods Section.

Not yet decided (to be given instructions by the Hiroshima Regional Economic Investigation Agency later on).

C. Food Section.

Surveillance on controlled marine products

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance Name of organ	Main emphasis of Name of object surveillance
Jan 18	Shimonoseki	Shipping agency	Shimonoseki Fresh Fish Shipping Ass'n.
Jan 23	Hagi	"	Hagi Fishing Cooperative Ass'n. Hagi Fresh Fish Shipping Ass'n.

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Jan 16 Onoda 17	Receiving agency	Onoda Business Office, Yamaguchi- Ken Fishery Ass'n's Federation.	In view of probable keen competition among receiving agencies to buy fish.
Jan 24 Kudamatsu & 25	"	Kudamatsu Fish Receiving Ass'n.	"

## 2. Special surveillance on staple food:

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Jan 18 Abu-gun to 20	(Jifuku-mura)	Collecting agency	Jifuku-mura Agricultural Cooperative Ass'n & its warehouse.	To investigate whether or not rice collection and the distribution of rice to terminal consumers are duly conducted.
Jan 25 Kuga-gun to 27	(Hongo-mura)	"	Hongo-mura Agricultural Cooperative Ass'n & its warehouse.	"

## 3. Special surveillance on restaurant business:

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance.
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Jan 16 Tokuyama City to 17		Eating & drinking house	Eating & drink- ing house within the city.	To investigate whether or not staple food is served in those shops and the owners of the shops are licensed.
Jan 23 Ube City & 24		"	"	"

## D. Material Section I:

## 1. Special surveillance on soap.

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Jan 16	Asa-cho, Asa-gun	Soap producer	Asa Kasei Factory, Nippon Chemical Industry Co. Ltd.	To inspect whether or not the materials allocated for the production of soap and the products are sold through illegal channels.
"	Shimogo, Ogori-cho	"	Chugoku Kako Co. Ltd.	"
"	Nakaichi, Kudamatsu City	"	Kyoritsu Sangyo K.K.	"
Jan 17	Suetake, Kudamatsu City	"	Toyo Sangyo K.K.	"
"	Nakanoseki, Bofu City	"	Mitsuba Kagaku Works.	"
Jan 18	Chofu-cho, Shimonoseki City.	"	Natori Kagaku Works.	"
Jan 23	"	"	Takami Store	"
"	Kaigan-dori, Ube City	"	Nippatsu Sangyo K.K.	"

## E. Material Section II:

## 1. Special surveillance on charcoal;

Date	Name of place	Object of surveillance		Main emphasis of surveillance
		Name of organ	Name of object	
Jan 16	Kano-mura, Tsuno-gun	charcoal producer	Kano Bussan K.K.	To survey the state of production, shipment, and distribution of the products and whether or not they are conducted fairly.

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Jan 16	Takamata-mura, Abu-gun	Charcoal producer	Takamata-mura Agricultural Cooperative Ass'n.	To survey the state of production, shipment, and distribution of the products and whether or not they are conducted fairly.
"	Yamaguchi City	Wholesale dealer	Bocho Charcoal & Wood Co. Ltd.	"
"	Hagi City	Transporter	Hagi Truck Co. Ltd.	"
Jan 31	Yamaguchi City	"	Yamaguchi Truck Co. Ltd.	"
"	Bofu City	"	Bofu Truck Co. Ltd.	"

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