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HEADQUARTERS
KAGAWA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

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Takamatsu, Shikoku
29 June 1948

SUBJECT: Election of Delegates to National Union Convention

TO : Commanding Officer,
Shikoku Military Government Region,
APO 1050
Attn: Labor Officer

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 5, Operational Directive 1, dated 5 Jan 1946, and Subject Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, AG 220.145 (IG-EL) dated 26 April 1948, the following information is submitted.

a. Delegates elected in the Kagawa-Ken Branch of all National Electric Workers Union, (Densen), with political affiliations indicated, as determined from CIC files report, and investigation by Ken-Gov't labor office's.

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| 1. Shinano, Isamu | Non Political |
| 2. Okada, Katsushi | " " |
| 3. Kubo, Minoru | " " |
| 4. Okauchi, Kanji | " " |

b. Delegates elected in the Kagawa, Ken Branch of all Japan Communications Workers Union (Zentei), with political affiliations indicated, as determined from CIC files report, and investigation by Ken-Gov't labor office's.

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| 1. Koishi, Hirotsuka | Non Political |
| 2. Yamaguchi, Tsuneichi | " " |
| 3. Kusaka, Shinichi | " " |
| 4. Akiyama, Akimori | " " |
| 5. Nagao, Kazuo | " " |
| 6. Tanaka, Yoshi | " " |

c. Delegates elected in the Kagawa-Ken Branch of All Japan Express Workers Union (Nittsu), with political affiliations indicated, as determined from CIC files report, and investigation by Ken-Gov't labor office's.

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| 1. Onishi, Otoya | Non Political |
| 2. Kameda, Hiroshi | " " |
| 3. Suzuki, Masahiyo | " " |

d. Delegates elected in the Kagawa-Ken Branch of All Japan Gov't Railway Workers Union (Kokutetsu), with political affiliations indicated, as determined from CIC files report, and investigation by Ken-Gov't labor office's.

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| 1. Shimakawa, Yukio | Communist |
| 2. Kanbara, Shoichi | " |
| 3. Honda, Uhei | Neutral |
| 4. Sasaki, Masao | Neutral - possibility of being Communist (CIC) |
| 5. Ikeda, Teruhiko | Anti-Communist |
| 6. Bando, Masakazu | " " |
| 7. Kalamaru, Toshio | " " |
| 8. Oka, Takami | " " |
| 9. Kameguchi, Fusao | Possibly Communist party sympathizer (CIC Pro-Communist (Ken-Report)) |

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Wesley A. Keyson
 /c/ WESLEY A. KEYSON
 Major FA
 Adjutant "

AG 004,06

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HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1050

8 July 48

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
 ATTENTION: Military Government Section

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EHIME MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050, U. S. ARMY

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8 June 1948

SUBJECT: Elections of Delegates to National
Union Conventions

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army
APO 343, U. S. Army
(ATTN: Military Government Section)

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Shikoku Military Government Region,
APO 1050, U. S. Army

1. In compliance with Eighth Army Ltr. AG 230.145 (MI-RI) dtd
26 April 48, the following information is supplied.

The two Ehime-Ken delegates to the national convention of
the all Japan Express Workers Union are:

a. MANABE Kiyochi, age 25, graduate of Kobe Commercial
School, is a full time union member paid by the company, was pre-
viously a clerk in the auditors section. Manabe does not bother with
politics and has no particular political tendency.

b. TAURA Ryuzhi, age 37, graduate of Kyoto Commercial
School, is a full time union employee paid by the company, is Business
Section Chief and has no political tendencies.

The elected delegate to the Communications Workers Union:

c. KITA Tetsuro, age 27, graduate of middle school, is a full
time union employee, was previously in the Wireless Section of Matsuyama
Wireless Engineering Bureau and has left wing political tendency.

The elected delegate to the Govt. Railways Workers Union:

d. WATANABE Hiroshi, age 26, graduate of middle school, is a
full time union employee paid by Railways and employed in Truck Mainte-
nance Section, Political Tendency Democratic Association.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Major, Inf.
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SUBJECT: Effect of Electric Workers; Dispute upon concerns supplying Occupation Force Timber or making Furniture on Procurement Demand

TO : Economic Section, Shikoku Military Government Region

FROM : Economic Section, Ehime Military Government Team

1. The following plants, under the auspices of various Ken Sections are engaged in Occupation Force work:

Ehime Liaison Office: Fujigumi Saw Mill Matsuyama
Matsuda " " "

Commerce & Industry Section:

Morimatsu Wood-Work	Matsuyama
Abe-Gumi Wood-Work	"
Shirokado Wood-Work	"
Toshin Wood-Work	Habu-mura, Nii-gun
Nagano Wood-Work	Niihama
Fuji Industry Co.	Imabari
Imabari Wood-Work	"
Ogata Wood-Work	Ozu-cho, Kita-gun
Goko Industry Co.	Yawatahama
Uwajima Wood-Work	Uwajima
Iyo Industry	Noma-mura, Ochi-gun

Forestry Section:

Matumoto Saw Mill	Matsuyama
Yamamoto Saw Mill	"
Kubouchi Saw Mill	"
Nishimura Saw Mill	"
Nitta Saw Mill	Mitsuhamma
Tsurui Saw Mill	"
Ehime Wood Work Assn.	"
Japan Hatchboard Coy.	Gunchu-machi, Iyo-gun
Toyo Lumber Industry Co.	Kuniyasa-mura, Shuso-gun
Fujiyama Saw Mill	Uchiko-machi, Kita-gun
Takaoka Industry Co.	Uwajima

The Ken Sections have contacted the Electric Distribution Workers Union and were assured that under no circumstance would Occupation Force work be effected as a result of the current dispute.

EHIME MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050, U. S. ARMY

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18 March 1948

SUBJECT: Election of Delegates, Ehime Ken Chapter of Govt Railway Workers Unions

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army
APO 343, U.S. Army
(ATTN: Military Government Section)

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Shikoku Military Government Region
APO 1050, U.S. Army

1. In compliance with AG 004.08 dated 13 March 1948 the following information is submitted.

2. Nominations were called on the 15 February for candidates to fill the following vacancies, one delegate to the central committee, and four delegates to the All Japan Railway Workers Convention. Particulars of the election were circulated in special union publications, and in the union's daily newspaper. Nominations for the two elections closed on the 19th February, voting took place on the 23th, and counting was completed on the 24th. Counting of the votes was done in Matsuyama with 3 observers in attendance. Two nominations were received for the central committee member, Nakata Bunhichi and Watanabe Hiroshi, and 12 nominations for the railway workers convention, two candidates for the convention withdrew their nominations however prior to the voting day.

3. The following is a list of the candidates and the number of votes received.

ELECTION FOR CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Party Affiliated</u>
Watanabe Hiroshi	1894	Anti-Communist (elected)
Nakata Bunhichi	1502	Communist

545 members did not vote, in addition 19 votes were spoiled.

ELECTION FOR UNION CONVENTION

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Political Party</u>
Nakata Bunichi	1874	Communist - Elected
Ikegami Hideo	1635	New Democrat - Elected
Yamanouchi Motoharu	1511	Communist - Elected
Aono Kiyotada	1442	Communist - Elected
Iizuka Tatsui	1350	Not known - Not elected
Kuroda Kazuo	1337	Communist - Not elected
Ishizaka Haruo	1259	Communist - Not elected
Komoda Chikara	1252	Not known - Not elected
Shioda Fumiyo	209	Not known - Not elected
Ishimizu Tomijiro	196	Not known - Not elected
Okamoto Shigeru	Withdrew Nomination	
Hozami Tamotsu	Withdrew Nomination	

4. Points of Interest:

a. Of the two delegates for the central committee Watanabe Hiroshi, is a definite Anti-Communist, whereas Nakata is a virulent communist, this election indicates that a majority of the local unionists are not in sympathy with the local executive, which is definitely communistic.

b. In the convention election, 1,105 members did not vote and in addition 65 votes were spoiled. Of the 4 delegates elected, the 3 communists represented the Matsuyama chapter, while the fourth member represented Komatsu. No general meetings were held after the election and resolutions which were passed in January were to be still used at the coming convention. The railway union in this prefecture is dominated by the Matsuyama chapter of the union, the policy at this chapter is definitely communistic. Of the communists listed in this report as such, 2 are registered communists while the others leave no doubt as to the direction of their sympathies.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

D. C. PERRY
Major, Inf.
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1060 24 Mar 48

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

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HEADQUARTERS
KOCHI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

AG: 230.145(MG-E1)

8 June 1948

SUBJECT: Election of Delegates to National Union Conventions

THROUGH: Commanding Officer
Shikoku Military Government Region
APO 1050

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343

1. In compliance with par 3, letter 8th Army same subject as above, dated 26 April 1948, the Kochi elections of the All Japan Communications Worker's Union are reported as of 8 June 1948.

2. Thirty-four representatives covering all areas and departments of the Kochi-ken Communications Worker's Union met at the Chamber of Commerce in Kochi City. On 8 June the representatives were asked to vote twice; once for a delegate to hold office one year, and a second vote to elect two delegates whose primary and only office would be to represent the Kochi branch of the Union at Yokohama.

3. Mr. Masami Yoshioka, age 25, no political affiliation, was elected to be the yearly delegate. The Nominees and results are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>
Masami Yoshioka	25	None	15
Kazuo Komatsu	31	None	11
Takeshi Katto	29	None	8

4. The two successful candidates for delegate to the Convention at Yokohama were Mr. Sei Morimoto and Mr. Sadao Inoue. The candidates were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>
Sei Morimoto	30	None	23
Sadao Inoue	30	None	15
Takeshi Katto	29	None	14
Yasushi Kojima	44	None	10
Katsumi Tsumo	40	None	6

5. Representatives were seated in the form of a rectangle, balloting slips and votes being collected from the center and counted there. The results were immediately posted on a black-board. Excellent order was maintained at all times.

/s/ O. A. Axelson
/t/ O. A. AXELSON
Lt. Col., FA
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1050 15 June 48

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

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HEADQUARTERS
KOCHI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

AG 230.145 (MG-E1)

28 May 1948

SUBJECT: Election of Delegates to National Union Conventions

TO : Commanding Officer
Shikoku Military Government Region
APO 1050
ATTENTION: Major, Beall

1. In compliance with letter Headquarters Eighth Army dated 26 April 1948, same subject as above, Kochi Military Government Team report the results of elections in Kochi Prefecture of the following Unions and their delegates as listed below.

2. a. The all Japan Electric Workers' Union held their Convention Candidate election on 20 April by secret ballot. The first eight (marked*) of the following list are the representatives to the convention to be held at Kami-sawa on 28-29-30 May.

		No. of votes	Political Party
unk *	Kensuke Tokuhira	577	Neutral
Susp CP *	Hideo Kunisawa	546	"
unk *	Osamu Yamamoto	447	"
unk *	Toshiyuki Yoshioka	442	"
Susp CP *	Harue Yada	409	"
unk *	Yoshihiko Okamura	325	"
unk *	Shigeo Yamamoto	320	"
unk *	Masao Takanishi	315	"
unk *	Yasuo Miyaji	226	"
unk *	Keimei Nishinouchi	208	"
unk *	Ei Sakuda	204	"

b. The National Railway Workers' Union held their Convention Candidate election on 20 May by secret ballot. The first three (marked *) of the following list are the representatives to the convention to be held at Hara-shi on 30-31 May and 1-2 June.

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unk *		322	"

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	Names	No. of votes	Political Party
	unk * Iwamatsu Iwasaki	1,234	Neutral
Susp	CP * Kemnosuke Kubota	1,155	"
	unk * Kikuo Kusuno	780	"
	unk * Masasuke Moriki	652	"
	unk * Masao Kurita	595	"
	unk * Takao Sasakci	573	"
	unk * Masao Hirose	527	"
	unk * Sadao Yamashita	451	"

3. No disorders or misconduct were observed at these elections.

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Susp	CP * [Illegible]	270	"
	unk * [Illegible]	231	"

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HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1050 15 June 48

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

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KOCHI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

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17 April 1948

SUBJECT: Motion Picture Projectionists

THROUGH: Commanding Officer
Shikoku Military Government Region
APO 1050

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

1. Under the provisions of par 6 (b) 3, O.D. No. 67, 15 Oct 1947, Hq 8th Army, Prefectural Military Government Team Commanders are authorized to hire two (2) projectionists for the operation of moving picture projectors in connection with the Japanese educational program.

2. Information is requested as to whether these projectionists are considered Manning Table personnel and if so, does the authority quoted above constitute authority to increase present approved manning tables by this member.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

O. A. AXELSON
Lt Col PA
Executive Officer

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HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1050 28 Apr 48

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

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BASIC: Ltr, Kochi Mil Govt Team, dtd 17 April 1948, subject: Motion Picture Projectionists Rwy
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12 June 1948

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 843

TO: Commanding Officer, Shikoku Military Government Region, APO 1050

Attention is directed to par. 3b(3), OD 37, 26 May 1948, which was prepared in the light of the question raised by basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

/s/ S. R. Mohm, Capt, GAC
for/t/ R. SCHAFER
Lt. Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1050 23 June 48

TO: Commanding Officer, Kochi Mil Govt Team, APO 1050

Attention is directed to second indorsement.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL COUGHLIN:

JOHN E. MIKKELSEN
1st Lt Infantry
Adjutant

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KOCHI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

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AG 004.06

29 March 1948

SUBJECT: Report on Union Elections

THROUGH: Commanding Officer
Shikoku Military Government Region
APO 1050

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343
ATTN: Military Government Section

1. Reference one-time report Headquarters Kochi Military Government Team file No. AG 004.06, Subject "Report on Union Elections" dated 18 March 1948 stated there were no Communists among the nominees to represent the Shikoku Railway Worker's Union.

2. Nominee Moriki Shosuke is a definite Communist on the CIC file.

3. The above name was originally turned in to CIC as Shosuke Moriki which was not on their file. After the original report was forwarded CIC reported that the correct name was Moriki Shosuke and that they had him on file as a Communist.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WINFIELD H. SAGE
Major CAC
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1050

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TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

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HEADQUARTERS
KOCHI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

AG 004.06

18 March 1948

SUBJECT: Report on Union Elections

THROUGH: Commanding Officer
Shikoku Military Government Region
APO 1050

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

1. The Shikoku Railway Workers Union held elections on 5 March 1948 to elect three (3) representatives from nine (9) candidates to represent Kochi at the Railway Workers Union Convention at Kami-Suwa, Nagano-ken, Honshu.

2. There were six (6) polling places on the premises of the RTO in Kochi City and eight (8) others in Kochi-ken. As each person voted his name was crossed off of a roster. 4999 votes were cast. The sealed ballot box was used and no coercion was observed. At 1630 the boxes were opened in the presence of the candidates and Union Officials. No known Communists were among the nominees. The number of nominees with the number of votes they received are as follows:

<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Number of votes</u>
1. Genai Okabayashi	1002
2. Kikuo Okabayashi	967
3. Shosuke Moriki	736
4. Kazutada Kataoka	628
5. Hiroshi Takahashi	389
6. Junzo Satake	388
7. Izumi Ogawa	367
8. Kiyoshi Ishikawa	293
9. Hayane Matsuo	189

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

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HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1050

24 Mar 48

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 1050
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

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TOKUSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

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3 June 1948

SUBJECT: Report on Union Elections

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Shikoku Mil Govt Region, APO 1050

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

1. In compliance with ltr your hq., file AG 230.145 (MG-E1), subject, Election of Delegates to National Union Conventions, dtd, 26 April 1948, the following subject summary is submitted herewith.

2. Local Chapter of All Japan Express Workers Union held their election on 5 April 1948, prior to receipt of subject letter. The Chapter is a small one, 41 members and MATSUYA Den, who is not a member of any political party, was elected delegate to the Shikoku Region Committee from the members of which the national delegates were elected. Post-election surveillance indicated that the election was impartial although the procedure is not so effective as that of the Railroad Workers Union. Attention of officials was drawn to this.

3. Local Chapter of All-Japan Electric Workers Union held its election on 10 April 1948, prior to receipt of subject letter. Post-election surveillance comprised interviews with officials, inspection of union records and snap checks with individual members. It would appear that the election was conducted democratically and in accordance with the union constitution. Following is list of representatives elected with number of votes cast for each: YONEMOTO Heijiro (372), MURATA Yoshiro (229), BANDO Saburo (216), YASUMARU Shuichi (209), KAWAHARA Mototaka (185). None of these persons are members of any political party.

4. Local Chapter of All-Japan Communications Workers Union held its election on 16 May 1948. Ballot was taken under the supervision of the Election Committee of the Union and surveillance disclosed no violations of the constitution of the union or of democratic principles, generally. Following is list of representatives elected and the number of votes cast for each: Central Executive, ICHIMIYA Kazuhiro (92); Central Committee, OGAWA Ichizo (88), ABE Tokuichi (52). The first-named is a member of the Socialist party, the remainder are not members of any political party.

5. Local Chapter of All Japan Railroad Workers Union held its election on 18 May. Ballot was taken under supervision of the union election committee and surveillance indicated that the conduct of the election was democratic and impartial and there was no dissatisfaction expressed by

members of the rank and file who were interviewed. Following is a list of representatives elected with number of votes cast for each: MIYAGI (1519), NAKAGAWA Toshiaki (1351), OCHIAI Nobuo (1258). None of these belong to a political party except OCHIAI who is a Communist. It is the first time that a Communist has been elected to such a position in the Chapter, OCHIAI having been unsuccessful on the last three occasions.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:*

/s/ Ernest I. Hill Jr
/t/ ERNEST I. HILL JR
Captain, FA
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1050 16 June 48

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

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TOKUSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1050

AG 004.06

23 April 1948

SUBJECT: Payment of Salaries of Tokushima Telephone Labor Union
Officials by the Japanese Government

TO : Commanding Officer, Tokushima Mil Govt Team, APO 1050

1. It has been ascertained that the Tokushima Telephone Labor Union has just formed a branch of the All Communications Union and that three employees (one man and two women) are employed as union officials on a full time basis their salaries still being paid by the government.

2. It would appear that there is no authority for this as the only authority quoted is a clause in the agreement of the All Communications National Union with the Japanese government, which gives authority for the payment of salaries by the government to officials of the All Communications National Union, but no mention is made of payment of salaries of Branch Union official.

G. W. Hatton
G. W. HATTON
Captain, BCOF
Labor Officer

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HEADQUARTERS TOKUSHIMA MIL GOVT TEAM, APO 1050, 24 April 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Shikoku Mil Govt Region, APO 1050

Desire, clarification of the All Communications National Union agreement and, information be furnished this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ERNEST I. HILL JR
Captain, FA
Ass't Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
 TOKUSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
 APO 1050

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18 March 1948

SUBJECT: Report on Union Elections

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Shikoku Mil Govt Region, APO 1050

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
 ATTENTION: Mil Govt Section

1. Submitted herewith in compliance with ltr Shikoku Mil Govt Region, subject as above, dated 13 March 48, one time report for this prefecture. The following report is submitted upon the election conducted by the Tokushima chapter of the Shikoku Railway Workers Union for delegates to the Tokyo Conference.

2. The election was held on 25 February 1948 under the direction of an election control committee, two members of which were present at each booth continuously.

3. Voting was by secret ballot on the basis of financial membership, each member having one vote.

4. Following are the nominees and the respective number of votes cast for each.

Tadayoshi Bando	1866
Isamu Sato	1754
Katsumi Kinouchi	1572
(The above three were declared elected)	
Nobuo Ochiai	942
Toshiaki Nakagawa	781
Masayoshi Ootsu	619

5. No known Communist was elected, in fact, the only Communist nominated was Ochiai who polled little more than half the number polled by the leading candidate.

6. Spot-checks of union members by MG Officer indicated that there was satisfaction with the conduct of the election. This was the third

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Tokushima MG Team, APO 1050, dtd 18 Mar 48, subj:
"Report on Union Elections"

election conducted by the union along these lines and the machinery
appears to be working very efficiently and upon sound democratic basis.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ERNEST I. HILL JR
Captain, FA
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION, APO 1050 24 Mar 48

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

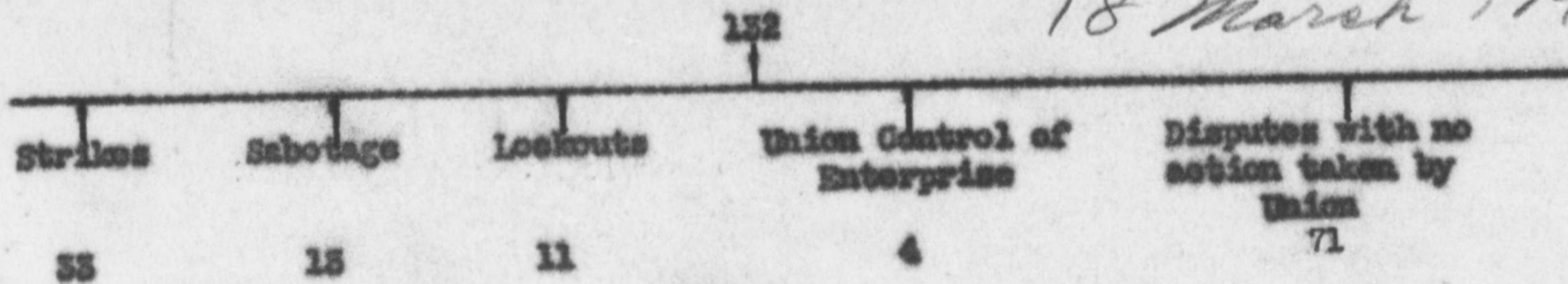
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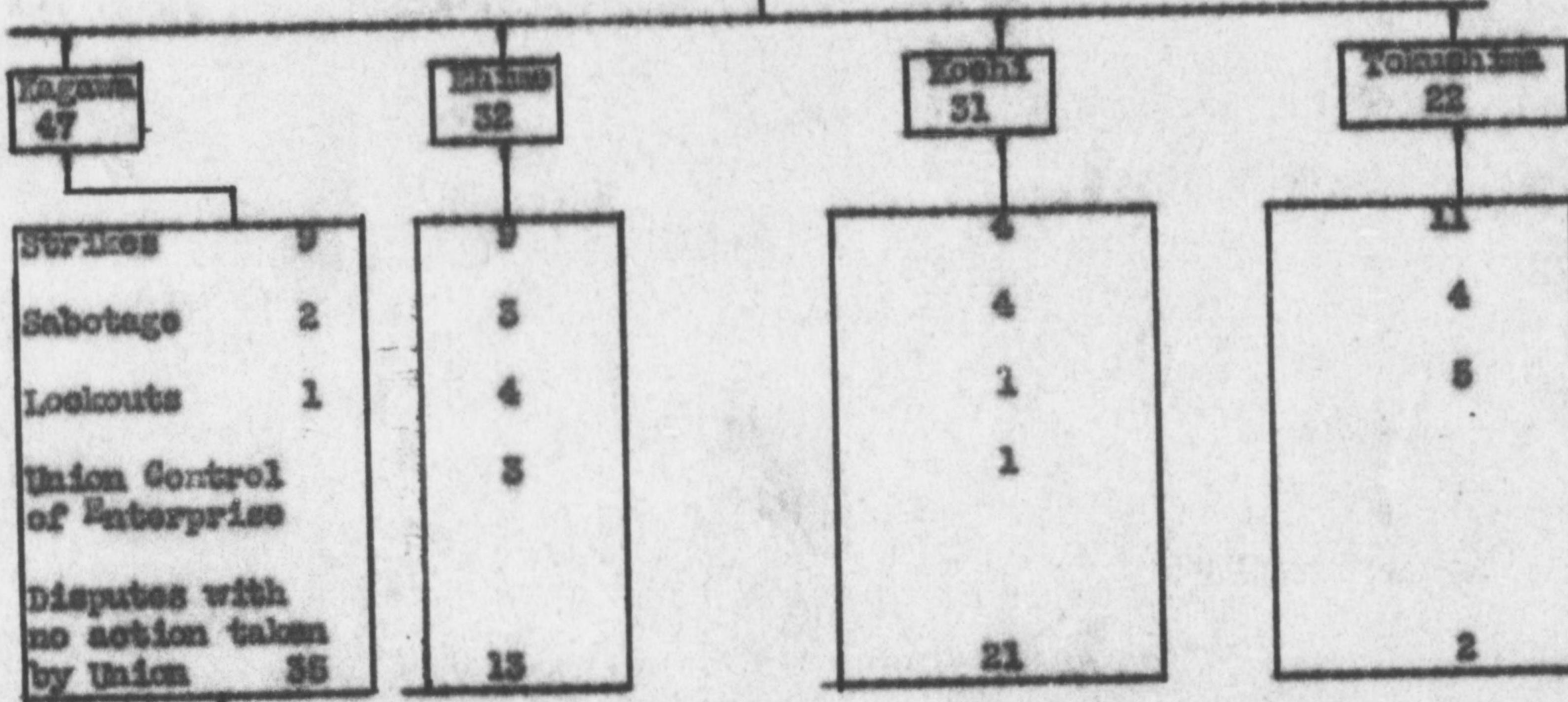
Labor Disputes

18 March 1948



Shikoku

132 Disputes



65 Demands.

Increase of Pay	Institution of Labor Contract	Anti-discharge	Discharge Allowance	Living Subsidy	Other Demands
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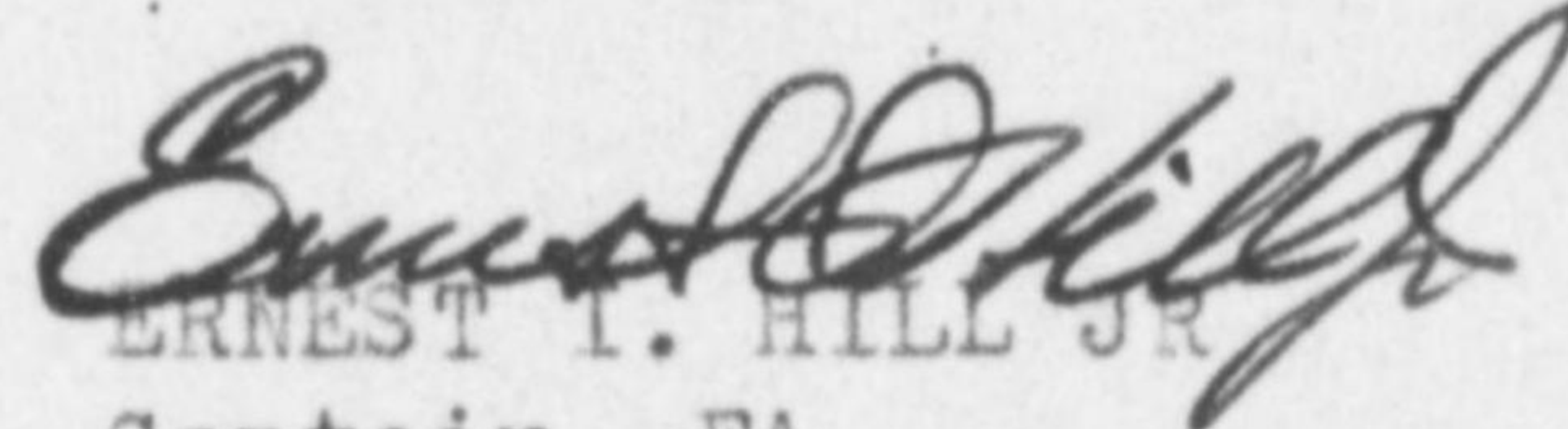
12 March 1948

SUBJECT: Data re Labor Standard Law

TO : Commanding Officer, Shikoku Mil Govt Region, APO 1050
ATTENTION: Economic Officer

Attached please find data requested on two conferences held in this prefecture.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



ERNEST I. HILL JR
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- 1 - Labor Standards Bureau Conference
- 2 - Individual Tax Directors Conference

Record On the 3rd time Conference of Chief of Labor
Standard Bureau in 4 Prefecture, Shikoku Area

Opened Feb, 18th '48
At Tokushima Labor Standard Bureau.

List of Attendants: Total 15 men

Mr. Ishimaru, Supervising Official On Labor Standard Business, Salary Section in Labor Ministry.

2 men from EHIME prefecture
Chief of the Labor Standard Bureau, & Chief of Safety & Sanitation Section.

2 men from KAGAWA prefecture
Chief of the Bureau & Chief of Supervision Section.

2 men from KOCHI prefecture
Chief of the Bureau & Chief of Supervision Section.

3 men from Tokushima prefecture

Mr. Ishimaru gave a opening address to the attendants, saying, "We have so many problems in discussing the labor standard business, so we should like to study the real situation and the principle of Labor Standard Law together and then I'll report to the ministry about the decision of today's conference as soon as I went back to Tokyo. I want to get the candid opinion from you to improve the present situation of labor standard business and so on. -----"

1.) Most part of the business on labor safety and sanitation is the supervision of the factory, therefore the increase of travelling expenses is keenly desired. The additional budget in purchasing various commodities for laborers and the sufficient budget to go out to supervise factories, in other words, travelling expenditures are needed. Almost every prefecture is suffering from the red-ink financing on travelling expenses to be paid to supervising officials. Besides, it is indispensable to increase the number of expert technicians and their travelling expense in order to carry out the supervision and administration business on labor safety and sanitation to the extent of 100 percent. However in the present situation, there is the bottleneck of lacking in technician inspector, such as specialists in applied chemistry or physicians in addition to the boilermen what they used to have in most cases. Moreover they are unable to become the supervising officials unless they can pass the examination to get the liscence. And the cutting down of the government workers might be carried out to the extent of 25 percent of them, depending upon the budget of the government.

2.) When is the Law for Prevention of Public Harm in Factories put into practice?

This problem is up to the Central Bureau and in other words, how the local bureau should face the problem in the future depends upon the attitude of the central bureau, therefore there is no way but to wait the notification from the central bureau. We can see difficulties in carrying out the law for the factory of domestic industry, especially Yellow-phosphor match industry. At any rate, it cannot be denied that the law has so many faults lacking in harmony with the present social conditions in it.

3.) The block congress sponsored by the ministry used to have a tendency of being held in Osaka, Okayama, Yamaguchi, Hiroshima and so on except Shikoku area. However in view of the land classification in Japan and the present means of communications, after the termination of the war, the congress ought to be held in Shikoku Area, too.

4.) The examination problem for sanitary inspectors will be sent down to Kagawa Labor Standard Bureau in Shikoku Area Block and three other bureaus must go to Takamatsu to get the examination papers.

5.) They say that the Supervision Section in the Labor Ministry seems to answer the questions about the detail explanation of Labor Standard Law sent from the local bureaus. The central bureau will let all local bureaus know each question and its answer. Mr. Ishimaru will convey this to the ministry when he came back to the central bureau.

6.) The commodities allocated for laborers should be more increased especially in clothing. More distributions are wanted. At present, the right to speak to the distribution of the commodities for laborers is not clear in the central bureau. The central bureau should fully understand the situation of the local bureau which has the Local Council, in charge of the allocation of various articles about the distribution of any kind of commodities, besides the local bureau should have an authority of "allocation organs" as well as only "application ones" concerning the distribution of various commodities for laborers.

7.) The present salary of the laborers which was regulated last April is prepared to be improved at the end of Feb. or the beginning of next month, because their wages are too low in proportion to the market price of various commodities. According to the labor standard Law, workers ought to work 8 hours a day, 22 days a month and all employers should fully comprehend the work hours of their men although the law has a few exceptions. As the main point about the decision of their wages, the wage should be decided locally in the responsibility of chief of local bureau in accordance with the local situation of each prefecture. Anyhow all attendants are going to have the meeting again about the improvement of the present salary for workers including occupation forces workers or daily workers (carpenter or brick-layer), founded upon the impartial base equally in Shikoku Area, in Kagawa Labor Standard Bureau (Takamatsu) on 3rd of March at 10'clock.

8.) Concerning the Composition and regulation of the Examination Executive Committee On Safety Business in each bureau, each bureau must take its own step.

9.) Classes should be opened to foster the capable clerks and technician inspectors. Probably they will have classes at the beginning of Feb. to be a capable supervising officials. The text sent from America will be used up in Tokyo Labor Standard Bureau for them.

10.) There is the example of compulsory labor in public works, therefore inspectors should pay their attention in case of safety supervision of public work companies.

11.) On the establishment of Labor Standard Committee.

12.) "On Labor Special Ration". Special rations should be distributed to the workers in "light house" or asylum for orphans or street arabs or export goods mfg. factories, to say nothing of the designated factories qualified to get special ration (chiefly rice). Self-managements are needed in each factory by checking up the real working situation of each factories. Rations for overtime works should be taken into consideration, too. Each local bureau will take charge of distributing the special ration through the channel of the Foodstuff Distribution Corporation in its area and speaking of the way of distribution, those who want to get the special ration never fail to bring their detail documents and show them, then the officials will check up actual conditions. And after the special ration was distributed, they will announce the results of their distributions to all workers and let them understand. However which works belong to heavy labor qualified to get the special ration are one of the biggest problems to be studied.

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Highlight of meeting as interpreted to me during session
Sgt. La Mack P.H.S.

Mr. Ishimaru from Labour Ministry presided. Meeting called mainly to discuss safety & sanitation standards in labour.

Highlights of Mr. Ishimaru's opening speech,-----Labour Standard Administration is not doing a satisfactory job. Problems presented here (at the meeting) will be discussed & solved to as great a degree as possible.

Labor Standard Bureau (LSB) does not have a large enough budget to carry on to the fullest the policies it has set forth.

A revenue bill put before the Diet by the Labor Supply section has been passed and the money will soon be received by the sections involved & affected by this enactment.

To value expenditures, about 25% of local LSB employees throughout Japan will be relieved of their jobs. This is in accordance with the National Labor Administration. (End of speech.)

Discussions of Problems & Solutions

To enforce safety & sanitation programs, men should be supplied by local bureaus, but at present the lack of revenue by the local bureaus prevents the hiring of such qualified inspectors. Therefore the program can not, & is not presently being carried out to as great an extent as it should be.

The budget presently allocated for these safety and sanitary inspectors covers approximately 1/3 of the total traveling expenses needed for these men.

At present there is a shortage of Inspector Technicians. This shortage has been felt both in the field and in the offices of the local LSB.

Besides asking the Central Labor Standard Bureau (CLSB) for additional traveling fees, members present asked Mr. Ishimaru what could be done about supplying additional technicians to the local bureaus.

The reply was that at present it is impossible to supply inspectors, but the money problem will be taken up with the chiefs of safety and sanitation at the CLSB.

Possibly in the future, Ishimaru said, there will be sufficient number of technicians to care for all the safety and sanitation problems facing the bureaus now, but no technicians can be supplied in the immediate future.

It was brought out that the inspectors employed at present are not proficient in all fields required by the local bureaus, but more proficient men cannot be gotten because of the low salary range paid these men. In many factories drugs harmful to the health of employees are being used. Also many of these factories dump waste materials into streams---some of these wastes containing harmful substances,----with non beneficial effect upon the fish that come in contact with these wastes. Members asked for a law prohibiting these use of these detrimental substances.

Ishimaru reminded the men that whenever a problem of this nature arises, to inform the CLSB, and they will order the factories involved in these certain instances to discontinue use of these toxic or harmful drugs.

A request was made to have the CLSB send out more detailed explanations of labor standard laws to the local bureaus.

I was requested that all workers having technical jobs, (e.g.-mining engineers, ship pilots, etc.) but not having been properly schooled in these jobs, be allowed to take special examinations to allow themselves to get technicians' ratings. These will be voluntary men. This request for the examinations of this sort must first be approved by the CLSB. All problems submitted by any local labor bureau to the CLSB will be answered not only to the original submitter of the problem, but to all local-labor bureau throughout the nation.

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A question was posed about special distribution of food and clothing to workers.

Ishimaru will inquire in Tokio to find out who is authorized to make the special distributions.

The present method of distribution is in accordance with the type of work laborers do. Men present at the meeting requested that some plan be figured out whereby distribution would be fairer, because now these special materials are distributed so that there is an illogical unbalance in the amount issued to workers in various fields.

They also asked that power of allocating special issuances to workers in various types of jobs be transferred from the CLSB to the local LSB's. In this manner, the local bureaus would break down and issue these distributions according to the needs and type of work done by the workers in the area under the jurisdiction of the local bureaus.

The complaint is that when these articles are broken down in Tokio, these are money distributions that are unfair, because the truth of the matter is not always known in Tokio. It is felt that the aforementioned shifting of power from the CLSB to the local LSB's might partially offset the unevenness in distribution.

Government workers and labor security workers have received increases in salaries.

Government workers receive more than member of local labor standard bureau employees. A request was made to revise the basic salaries of LSB employees so that they will correspond with the higher basic salaries of government workers doing the same amount of work, and requiring the same amount of skill.

Local labor bureau officials will gather information of different types of jobs and present basic salaries. These will be submitted to the CLSB, which will revise basic daily salaries in accordance with jobs. These pay raises will go into effect about April, and will include and affect men holding daily jobs only. (ie. Carpenters, bricklayers----men that work day by day instead of on a weekly, monthly, etc. basis.) Also, these workers will be obliged to work no more than 8 hrs. per day, and 22 days per month without additional pay.

CLSB has set forth basic salaries for persons employed by occupation forces and those employed in public works projects.

They have not, however, decided salaries for certain miscellaneous (unspecified) jobs coming under the 2 aforementioned fields of employ. The salaries of these "miscellaneous" jobs omitted in the CLSB declaration, are to be laid down by the local employees. In other words, those paid jobs coming under public works, and Occupation Forces' employees which are not set forth by the CLSB, will have basic salaries set forth by either the local LSB or the employer.

In Takamatsu, at the Kagawa LSB at 1300 on 3 March, 1948, there will be a meeting of the Chiefs of salary sections of the LSB's on Shikoku Island.

Some factories workers now receive clothing and food, etc., etc. plus monetary salaries. It was suggested that the CLSB set a standard price for the commodities issued. Ishimaru advised that because of the great differences in prices throughout the nation, that the local LSB's are the only ones that can set fair standard prices throughout their own areas.

The local labor bureau officials will decide the prices of these commodities and will estimate the basic salary needed by workers (salary plus commodities). The two costs will be totaled and a discussion of the results will be held at the Takamatsu Conference.

Devised education plan to better technique of certain groups (movie projectionists, etc., etc.) Lectures, informational discussions will be considered to better and advance knowledge and technique of these technical groups. This program will be carried out by the local LSB officials.

General discussion on Administration, and inspections by safety and

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sanitary inspectors. No where throughout the nation do any factories meet regulations set forth by these inspectors. It would be too costly and the time is not opportune to start any large scale reconstruction of factories and dormitories to meet these regulations. However, if some facilities are too bad, then the buildings will be condemned, and construction of a more suitable building will be ordered.

It was suggested that members of Labor Standard Committee be passed from belonging to more than one other committee which working with the Labor Standard Committee. Ishimaru heard at a meeting of CLSB that an LSB might be organized in each labor union. There was no classification of the duties of the proposed Labor Standard Committees.

During the war, with the manpower shortage, there was a necessity for compulsory labor training. After the surrender, with sufficient manpower in the country to work in the factories, there was no longer any need for compulsory labor. However, laborers now, especially in public works, refuse to work overtime. Therefore it might be necessary to have compulsory labor in some fields.

(This was an opinion voiced during the meeting. It is not being considered at present.)

Workers that agree to work overtime, and that actually do overtime labor, can be allowed extra food rations for this work. These food rations cannot be approved by the CLSB or the Labor Ministry because there is no national regulation regarding it. However, these extra rations can be approved by the local LSBs'.

It was suggested that the distribution system of special rations for factory workers be announced to the workers. (This concerns "incentive" rations). It will be up to the local LSBs' to decide what a fair ration is. Also, it was suggested that the special allowance for the different factories be announced to the workers of these factories. So that the laborers will know whether or not they are getting the full ration set down for them by the LSB.

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REGULATION ON EXAMINATION COMMITTEE FOR
SANITARY MANAGERS IN TOKUSHIMA LABOR STANDARD:

Article #1.

The Examination Committee for Sanitary Manager is set up in Tokushima Labor Standard for carrying out the examination to sanitary inspector regulated in Labor Safety & Sanitation Rule.

Article #2.

The chief-committee of the committee is Chief of Tokushima Labor Standard Bureau and staffs in Tokushima Labor Standard Bureau, Prefectural Health Dep't, Tokushima Medical University and some other men who have the knowledge and experience are appointed or charged as the committee members.

Article #3.

The committee consists of the committee members and the items concerning the enforcement of examination, its scoring, the decision of those who passed the examination and liscence.

Article #4.

The approval of more than two-thirds committee members is necessary for the decision of the commission.

Article #5.

The regulation is to be carried out on 16th & 17th of March 1948 and is applied to the examination of sanitary manager.