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BASIC: Ltr, Nag Mil Govt Team, file 403.2, subject: "Narrative Report, Land Reform Program", dtd 10 July 47.

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Resident landlords	6.1 cho
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	12.3 cho

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The Nagaura Land Commission expects to purchase the following amount of farm land during the second period purchasing program on 2 July 1947:

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Total	30.2 cho

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

IRVIN W. ROGERS
Captain, TC
Adjutant

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NAGASAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN

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File : 465.2

APO 929
10 July 1947

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Land Reform Program

THRU : Commanding Officer
Kyushu Military Government Team
Hq & Hq Det., APO 929

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

1. In compliance with paragraph 3b (2), Operational Directive No. 10, Headquarters Eighth Army, subject: "Land Reform", dated 18 January 1947, the following narrative report for June 1947 is hereby rendered:

a. The Local Agricultural Land Commissions of Obama-machi and Nagaura-mura were visited in order to observe the manner in which the Land Reform Program is being carried out.

OBAMA-MACHI

The Obama Agricultural Land Commission was visited at the Town Office of Obama with representatives from both t his headquarters and from the Agrarian Land Section of the Prefectural Government. Discussions were conducted in order to determine their composition, the attitude of the individual members, their familiarity with the Agrarian Land Reform Law, and other items pertaining to the Land Reform Program.

Approximately 300 farmers attended the meeting. After an opening remark by the representative of the prefectural government on the importance of Land Reform, a discussion was held on problems confronting this land commission. The discussion was carried out actively and indicated that the farmers of this area are interested in the land reform program. The only complaint registered, was the inadequacy of funds that is appropriated to the commission.

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This commission has met five times previously. The chairman of the commission is a cultivating owner. There was no recall election held and there has been no resignations by any member of the elected commissioners.

The following information was obtained from the commission as to the number of farm families and their composition:

Tenants	367 farm families
Cultivating owners	668 farm families
Resident landlords	131 persons
Non resident landlords	150 persons

The following table illustrates the area of farm land tilled by farmers who are under the jurisdiction of Obama Agricultural Land Commission:

	Area tilled
Tenants	113.9 cho
Cultivating owners	264.7 cho
Total	378.6 cho

The area of farm land available for purchase under the Agrarian Land Law is as follows:

Resident landlords	57.3 cho
Non-resident landlords	30.5 cho
Total	87.8 cho

The Obama Land Commission did not purchase any land during the first period. On 2 July 1947, when the second period land purchasing program is effected, this commission plans on purchasing the following amount of land:

Resident landlords	12.4 cho
Non-resident landlords	9.0 cho
Total	21.4 cho

NAGAURA-MURA

The Nagaura Agricultural Land Commission was visited by representatives of this team and from the Agrarian Land Section of the Prefectural Government. The meeting was conducted at a school house and discussions were conducted in order to determine their compositon, the attitude of the individual members, their familiarity with the Agrarian Land

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Reform Law, and other items pertaining to the Land Reform Program.

The representative from the prefectural government answered questions in detail concerning problems that is confronting the commission. In addition, the importance of the Land Reform Program was stressed.

The commission has met twice this year. The business of the meeting conducted was generally in line with the problems of affecting the purchase and reselling.

The chairman of the commission is a cultivating owner and showed a great amount of interest in the Land Reform Program. There has been no resignations on the part of the elected commissioners. No recall election was held, even though the prefectural government requested this commission to hold a recall election. The farmers of this village felt that a recall election was not necessary as they were satisfied with the commissioners they elected on 20 December 1946. There are twenty three (23) appointed field men.

The following information was obtained from the commission as to the number of farm families and their composition:

Tenants	195 farm families
Cultivating owners	206 farm families
Resident landlords	204 persons
Non-resident landlords	28 persons

The following table illustrates the area of farm land tilled by farmers who are under the jurisdiction of the Nagaura Land Commission:

	Area tilled
Tenants	160.9 cho
Cultivating owners	480.8 cho
	641.7 cho

The amount of land available for purchase under the Agrarian Land Law is as follows:

Resident landlords	65. 2 cho
Non-resident landlords	58. 7 cho
Total	123. 9 cho

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HEADQUARTERS
KAGOSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, JAPAN

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APO 929
2 July 1947

Serial No: 698

SUBJECT: Land Reform Narrative Report

THROUGH: Kyushu Military Government Region

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343
(Attn: Military Government Section)

1. Two delegations called at this headquarters in June to file complaints in connection with the Land Reform Program.

2. Eleven members representing all factions of three neighboring village commissions reported a tenant commissioner at Kurino had been assaulted by two organizers of the Farmers' Union and that threats had been made against other members.

3. The injured commissioner was accused of voting with the opposition. Investigation seemed to indicate his votes were more inclined to be based on a reasonable interpretation of the law than those of the other four tenants who often voted blindly in a block.

4. It was suggested to the Ken that the commissioners were entitled to complete protection and that acts of violence should be discouraged by prompt and vigorous action. The assailants were arrested and held for trial.

5. Politics appeared to be at the root of dissatisfaction voiced by a delegation from Uchinoura Village.

6. It was suggested that a landlord commissioner who consistently voted against the interests of the people who elected him could be recalled.

7. On 2 June the Prefectural Land Reform Commission voted to reduce the land allowed cultivating owners from the 2.2 chobu decreed by Tokyo to 2 chobu. With Kagoshima's average farm family holding but 0.6 cho, this reduction probably is understandable.

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BASIC: Ltr Kagoshima Mil Govt Team, APO 929, dtd 2 July 1947, subj: "Land Reform Narrative Report"

8. Ken officials are confronted by a new Tokyo ruling that a man can not serve on both a village and the prefectural commission. All elected Ken commissioners also are members of their local commission and almost without exception they seem to prefer to retain their home town position and to retire from the prefectural commission.

HIGASHI KUSHIRA-CHO

1. An on-the-spot inspection at Higashi Kushira failed to confirm rumors the commission was not functioning satisfactorily.

2. A total of 900 cho of land is divided among 815 tenant families, 859 cultivating owners, 10 resident and 130 non resident landowners.

3. Pure tenants rent 349.6 cho and part tenants 102.6 cho.

4. Total available for purchase:

a. From non-residents - 150 cho.
b. From non-cultivating residents - 10 cho.
c. From cultivating owners - 300 cho.

5. 35.5 cho of paddy and 25.7 cho of upland had been set aside for purchase but payments had not been made.

6. No non-routine difficulties had been encountered.

7. Agreed sale prices were ¥720 per tan for paddy and ¥240 for upland.

8. All tenants appeared anxious to buy and 75% to pay in one lump sum.

9. Landlords feel prices should at the very least be doubled or tripled. Even tenants agree the price is low.

10. There are many unanimous votes. The owner cultivators, one of whom is chairman, appear to be almost completely neutral.

11. All appear guided by law and no complaints were heard.

12. The commission has worked as many as 20 days in a month.and there have been no resignations.

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BASIC: Ltr Kagoshima Mil Govt Team, APO 929, dtd 2 July 1947, subj: "Land Reform Narrative Report"

ICHIKI-CHO

1. Ichiki's 600 chobu support 655 tenants, 904 cultivating owners and 100 absentee landlords. No non-cultivating resident landlords are now listed but there were 20 in November 1945.

2. Pure tenants rent 64 cho and part owners 203 cho.

3. Available for purchase are:

a. 78 cho from absentee landlords.
b. 72 cho from resident landlords.
c. 0.7 cho from owner operators.

4. 28 cho have been purchased to dates at an average price of ¥ 797 for paddy and ¥ 387 for upland.

5. Landlords seem resigned to their loss of land but are still hoping for higher prices.

6. No land has yet been resold to tenants, 90% of whom want to pay in one lump sum.

7. The election went off smoothly with selections made in all three categories, and under the chairmanship of a landlord has functioned well of late. No justifiable complaints have been heard.

8. The commission has had to back track to some extent since some of its earliest decisions were not in strict conformity with the law but this lack of familiarity with the required procedure appears to have been overcome by study and experience.

9. The commission usually works three days a month but put in 10 in May.

10. There have been no resignations.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROBERT V. DEXTER
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HEADQUARTERS
KUMAMOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan
APO 929

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12 July 1947

SUBJECT: Narrative Land Reform Report

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, APO 929

1. During the period of May 31 through June 30 representatives from this office have visited Agriculture Land Commissions in different sections of Kumamoto Prefecture. The following committees were checked:

(a) Members of the Land Commission in the Aso Gun were assembled for a special meeting to attempt to solve minor difficulties of tenants and farmers. The commission in working on a new set of figures concerning family categories and land purchases.

(b) A special meeting was held with the commission of the Oama Village concerning an army captain, who decided to farm his land, and push the tenant off. He had been absent for a period of ten years. Committee action taken, and the misunderstanding was solved.

2. To date, committees have worked out family categories and land purchasing. The committees are aware of their responsibilities and are familiar with all aspects of the program, though many misunderstandings and difficulties are coming up at the present time.

3. It is the opinion of this office that greater publicity be given to the Land Reform Program through newspapers, radios and every other available source. The newspapers have been liberal in printing news of Land Reform, but should continue to keep the program and its progress before the farmers at all times. If the owners and tenants receive proper publicity, it will help solve many minor difficulties for the committees.

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4. There are many problems facing the land commission at present, and publicity and interpretation of the law will help in solving these minor difficulties. In many cases the land owners pretend ignorance of the law and ignore the authority vested in the law.

5. In one instance the land owners filed suit in local court against "Buraku Oka", chairman of Yunomae-Machi, Kuma Gun. Mr. Oka was appointed by Governor. This case has caused a great deal of misunderstanding and the suit is still pending.

6. In another instance a teacher, "Mr. Yamamoto" who had been living in a neighborhood city prior to 1945, put his tenants off and decided to farm his land himself. Mr. Yamamoto failed to cooperate with committee. The case is not yet solved.

7. When the purchase plan involves the owner-operator, there will be a greater number of problems involved. Local newspaper of 10 July reported one instance where a tenant was severely beaten by a land owner. This case is under investigation by Prefectural Police.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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OITA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 929

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11 July 1947

SUBJECT: Narrative Report (Land Reform)

THRU : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 929

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

1. In compliance with Operational Directive No. 10, Headquarters Eighth Army dated 18 January 1947, the following report on inspections made of two local land commissions is submitted.

2. Yanagigaura-machi Commission, Usa-gun.

a. Total farm families in this mura are 639. The composition of this number is: absent landowners 152, tenants 344, owner opperators 29, and cultivating and non-cultivating owners 114. The total tillable area is 264 cho of which 94.3 cho belong to absent landowners and 37.9 cho are available for purchase from cultivating resident landowners. A total of 132.2 cho is available for purchase. None is available from non-cultivating owners. 176 cho are cultivated by 344 tenants. The average area retained by resident landowners is 0.6 cho.

b. To date the land purchased by the government consists of 20 cho of paddy land and 0.5 cho of upland. All of this land was purchased from absent landowners at an average price of ¥944.60 per tan for paddy land and ¥354.60 per tan for upland. This purchasing price is in accord with the rental value of tenant farm land. Approximately 70% of tenants prefer to make lumpsum payments and the rest are expected to make 50% down payments. Every tenant interviewed desired to purchase his tenant farm land.

c. No difficulties have been experienced so far in effecting purchases but difficulties are anticipated in subsequent purchases. The absent landowners have shown dissatisfaction toward this program.

d. Most of the commissioners understand about 50% of the Agricultural Land Adjustment Law, but they are assisted by two hired secretaries, graduates of an agricultural college. There have been

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no recalls or resignations, but commissioners desire to resign because they feel that their responsibilities are too heavy for them and cannot afford to make errors in discharging their duties.

3. Ono-machi Commission, Ono-gun.

a. Total number of farm families and their composition is:

Tenants	1,025
Owner operators	574
Absent landlords	58
Non-cultivating landlords	26
	1,683

Total arable land is 2,006.3 cho of which 1,503.8 cho are operated by owners and 502.5 cho are operated by tenants. Total of 253.5 cho is available for purchase at the beginning of the program. Total of 15.9 cho of upland and 24.9 cho of paddy land is purchased to date by government at an average price of ¥660.40 for paddy land and ¥197.21 for upland per tan. This price is 16 times the rental value entered in the ledger. All of the purchased land will be resold to tenants on a non-profit basis.

b. Approximately 80% of tenants desire to make lumpsum payments for the land they purchase. The remaining 20% are expected to make payments in instalment plans. 913 applications for purchase have been made to date. More than 50% of applicants are tenants and the rest are part owners and part tenants.

c. Commission expected to complete about 85% of purchasing program by December 1947. Election for commission was carried out smoothly. 99% of registered voters cast their votes in election. All members of commission are elected by vote. Commissioners spend approximately 80 hours per month in discharging their duties and have five hired secretaries to assist them. The chairman of the commission, an owner operator, encourages the members to express their opinions freely.

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d. The commission has plans to reclaim approximately 150 cho of Genya and forest land for repatriates and demobilized persons.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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HEADQUARTERS
MIYAZAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 929

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12 July 1947

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SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Land Reform Report

THRU : Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 929

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343
(Attn: Mil Govt Section)

In compliance with Operational Directive Number 10, Headquarters Eighth Army, subject: "Land Reform", dated 18 January 1947, narrative reports on the following agricultural districts are herewith submitted for the month of June 1947:

1. SHIWACHI

a. Total tillable area: 1,360 cho

b. Area available for purchase:

(1)	Absentee landlord	278.3 cho
(2)	Operating landlord	101.6 cho
(3)	Non-operating landlord	0.0 cho
	Total	379.9 cho

c. Number of farmer families:

(1)	Tenant	255
(2)	Operating landlord	1,069
(3)	Non-operating landlord	0
(4)	Absentee landlord	80
	Total	1,404

d. Area of tenancy: 577 cho

e. Observations

Elections for the Local Agricultural Land Commission were generally conceded to be fair although it is interesting to note that candidates to the position of landlord commissioners automatically assumed their posts as a result of being equal in number to the openings. No commissioner has been the subject of recall as a result of dissatisfaction with the public although

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all farmers were informed of this opportunity through pamphlets circulated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Majority of the commissioners have acquired only a superficial knowledge of the Land Reform Law and do not show as much concern for the agrarian program as one would expect from a body whose work will depend to a large extent on the success or downfall of the reform. This is especially the case with landlords who seem more anxious to aid the interests of their own group than being fairminded unbiased representatives of the community. Because of this poor state of administration, the purchase program for the initial period met with failure and led to the resignation of the chairmanship by an owner-operator.

As a whole, farmers possess little understanding of the Reform Law. To combat against such ignorance, an organization of tenants called the Farmer's Union has played a significant role in disseminating land reform information and notifying the tenants of their rights under the new bill. Most important of all, its activities have proved to be an important factor in bringing to the commission's attention certain irregular land transfers which would have gone unnoticed otherwise. In every instance of reported violations landlords had either confiscated tenant farms for the purpose of their own cultivation, or had applied pressure on the tenants to make them under-report the actual area of tenancy.

It is a natural tendency for landowners to oppose any movement purported to deprive them of land and there is no exception here. The purchase price set by the government for farmland to be bought up is regarded as much too cheap in face of rising costs of living. Revision of regulations whereby a non-operating resident landowner may be permitted to cultivate the retention area of nine (9) tan (Retention rate for Miyazaki Ken) of tenant land instead of having it in lease as the law stipulates now is recommended.

All tenants questioned professed an eager desire to change to an owner-operator status. Seven out of ten stated they would make outright purchases of land mainly because of present low value of currency.

2. <u>TOGO</u>

a. Total tillable area:

(1)	Paddy	575 cho
(2)	Upland	370 cho
	Total	945 cho

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Miyazaki Mil Govt Team, 403, subj: "Monthly Narrative Land Reform Report", dtd 12 July 1947, cont'd.

b. Area available for purchase:

(1)	Absentee landlord	20 cho
(2)	Operating landlord	61 "
(3)	Non-operating landlord	0 "
	Total	81 cho

c. Number of farmer families:

(1)	Tenant	278
(2)	Operating landlord	990
(3)	Non-operating landlord	0
	Total	1,268

d. Area of tenancy: 167 cho

e. Observations:

The area that the Togo Agricultural Land Commission embraces is located deep in a typically backwoods atmosphere where arable land is restricted by hills and forests. Soil is considered the poorest in the prefecture and accordingly, value of farmland is low as attested by a comparison made with the average price to be paid in accordance with the Land Reform Law. Local paddy and upland yield up to ¥600 and ¥350 respectively.

Majority of the people in this district cannot be referred to as farmers in the actual sense of the word as they engage in cultivation only as a sideline occupation. Because of this situation, the land reform program is hardly appreciated and community interest is decidedly lacking. Inumerable violations of land exchange are being committed by landowners time after time only to be gone unreported because of fear of tenants against reprisals. The outcome of those few cases which did come to the local land commission for disposition, however, failed to meet its objective in that the guilty landlord most always utterly disregarded the decisions handed down which the commission felt it was not in a position to enforce.

This has been given as one of reasons why tenants have refrained from reporting illegal land activities. The local commission does not have enough prestige or power to make its rulings on controversies acknowledged.

Probably the matter of most opposition in these parts concern the plan to purchase forest land for conversion

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to farms. The general consensus is that such a step leading to denudation of forests would induce floods and cause crop damages, and, at the same time, it is doubted whether this could be accomplished without undue expense, time, and hardship.

However, the underlying factor for this feeling can be undoubtedly attributed to the fact that this plan will adversely affect the production of charcoal and forest by-products which occupies a more important phase of the sideline farmer's work.

It is apparent that all tenants favor the chance to shoulder ownership responsibilities and obtain fuller benefits of crop production as a landowner than by remaining as a tenant and being subjected to the fancies of the landlord even though assured that such a situation could not be tolerated under the objectives of the new Law. Those who plan to purchase less than four (4) tan prefer to make an overall payment while those purchasing in excess of this figure will take advantage of the deferred system outlined by the government.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

APO 929
8 July 1947

The following information has been compiled from Inspections of Land Commission at Ochi and Tosu.

1. The number of farm families and their composition.

Tenants ---------- 1,277
Cultivating Owners --- 551
Non Cultivating Resident Landlords ----- 484
Non Cultivating Non Resident Landlords - 171

2. The area rented by tenants ---------- 1,955
The area rented by part tenants ------ 1,431

3. Total area available for purchase under the land Reform Law.

(a) Non Cult, Non Resident Landlords ----- 373.5
(b) Non Cult, Resident Landlords --------- 187.5
(c) Cult Owners ---------- 3,302

4. Average bought by the government to resell to tenants.

Paddy ---------- 139 cho
Upland ---------- 50 cho

5. There have been no difficulties in affecting the purchase of land.

6. There has been no acreage resold to the tenants.

7. In Tosu the fear of ownership responsibilities seems to be hampering their plans to resell land.

8. The total number of tenants and part tenants buying land in relation to the total number of this group is 52.5%.

9. Fear of ownership will hamper the reselling plan at Tosu.

10. The average price per tan paid by the government is paddy 48 times the rental price and upland 40 times the rental price.

11. The actual price at which land will be resold is the same as the purchase price.

12. The selling prices are in accord with the official prices.

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13. The Landlords are not demanding more than the official prices.

14. 70% of the people want to buy the Land outright.

15. It has not been decided as how much will be paid initially on the installment plan.

16. 30% wish to buy the Land on the installment plan.

17. All elections have been carried out smoothly.

18. The people seem to be satisfied with the commissions and are fairly represented.

19. From my observation the commissions handle their duties and cases fairly well.

20. The commissions vote individually.

21. They vote as they see right.

22. There are no additional appointed members.

23. The commissions are guided by the of the law at all times.

24. There have been no complaints against the Land Commissions as yet.

25. They meet one (1) time a month for nine (9) hours.

26. There have been no resignations.

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KYUSHU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
~~HEAD QUARTERS AND HEAD QUARTERS~~ DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

APO 929
Date: 13 June 1947

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Land Commission

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
Attn: Military Goverment Section

THRU :

1. Reference: GO 10, Hqs 8th Army, dtd 18 Jan 47, par 3b (2)

2. Enclosed are the subject reports for the following period and area:

a. Period: Month of May 1947

b. Area : Kyushu MG Region

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES L. BACHTEL
1st Lt, Sig C
Adjutant

Incl:
Subject Report For
1. Fukuoka Ken (3)
2. Nagasaki Ken (3)
3. Kagoshima Ken (3)
4. Kumamoto Ken (3)
5. Oita Ken (3)
6. Miyazaki Ken (3)
7. Saga Ken (3)

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Fukuoka, Kyushu
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11 June 1947

NARRATIVE REPORT ON PROGRESS

Agrairan Land Reform

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Lt. Col., CAC
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Fukuoka, Kyushu
APO 929

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11 June 1947

NARRATIVE REPORT ON PROGRESS

Agrairan Land Reform

1. Due to loss of personnel and priority of other subjects it was impossible to visit any of the Agricultural Land Commission during the month of May. The team commander has taken over this work temporarily, in addition to other duties and hopes that he can make the normal visits during June.

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NAGASAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM AAM/ht
Nagasaki, Kyushu, Japan

File : 403.2

APO 929
2 June 1947

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Land Reform Program

THRU : Commanding Officer
Kyushu Military Government Region
Hq & Hq Det., APO 929

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Govt Sec

1. In compliance with paragraph 3b (2), Operational Directive Number 10, Headquarters Eighth Army, subject: "Land Reform", dated 18 January 1947, the following narrative report for May 1947 is hereby rendered:

a. The Local Agricultural Land Commissions of Sonogi-mura and Saigo-mura were visited in order to observe the manner in which the Land Reform program is being carried out.

SONOGI-MURA

The Sonogi Agricultural Land Commission was visited at the Town Office of Sonogi with representatives from both this headquarters and from the Agrarian Land Section of the Prefectural Government. Discussions were conducted in order to determine their composition, the attitude of the individual members, their familiarity with the Agrarian Land Reform Law, and other items pertaining to the Land Reform Program.

Experts from Agrarian Land Section gave a talk on the importance of the Land Reform and words of encouragement to the land commission on the difficult task that lies ahead. A period of question and answer forum was conducted. The commission and its field men took an active part and the interest shown by the commission indicated their desire to successfully carry out the Land Reform Program. The commission's only complaint was the shortage of office supplies, mainly paper.

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The commission has met twice. The first meeting was held on 23 December 1946 to elect a chairman for the commission. The second meeting was held on 18 March 1947 to discuss the plan in regards to the purchasing program of farm land.

The chairman of the commission is a tenant and appears to be capable of discharging his duties. There was no recall election held and there has been no resignations by any member of the elected commissioners. There are thirty (30) appointed field men.

The following information was obtained from the commissioners as to the number of farm families and their composition:

Tenants	279 farm families
Cultivating owners	367 farm families
Non-cultivating resident landlords	67 persons
Non-cultivating non-resident landlords	157 persons

The following table illustrates the area of farm land tilled by farmers who are under the jurisdiction of Sonogi Agricultural Land Commission:

	Area tilled
Tenants	206.9 cho
Cultivating owners	360.0 cho
Totals	566.9 cho

The area of farm land available for purchase under the Agrarian Land Law is as follows:

Non-cultivating resident landlords	92.6 cho
Non-cultivating non-resident landlords	80.8 cho
	173.4 cho

On 31 March 1947, the Sonogi Agricultural Land Commission purchased the following amount of farm land from the following:

Non-cultivating resident landlords	8.2 cho
Non-cultivating non-resident landlords	9.8 cho
	18.0 cho

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The following table illustrates the prices paid for the farm land per tan:

	Average price	Maximum price	Minimum price
Paddy	¥ 1,000	¥ 1,100	¥ 680
Upland	¥ 350	¥ 400	¥ 260

The number of plots or tracts of land purchased totaled 485. The total purchase price was ¥ 173,060.32. There were no difficulties encountered in effecting the purchase.

The Sonogi Agricultural Land Commission has announced its second purchase plan of farm land. This is slated for on or about 2 July 1947 and contemplates purchasing the following amount of farm land:

Non-cultivating resident landlords	30 cho
Non-cultivating non-resident landlords	50 cho
	80 cho

SAIGO-MURA

The Saigo Agricultural Land Commission was also visited by both the representatives of this headquarters and Agrarian Land Section of the prefectural government. The meeting was conducted at a Budhist temple and discussions were conducted in order to determine their composition, the attitude of the individual members, their familiarity with the Agrarian Land Reform Law, and other items pertaining to the Land Reform Program.

After a few opening remarks by the representatives of the prefectural government on the importance of Land Reform, a discussion was held on problems confronting this land commission. One of the problem confronting the land commission and causing considerable trouble is the difference of actual status of farm land and what is recorded at the Land Registry Office. This commission would like to have the work of recording the change simplified. This, they believe, would accelerate their work. The only other complaint was the low salary of full-time clerk.

This land commission has been meeting on an average of once a week. The chairman of the commission is a cultivating owner. There are twenty five (25) appointed field men. There

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has been no resignations by elected commissioners. It has been reported that approximately 75% of the eligible voters participated in the first general election held 20 December 1946.

From this writer's observation, the Saigo Agricultural Land Commission is well organized and is doing its utmost to successfully carry out the Land Reform Program.

The following information was obtained from the commissioners on the number of farm families and their composition:

Tenants	283 farm families
Cultivating owners	210 farm families
Non-cultivating resident landlords	67 persons
Non-cultivating non-resident landlords	58 persons

The following table illustrates the area of farm land tilled by farmers who are under the jurisdiction of this land commission:

	Area tilled
Tenants	214.1 cho
Cultivating owners	193.0 cho
	407.1 cho

The area of farm land available for purchase under the Agrarian Land Reform Law is as follows:

Non-cultivating resident landlords	87.5 cho
Non-cultivating non-resident landlords	50.9 cho
	138.4 cho

On 31 March 1947, the Saigo Agricultural Land Commission purchased the following amount of farm land from the following:

Non-cultivating resident landlords	18.4 cho
Non-cultivating non-resident landlords	3.0 cho
	21.4 cho

The following table illustrates the prices paid for the

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farm land per tan:

	Average price	Maximum price	Minimum price
Paddy	¥ 992	¥ 1,500	¥ 400
Upland	¥ 285	¥ 800	¥ 110

The total purchase price was ¥ 172,333.84. There were no difficulties encountered in effecting the purchase. The residential landlords of Saigo are very much interested in Agrarian Land Reform Program and in order that this program be a success, the landlords has been cooperative and in many cases, they are voluntarily offering their land for sale through the land commission.

The Saigo Agricultural Land Commission has announced its second purchase plan of farm land. This is slated for on or about 2 July 1947 and contemplates on purchasing the following amount:

Non-cultivating resident landlords	35 cho
Non-cultivating non-resident landlords	15 cho
	50 cho

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

IRVIN W. ROGERS
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HEADQUARTERS
KAGOSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, JAPAN

APO 929
31 May 1947

Serial No: 565

SUBJECT: Narrative Village Land Report

THRU : Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 929

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343
(Attn: Military Government Section)

In compliance with O.D. #10, dated 18 January 1947, the following report, subject as above, is submitted. Twelve farm land commissioners have been elected to the prefectural assembly but no instructions have been received preventing them from holding both posts.

KORIYAMA-MURA

1. In this village there are 1,428 farm families of whom 448 are tenants, 846 cultivator owners, and 127 cultivating landlords. Although there are no non-operating resident landlords at present, there appear to have been 7 on 23 Nov 45. Land in the village is also owned by 39 non-resident landlords.

2. 168 pure tenant families rent 50 cho and 880 part owner-part tenant families rent 183 cho.

3. Land is subject to purchase as follows:

a. From non-residents - 20 cho.
b. From non-cultivating residents - 3 cho.
c. From cultivating owners - 85 cho.

Note the usual small holdings of non-resident landlords--approximately 0.5 cho each.

4. The government has purchased 31 cho of paddy and 22 cho of upland. None has been resold.

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BASIC: Ltr Kagoshima Mil Govt Team, APO 929, 31 May 47,
subj: "Narrative Village Land Report"

5. Some landlords, apparently hoping for a change in the law, fought to evade inclusion of their land in the original purchase. Most decisions went against them.

6. Paddy land purchase payments averaged ¥920 per tan and upland ¥340 per tan.

7. The elections were carried out smoothly.

8. Commission members appear fairly to represent the various groups and the farmers seem to be satisfied with them.

9. This is the most smoothly operating commission yet observed. The aggressive owner-cultivator chairman is the president of the local Farmers' Union and has just been elected to the Ken assembly. When landlords protest too bitterly about losing a tenth of a tan, the chairman points to the example of the more prepossessing landlord commissioner who surrendered 20 chobu without a murmur. Discussions were temperate, almost unbiased and to the point.

10. In the first case observed a repatriated landlord was allowed to recover 0.1 tan of upland and 0.29 tan of paddy from a tenant who rented what was considered an adequate holding from another owner. The tenant, it was pointed out, got the bulk of his income from a job in the city. A tenant commissioner contended the owner was not a farmer. A landlord commissioner replied that he had been born and raised on a farm and that this tenant was known for his poor production because he neglected his fields while working in the city. The vote was 8-2 in the landowner's favor.

11. In the second case a tenant complained that last year a landlord had taken two fields from him, one 0.314 tan and the other 0.318 tan. He reported he couldn't make a living on the holdings he had left and asked for the return of one field. The landlord wanted to keep both fields. The commission unanimously awarded the tenant the one field he requested.

12. In another case a landlord protested selling 0.0713 tan to a relative who had another 2.7 tan paddy and 1.8 tan upland and three members of his family working in the city. The landlord had 2.2 tan upland and 2.1 tan paddy and no other means of support. The chairman termed this a family squabble and asked that the case be settled in private. A tenant commissioner disagreed and asked for a vote. The vote was 9-1 for the landlord.

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subj: "Narrative Village Land Report"

13. The commission, which is guided by law tempered by justice, meets five full working days monthly. There have been no resignations.

KANOYA

1. Within the boundaries of Kagoshima's second largest city are 6295 farm families. Of these 3254 are tenants, 2537 cultivating owners, 507 cultivating landlords and no non-cultivating resident landlords. However, 30 of these cultivating landlords did not get around to tilling their own fields until after 23 Nov 45. Land is held by 60 non-resident landlords.

2. 2484 pure tenants rent, 1354 cho and part tenants rent 684 cho.

3. Available for purchase are 39 cho from the 60 non-residents, 59.6 cho from 30 non-cultivators and 2283 cho from cultivating owners.

4. No land has yet been purchased.

5. The election went smoothly but the subsequent choice of the tenant chairman was not a happy one. To him the tenant is always right and the landlord always wrong. The other tenant commissioners string along with him resulting in a 5-5 votes. In this event the chairman apparently has another vote and throws the decision to the tenant 6-5. The three landlord commissioners have handed in their resignations but Ken officials are trying to bring harmony. There is little likelihood of the chairman being recalled as he is popular with the tenants. This headquarters suggested on the basis of information received, however, that more careful scrutiny by the screening committee might produce favorable results.

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HEADQUARTERS
KUMAMOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
KUMAMOTO, KYUSHU, JAPAN

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APO 929
29 May 1947

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SUBJECT: Land Reform Narrative Report

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, Hq & Hq Det, APO 929

1. In compliance with Par. 3 (b), O.D. No. 10, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 18 January 1947, the following report is submitted of two Local Agricultural Land Commissions visited during the month of May:

a. On 15 May the Agricultural Land Committee of Ino Mura, Kamimashiki Gun was visited by a representative of this office, accompanied by a member of the Prefectural Land Commission. This district has 444.6 cho of paddy land and 205.7 cho of upland, a total of 650.3 cho. There are 601 farm families. Three hundred forty-five (345) families are tenants, farming 384.6 cho of ground, 52.2 cho of which belongs to absentee owners; 93 are land owners farming 36 cho; 163 are owner operators farming 229.5 cho.

Up to this time, 107.8 cho of paddy land and 215.5 cho of upland have been purchased. The average price was ¥ 800 per tan for paddy and ¥ 520 per tan for upland.

No land has been sold to tenants but the opinion of the committee is that the majority of buyers will prefer buying through installment payments.

No dissention was noted and no complaints or questions were presented by the members of the commission.

b. A special meeting of the Kusakabe-mura Agricultural Land Commission was called on 19 May and a representative of this office and a member of the Prefectural Commission interviewed the members. There are approximately 40 cho of paddy and 330 cho of upland available for transfer. No problems had been encountered by the commission.

Tenant members were questioned individually and

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all indicated that there was a large tenant interest in the program. They believe that most tenants will prefer paying by installments.

The land owner group presanted no arguments to the program but they were of the opinion that the land was not being sold for as high a price as it should be.

2. Members of the Prefectural Land Commission have been maintaining close liaison with this office and a representative of their office has accompanied Military Government personnel on field trips. Those Local Commissions not accomplishing the expected results are reported to this office and receive first priority on inspection schedules.

3. No adverse publicity has been noted in this Prefecture toward the Land Reform Program. Prefectural officials have been asked to report immediately any organized groups that might be attempting to create owner resentment toward the program, in order that an investigation can be made to determine the possibility of violations of current directives prohibiting any action deemed detrimental to occupational objectives.

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10 June 1947

SUBJECT: Narrative Report (Land Reform)

THRU : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Mil Govt Region Hq & Hq Det, APO 929

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

1. In compliance with Operational Directive No. 10, Headquarters Eighth Army dated 18 January 1947, the following report on inspections made of two local land commissions is submitted.

2. Ogata-mura Commission, Ono-gun.

a. The total number of farm families in this mura is 1084. The composition of this number is: tenants 626, cultivating owners 338, non cultivating resident landlords 20, non-resident, non cultivating landlords 100. The total area rented by tenants is 194.95 cho. The area available for purchase is 215.3 cho, of which 46.9 cho belongs to non-resident landlords, 27.4 to non cultivating resident landlords, and 141.0 to cultivating owners with excessive land. The largest landowner has 11 cho and 25 families own more than 5 cho.

b. To date the land purchased by the government consists of 13.8 cho of paddy and 0.7 cho of upland. All of this land was purchased from absentee landowners, at an average price of ¥1,021.00 per tan for paddy land and ¥323.00 per tan for upland. The number of tenant families selected to make the initial purchase from the government is 64. The total number of tenant families desiring to purchase land is 400. Approximately 50% of the tenants are expected to make outright purchases, and the rest will make substantial down payments.

c. No difficulty has been experienced so far in the purchase of the land from the non-resident landlords, and it is reported that no serious difficulties are anticipated. The chief complaints of the landlords are that the price paid for the land is too low and that the amount of land that can be retained by the resident landlords is too small.

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d. No voting was necessary in the election of the commissioners since the number nominated was the same as the number to be elected. It is estimated that each commissioner spends approximately 80 hours per month in the discharge of his duties. The commission holds meetings about three times per month. There have been no resignations or recalls, nor have there been any serious complaints.

3. Tateishi-mura Commission in Hayami-gun.

a. The total number of farm families is 524, of which 114 are tenants and 202 non-resident landlords. The area rented by tenants is 75 cho. The area available for purchase is 42.7 cho, of which 27.3 cho is owned by non-resident landlords and 15.5 cho by cultivating owners. To date 10.5 cho have been purchased from non-resident landlords without any serious difficulties. However the landlords do complain about the low price they are paid for their land. Dissatisfaction on the part of the owner operators will be experienced over their not being able to select the land they will be able to retain.

b. The average price the government paid for paddy land was ¥808.20 per tan and for upland ¥233.00 per tan. It is expected that the majority of the tenants will make lumpsum payments for the land they purchase.

c. No election was necessary for the landlord commissioners and the election for the other commissioners was carried out smoothly. There have been no resignations or recalls. The commissioners spend an average of 50 hours per month in the discharge of their duties.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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MIYAZAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 929

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4 June 1947

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SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Land Reform Report

THRU : Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 929

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

1. In compliance with Operational Directive Number 10, Headquarters Eighth Army, subject: "Land Reform", dated 18 January 1947, narrative reports on the following agricultural districts are herewith submitted for the month of May 1947:

SAIGO

a. Total tillable area

(1)	Paddy	344 cho
(2)	Upland	190 "
(3)	Total	534 cho

b. Number of farmer families

(1)	Tenant	67
(2)	Absentee landlords	36
(3)	Cultivating landlords	445
(4)	Non-cultivating landlords	2
(5)	Owner-tenant	307
(6)	Total	857

c. Area subject to transfer

(1)	Absentee landlord	4.3 cho
(2)	Landlord (operating and non-operating)	18.2 "
(3)	Total	22.5 cho

d. Area tenanted 24.3 cho

e. Area purchased to date none

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f. Observations

Though tenants comprise a minority among the farmers, owner-tenant relations are highly satisfactory with group friction and evasive acts such as confiscation of tenant land and payment of rent in kind relatively unknown. Contrary to expectations, landowners view the Land Reform Law with approval.

There are sixteen (16) members on the Saigo Agricultural Land Commission. With the exception of one (1) clerk, the necessity for hiring additional personnel has not arisen as commissioners themselves are capable of coping with both field and administrative duties. Conferences are called once monthly for further land reform research and to discuss problems or matters pertinent to the reform. No land has been transferred to this writing; however, a tentative schedule requires that all purchasing be completed on the next eligible date.

For the purpose of land reform indoctrination, the commission has supervised four (4) public meetings in addition to staging similar discussions with the younger generation. Therefore, it is not difficult to find anyone who is without a working knowledge of the program, nearly all being equally acquainted with the procedure for recalling undesirable commissioners.

Overall opinion with regard to payment of land is in favor of the lump sum method. However, present indications are that a majority of tenants will take advantage of the installment plan for the reason that not many are financially able to make a single complete payment. All tenants are eager to become landowners because they feel that by possessing their own farms, the incentive to increase soil productivity, better their living standards, and turn in crop quotas would be greater.

AGATA

a. Total tillable area

(1)	Paddy	158.7 cho
(2)	Upland	494.5 cho
(3)	Total	653.2 cho

b. Number of farmer families

(1)	Tenants	149
(2)	Absentee landlords	85
(3)	Cultivating landlords	390
(4)	Non-cultivating landlords	0
(5)	Owner-tenants	392
(6)	Total	1,016

c. Area tenanted 159 cho

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d. Area subject to purchase

(1)	Absentee landlord	50 cho
(2)	Cultivating landlord	5 cho
(3)	Non-cultivating landlord	0 cho
(4)	Total	55 cho

e. Area purchased to date

(1)	Paddy	3.8 cho
(2)	Upland	37.1 cho
(3)	Total	40.9 cho

(Remainder to be transferred next purchasing date, 2 July 1947.)

f. Average price paid for land

(1)	Paddy	¥629.55
(2)	Upland	¥332.24

g. Observations

In comparison to previous inspections, this commission appears greatly overburdened with unnecessary personnel as is hardly seems conceivable that as many as 100 field investigators and 20 administrative assistants would be required to handle land reform activities covering an area of 653 cho. Questioning revealed that actually only five percent (5%) were needed. A cutdown would undoubtedly lead to increased efficiency and prevent congestion as well as duplication of effort.

Local land commissioners, numbering sixteen (16), are on the job eight (8) hours a day. Commissioners were apparently elected in a democratic fashion. Regardless of the fact that all commission meetings are open to the general public, attendance reaches a bare minimum which is a fair indication that farmers take little interest in local progress of the reform program. Interviews disclosed that information on the program has been disseminated down to the farmer level but was not well understood.

The land commission itself is experiencing difficulty in grasping the finer points of the Reform Law. Then again, village officials have not been too cooperative in stimulating local thought towards the program.

Tenants show greatest interest in the new bill because it will provide them greater freedom to increase crop production, buy agricultural tools, and, in general, enjoy the fruits of their labor. A large majority plan to make purchase through the installment system.

Overall complaints have emanated from repatriated absentee landlords who feel unjustified in having their land taken away after being compul-

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sorily made to return to their homeland. The price of payment too is cheap in view of present day inflationary trends in food and clothing so they claim.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES F. TARVER, Jr.
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Adjutant

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SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

APO 929
1 June 1947

The following information has been compiled from Inspections of Land Commissions at Karatsu and Kitakawasoe.

1. The number of farm families and their composition

Tenants	938
Cultivating Owners	370
Non Cultivating Resident Landlords	49
Non Cultivating Non Resident Landlords	308

2. The area rented by tenants - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 189.7 cho
The area rented by part tenants- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 114.5 cho

3. Total area available for purchase under the Land Reform Law.

a. Non Cult., Non Resident Landlords- - - - - - - - - - - 131.8 cho

b. Non Cult. Resident Landlords - - - - - - - - - - - - - 4.1 cho

c. Cult. Owners - 35.3 cho

4. Average bought by the Government to be resold to tenants
- - - - - - - 784 cho

5. There have been no difficulties in affecting the purchase of land.

6. There has been no acreage resold to tenants by the Government to date.

7. There will be no difficulties in affecting the sale of land to the tenants.

8. The total number of tenants and part tenants buying land in relation to the total number of this group—69%

9. There will be no failure on the part of tenants to buy land.

10. The average price per tan paid by the Government is paddy 48 times the rental price and upland 40 times the rental price.

11. The actual price at which land will be resold is the same as the purchased price.

12. The selling prices are in accord with the official prices.

13. The landlords are not demanding more than the official prices.

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14. 90% of the people buy the land outright.

15. No land has been bought on the installment plan.

16. 10% wish to buy the land on the installment plan.

17. All elections have been carried out smoothly.

18. The people seem to be satisfied with the Land Commissions and are fairly represented.

19. From my observation and inspections the land commission handle their duties and cases fairly well.

20. One commission vote individually the other votes in blocks.

21. The vote as they see sight.

22. There are no additional appointed members.

23. The commissions are guided by the provisions of the law at all times.

24. As yet there haven't been any complaints towards the Land Commissions handing of their duties.

25. They meet for 8 hours once a month.

26. There have not been any resignations on the part of the elected commissions.

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KYUSHU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

APO 929

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Date 13 June 1947

SUBJECT: Local Agricultural Land Commission

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, A.P.O. 301
Attn. Military Govt. Section

THRU :

1. Reference: G.O. Hqs. 8th Army, dtd. 12 Jun. 47, Incl #2

2. Enclosed are the subject reports for the following period and area:

a. Period: Month of May 1947

b. Area : Kyushu

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES L. BACHTEL
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Adjutant

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2. Nagasaki Ken (3)
3. Kagoshima Ken (3)
4. Kumamoto Ken (3)
5. Oita Ken (3)
6. Miyazaki Ken (3)
7. Saga Ken (3)

1 Local Agricultural Land Commission

Monthly Report (Date May 1947)

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This table shall be presented by 10th of next month. The first report shall be presented by 15 January 1947.

Submitted Date: 11 June 1947
Prefecture: Fukuoka

Table 1.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name (1)	Date of first General Election	The Number of Commissioners (on the last day of the said month) (2)					Chairman of the Commission on the last day of the said month (3)			
			Elected Commissioners			Neutral Commissioners	Total	Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator	Neutral Appointed by the Prefectural Governor
			Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator						
Fukuoka	302	25 Dec. 46	1607	954	654	19	3234	99	102	86	15
Total	the number of commissions: 302		1607	954	654	19	3234	99	102	86	15

(note) (1) In case where the Commission is not established, write the name of commission which makes disposition for the said city, town or village with Parenthesis.
(2) In case where there are appointed commissioners substitute for the ordinary elected commissioners, contain that number. Contain the vacant, write such number with parenthesis.
(3) Put mark "0" into the column comes under and mention numbers in the total column.

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18 January 1947
Incl 2 to OD No. 10, Hq Eighth Army, 18

1 - 2 Local Agricultural Land Commission

Report Control Symbol QNR-03

Monthly Report (Date May 1947)

T. : Tenant
L. : Landlord
O. : Owner-operator
N. : Neutral

Table 2.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union etc.	Commission Name	Change of Commissioners during the previous month																								
		Disqualification Resignation or Recall											Supplemental Commissioner													
		Purged				Recalled				Others				Total	Runnerup			New Commissioners in consequence of recall			Other cases			Appointed (Neutral)	Total	
		T	L	O	N	T	L	O		T	L	O	N		T	L	O	T	L	O	T	L	O			
Fukuoka-shi						1								1	1										0	
Omuta-shi						1								1											1	
Kasuya-gun							1							1	1						1				1	
Itoshima-gun								1						1							1				1	
Total		0	0	0	0	2	1	1		0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		0	3	

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Report Control Symbol CJR-03

1 Local Agricultural Land Commission

Monthly Report (Date May 1947) This table shall be presented by 10th of next month. The first report shall be presented by 15 January 1947.

Submitted
Date: 10 June 1947
Prefecture: Nagasaki

Table 1.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name (1)	Date of first General Election	The Number of Commissioners (on the last day of the said month) (2)					Chairman of the Commission on the last day of the said month (3)			
			Elected Commissioners			Neutral Commissioners	Total	Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator	Neutral appointed by the Prefectural Governor
			Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator						
Nagasaki	174	20 Dec. 1946	880	528	352	3	1763	31	73	67	3
Total	the number of commissions:		880	528	352	3	1763	31	73	67	3

(note) (1) In case where the Commission is not established, write the name of commission which makes disposition for the said city, town or village with Parenthesis.
(2) In case where there are appointed commissioners substitute for the ordinary elected commissioners, contain that number. Contain the vacant, write such number with parenthesis.
(3) Put mark "0" into the column comes under and mention numbers in the total column.

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1 - 2 Local Agricultural Land Commission

Report Control Symbol CNR-03

Monthly Report (Date May 1947)

T. : Tenant
L. : Landlord
O. : Owner-operator
N. : Neutral

Table 2.

Name of Ku, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union etc.	Commission Name	Change of Commissioners during the previous month. Disqualification Resignation or Recall: Purged T	L	O	N	Recalled T	L	O	Others T	L	O	N	Total	Runnerup T	L	O	Supplemental Commissioner: New Commissioners in consequence of recall T	L	O	Other cases T	L	O	Appointed (Neutral)	Total
Nagasaki																									
Total	174	0	0	3	0	2	0		0	1	1	0	0	7	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	6

Report Control Symbol CNR-03

Local Agricultural Land Commission

Monthly Report (Date May)

Submitted Date: 31 May
Prefecture: Kagoshima

Table 1.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name (1)	Date of first General Election	The number of Commissioners (on the last day of the said m (2) Elected Commissioners: Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator	Neutral Commissioners	Total	Chairman of the commission on the last day of the said month. Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator	Neutral appointed by the Prefectural Governor
Kagoshima	118	25 December 1946	590	354	236	1	1,181	19	39	60	1
Total	the number of commissions:										

(note) (1) In case where the Commission is not established write the same of commission which makes disposition for the said city, town or village with Parenthesis.

(2) In case where there are appointed commissioners substitute for the ordinary elected commissioners, contain that number. Contain the vacant, write such number with parenthesis in the

(3) Put mark "0" into the column comes under and mention numbers in the total column.

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C - 2 Local Agricultural Land Commission

Monthly Report (Date May)

Report Control Symbol CNR-03
T. : Tenant
L. : Landlord
O. : Owner-operator
N. : Neutral

Table 2.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union etc.	Commission Name	Change of Commissioners during the previous month																								
		Disqualification Resignation or Recall																Supplemental Commissioner								
		Purged				Recalled			Others				Total	Runnerup			New Commissioners in consequence of recall			Other cases Appointed (Neutral)			Total			
		T	L	O	N	T	L	O	T	L	O	N		T	L	O	T	L	O	T	L	O				
Ehgoshima																										
Total	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3*	0	0	1*	0	0	4	

*Result last month presented this month.

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Report Control Symbol [illegible]R-03

1 Local Agricultural Land Commission

Monthly Report (Date May 1947)

This table shall be presented by 10th of next month. The first report shall be presented by 15 January 1947.

Submitted
Date: 7 June 1947
Prefecture: Kumamoto

Table 1.

No. of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Uinion, etc.	Commission Name (1)	Date of first General Election	The Number of Commissioners (on the last day of the said month) (2)					Chairman of the Commission on the last day of the said month (3)			
			Elected Commissioners			Neutral Commissioners	Total	Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator	Neutral Appointed by the Prefectural Governor
			Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator						
Kumamoto	319	24 Dec 1946	(3) 1,613	(2) 969	(1) 644	11	(6) 3,237	74	132	107	5
Total	the number of commissions:										

(note) (1) In case where the Commission is not established, write the name of commission which makes disposition for the said City, town or village with Parenthesis.
(2) In case where there are appointed commissioners substituted for the ordinary elected commissioners, state the If vacancies exist, write the number in parenthesis.
(3) Put mark "O" into the column comes under and mention numbers in the total column.

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Report Control Symbol GNR-03

1st 2 Local Agricultural Land Commission

Monthly Report (Date May 1947)

T.: Tenant
L.: Landlord
O.: Owner-operator
N.: Neutral

Table 2.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village, or Town & Village Union etc.	Commission Name	Change of Commissioners during the previous month																									
		Disqualification Resignation or Recall												Supplemental Commissioner													
		Purged				Recalled			Others				Total	Runnerup			New Commissioners [illegible] consequence of re[illegible]			Other Cases			Appointed (Neutral)	Total
		T	L	O	N	T	L	O	T	L	O	N		T	L	O	T	L	O	T	L	O		
Kumamoto	319	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	9	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1		8
Total																								

Incl 2 to Gen No. 10 Hq Eighth Army. 18 January 1947. contd.

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Report Control Symbol QNR-03

1 LOCAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

MONTHLY REPORT (Date May 1947)

Submitted
Date: 10 June 1947
Prefecture: Oita

Table 1.

Name of Gun., City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town and Village Union, etc.	Commission Name (1)	Date of first General Election	The Number of Commissioners (on the last day of the said month) (2)					Chairman of the Commission (on the last day of the said month) (3)			
			Elected Commissioners			Neutral Commissioners	Total	Tenant	Landlord	Owner Operator	Neutral Appointed by the Prefectural Governor
			Tenant	Landlord	Owner Operator						
Oita Prefecture		25 Dec 1946									
Total	The number of commissions: 246		1,230	738	492	3	2,463	68	98	76	3

(Note) (1) In case where the Commission is not established, write the name of commission which makes disposition for the said city, town or village with Parenthesis.
(2) In case where there are appointed commissioners substitute for the ordinary elected commissioners, contain that number. Contain the vacant, write such number with parenthesis.
(3) Put mark "O" into the column comes under and mention numbers in the total column.

Incl 2 to OD No.10, Hq Eighth Army, 18 January 1947

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Report Control Symbol [illegible]

1 - 2 LOCAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Monthly Report (Date May 1947)

T.: Tenant
L.: Landlord
O.: Owner-operator
N.: Neutral

Table 2.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Change of Commissioners during the previous month																						
		Disqualification Regignation or Recall												Supplemental Commissioner										
		Purged				Recalled			Others				Total	Runnerup			New Commissioners in consequence of recall			Other cases			Appointed (Neutral)	Total
		T	L	O	N	T	L	O	T	L	O	N		T	L	O	T	L	O	T	L	O		
Oita Prefecture																								
Total	246	0	4	1	0	5	0	2	3	1	1	0	17	2	0	0	5	3	2	0	3	1	0	16

Incl 2 to CD No. 10, Hq Eighth Army, 16 January 1947, contd.

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l Local Agricultural Land Commission
Monthly Report(Date MAY 1947)

Report Control Symbol CNR-03

Submitted
Date: 11 June 1947
Prefecture: Miyazaki

Table 1.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission	Date of first General Election	The Number of Commissioners (on the last day of the said month)					Chairman of the Commission on the last day of the said month			
			Elected Commissioners			Neutral Commissioners	Total	Tenant	Land-lord	Owner Operator	Neutral Appointed by the Prefectural Governor
	Name (1)		Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator						
Miyazaki Prefecture	94										
Total	the number of commissions:		674	414	260	0	1,348	19	46	29	0

(note) (1) In case where the Commission is not established, write the name of commission which makes disposition for the said city, town or village with parenthesis.
(2) In case where there are appointed commissioners substitute for the ordinary elected commissioners, contain that number, contain the vacant, write such number with parenthesis.
(3) Put mark "0" into the column comes under and mention numbers in the total column.

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1 - 2 Local Agricultural Land Commission

Report Control Symbol NR-03

Monthly Report (Date MAY 1947)

T. : Tennant
L. : Landlord
O. : Owner-operator
N. : Neutral

Table 2.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union etc.	Commission Name	Change of Commissioners During The Previous Month																								
		Disqualification Resignation or Recall													Supplemental Commissioner											
		Purged				Recalled			Others				Total	Runnerup			New Commissioners in consequence of recall			Other Cases			Appointed (Neutral)	Total		
		T	L	O	N	T	L	O	T	L	O	N		T	L	O	T	L	O	T	L	O				
Miyazaki Prefecture	94																									
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	*3		

* One (1) vacancy will be filled in June

1 Local Agricultural Land Commission

Report Control Symbol NR-C3

Monthly Report (Date May 1947)

This table shall be presented by 10th of next month. The first report shall be presented by 15 January 1947.

Submitted
Date: June 1947
Prefecture: Saga

Table 1.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name (1)	Date of first General Election	The Number of Commissioners (on the last day of the said month) (2)					Chairman of the Commission on the last day of the said month (3)			
			Elected Commissioners			Neutral Commissioners	Total	Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator	Neutral Appointed by the Prefectural Governor
			Tenant	Land-lord	Owner operator						
Saga	125		630	380	255	4	1,269	36	42	41	4
Total the number of commissions:			630	380	255	4	1,269	36	42	41	4

(note) (1) In case where the Commission is not established, write the name of commission which makes disposition for the said city, town or village with Parenthesis.
(2) In case where there are appointed commissioners substitute for the ordinary elected commissioners, contain that number. Contain the vacant, write such number with parenthesis.
(3) Put mark "○" into the column comes under and mention numbers in the total column.

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Incl 2 to OD No. 10, Hq Eighth Army, 13 January 1947

1 - 2 Local Agricultural Land Commission

Report Control Symbol CMR-3

Monthly Report (Date May)

T. : Tenant
L. : Landlord
O. : Owner-operator
N. : Neutral

Table 2.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union etc.	Commission Name	Change of Commissioners during the previous month																						
		Disqualification Resignation or Recall												Supplemental Commissioner										
		Purged				Recalled			Others				Total	Runnerup			New Commissioners in consequence of recall			Other cases			Appointed (Neutral)	Total
		T	L	O	N	T	L	O	T	L	O	N		T	L	O	T	L	O	T	L	O		
									1			1	2						1				1		
Total									1			1	2						1				1		

Incl 2 to OD. 10, Hq Eighth Army, 18 January 1947, contd.

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KYUSHU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

APO 929

Date 13 June 1947

SUBJECT: Progress Report

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
(Attn: Military Government Section)

THRU :

1. Reference: O.D. 10, Hqs 8th Army, dtd 13 Jan 47 Incl. 3

2. Enclosed are the subject reports for the following period and area:

a. Period: Month of May 1947

b. Area : Kyushu

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES L. BACHTEL
1st Lt, Sig C
Adjutant

Incl: Subject report 1(7)
1. Fukuoka Ken (3)
2. Nagasaki Ken (3)
3. Kagoshima Ken (3)
4. Kumamoto Ken (3)
5. Oita Ken (3)
6. Miyazaki Ken (3)
7. Saga Ken

2 Progress Report (Monthly) The first report shall be by March 10, 1947.

Date May 1947

Pd: Paddy land
Up: Up land

Submitted
Date: 10 JUNE 1947
Prefecture: FUKUOKA

Report Control Symbol CNR.

Table 1. Ordinary land to be purchased.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc	Commission	Area available for transfer (cho)		Total area purchased during the reporting period (cho)		Total area purchased to date (cho)		Average price paid for land purchased to date (cho)		Number of Landowners whose land was purchased during the Reporting period			Number of Landowners whose l was purchased to date		
										Absentee	Non-absentee		Absentee	Non-absentee	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up		Non-operating	Operating part of own land		Non-operating	Opera part own la
Fukuoka	302	24407.5	4429	0	0	1133.7	176.7	812	348	0	0	0	2413	37	27
TOTAL		24407.5	4429	0	0	1133.7	176.7	812	348	0	0	0	2413	37	27

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2 - 2 Progress Report (Monthly)

Report Control Symbol CNR-03

Date ~~May 1947~~

Pd: Paddy land
Up: Up land

Table 2. Ordinary Land to be sold.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc	Commission Name	Area sold during reporting period (cho) (1)		Total area sold to date (cho) (1)		Number of tenants who purchased land during reporting period (number) (2)	Number of tenants who purchased land to date (number) (2)	Average area per tenant purchased to date (cho) (2)		Percentage of total purchase price paid at time of purchase (percentage)	Total area purchased by corporations to date (cho)	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up			Pd	Up		Pd	Up
Fukuoka	302	Negative Report										
TOTAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0

(note) (1) Area purchased by Corporation is excluded.
(2) Tenants include part owners.

Incl-3 to OD No.10, Hq Eighth Army, 18 January 1947, cont'd

2 - 3 Progress Report (Monthly) Report Control Symbol CNR-03

Date May 1947

Pd: Paddy land
Up: Up land

Table 3

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village: or Town & Village Union, etc	Commission Name	Total area of state land sold in accordance with selling plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date (cho)		Area of consolidated land to date (cho)		Building lots, grass fields, buildings, farm equipment, or virgin-soil purchased in accordance with the purchase-plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date				
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Building lots (tsubo)	Grass fields (cho)	Buildings	Farm Equipment (price)	Virgin soil (cho)
FUKUOKA	302	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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2 - 4 Progress Report (Monthly) Report Control Symbol GNR-03

May 1947

Date _____

Table 4 Number of cases of Appeal

Commission Name	During Report Period			Accumulative Total to date		
	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords
Fukuoka 302	4	0	CORRECTION COPY - MARCH 1947 0	4	0	0
	45	4	CORRECTED COPY- APRIL 1947 0	49	4	0
	38	0	MAY 1947 0	87	4	0
TOTAL				87	4	0

Incl 3 to OD No.10, Hq Eighth Army, 18 January 1947, cont'd.

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Submitted
Date: 10 June 1947
Prefecture: Nagasaki

2 Progress Report (Monthly) The first report shall be presented by March 10, 1947.
Date ~~April~~ MAY 1947
Pd: Paddy land
Up: Up land

Report Control Symbol QMR-03

Table 1. Ordinary land to be purchased.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commision Name	area available for transfer (cno)		Total area purchased during the reporting period (cho)		Total area purchased to date (cho)		Average price paid for land purchased to date (cho)		Number of Landowners whose Land was purchased during the Reporting period			Number of Landowners whose Land was purchased to date		
										Absentee	Non-absentee		Absentee	Non-absentee	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up		Non-operating	Operating Part of own land		Non-operating	Operating Part of own land
Nagasaki															
Total	174	8177.5	6155.7	0	0	488.0625	197.6013	8242.40	3201.50	0	0	0	822	4	125

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2 - 2 Progress Report (Monthly)

Report Control Symbol NR-03

Date April 1947

Pd. : Paddy land
Up. : Up land

Table 2. Ordinary Land to be sold

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Area sold during reporting period (cho) (1)		Total area sold to date (cho) (1)		Number of tenants who purshased land during reporting period (number) (2)	Number of tenants who purchased land to date (number) (2)	Average area per tenant purchased to date (cho)		Percentage of total purchase price paid at time of purchase (percentage)	Total area purchased by corporations to date (cho)	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up			Pd	Up		Pd	Up
Nagasaki												
Total	174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(note) (1) Area purchased by Corporation is excluded.
(2) Tenants include part-owers.

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2 - 3 Progress Report (Monthly) Report Control Symbol CNR-0J

Date April 1947

Pd: Paddy land
Up: Up land

Table 3

Name of Gun, City Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Total area of state land sold in accordance with selling plan of Local Agricultural Land commissions to date (cho)		area of consolidated land to date (cho)		Building lots, grass fields, buildings, farm equipment, or virgin-soil purchased in accordance with the purchase-plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date				
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Building lots (tsubo)	Grass fields (cho)	Buildings	Farm Equipment (price)	Virgin soil (cho)
Nagasaki										
Total	174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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2-4 Progress Report (Monthly) Report Control Symbol QNR-03

Date April 1947

Table 4 Number of cases of Appeal

Commission Name	During Report Period			Accumulative Total to date		
	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords
Nagasaki						
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Submitted
Date: 31 May 1947
Prefecture: Kagoshima

2. Progress Report (Monthly) The first report shall be presented by March 10, 1947.
Date: May
Pd: Paddy land
Up: Upland
Report Control Symbol QNR-03

Table 1. Ordinary land to be purchased.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Area available for transfer (ch)		Total area purchased during the reporting period (ch)		Total area purchased to date (ch)		Average price paid for land purchased to date (ch)		Number of Landowners whose land was purchased during the reporting period			Number of Landowners whose land was purchased to date		
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Absentee	Non-absentee Non-operating	Non-absentee Operating part of own land	Absentee	Non-absentee Non-operating	Non-absentee Operating part of own land
Kagoshima															
Total	118	12,839	19,256	0	0	1,111.80	805.20	6,492.00	2,585.00	0	0	0	2,032	204	600

Note: Area available for purchase has increased because original estimates were based on 3 cho and 1 cho limits. Kagoshima's authorized holdings have been reduced to 2.2 cho and 0.7 cho, thus making more land available for purchase.

Incl 3 to CO No. 10, Hq Eighth Army, 19 June 1947

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2 - 2 Progress Report (Monthly) Report Control Symbol CNR-03

Date May

Ed.: Paddy land
Up.: Up land

Table 2. Ordinary Land to be sold

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Area sold during reporting period (cho) (1)		Total area sold to date (cho) (1)		Number of tenant who purchased land during reporting period (number) (2)	Number of tenants who purchased land to date (number) (2)	Average area per tenant purchased to date (cho)		Percentage of total purchase price paid at time of purchase (percentage)	Total area purchased by corporations to date (cho)	
		Ed	Up	Ed	Up			Ed	Up		Ed	Up
Kagoshima												
Total	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(note) (1) Area purchased by Corporation is excluded.
(2) Tenants include part-owners.

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Incl 3 to GD No. 10, Hq Eighth Army, 18 [illegible]

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Report Control Symbol NR-03

2 - 3 Progress Report (Monthly)

Date May

Pd: Paddy land
Up: Upland

Table 3

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Total area of state land sold in accordance with selling plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date (cho) Pd	Up	Area of consolidated land to date (cho) Pd	Up	Building lots (tsubo)	Grass fields (cho)	Buildings	Farm Equipment (price)	Virgin soil (cho)
Kagoshima										
Total	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Building lots, grass fields, buildings, farm equipment, or virgin-soil purchased in accordance with the purchase-plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date.

Incl 3 to OD No. 10, Hq Eighth Army, 18 January 1947, contd.

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2 - 4 Progress Report (Monthly) Report Control Symbol JNR-03

Date May

Table 4 Number of cases of Appeal

Commission Name	During Report Period			Accumulative Total to date		
	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords
Kagoshima						
Total	0	0	0	24	47	27

2 - Progress Report (Monthly) The first report shall be presented by March 10, 1947.
Pd: Paddy land
Up: Up land

Date May 1947

Submitted
Date: 7 June 1947
Prefecture: Kumamoto

Report Control Symbol QNR-03

Table 1. Ordinary land to be purchased.

Names of Gun, City, Ward, Town Village; or Town and Village Union, etc	Commission Name	Area available for transfer (cho)		Total area purchased during the reporting period (cho)		Total area purchased to date (cho)		Average price paid for land purchased to date (cho)		Number of Landowners whose land was purchased during the Reporting period			Number of Landowners whose land was purchased to date		
										Absentee	Non-absentee		Absentee	Non-absentee	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up		Non-operating	Operating part of own land		Non-operating	Operating part of own land
Kumamoto Total	319	27,200.1 15,103.7		4,905.6 2,648.2	808 412								15,861	872	221

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FIGURES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION DURING SUBSEQUENT MONTHS. THESE FIGURES ARE REVISED AND MAY NOT SEEM TO CORROSPOND WITH FIGURES FOR APRIL 1947

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Date May 1947

Pd. : Paddy land
Up. : Up land

Table 2. Ordinary Land to be sold

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Area sold during reporting period (cho) (1)		Total area sold to date (cho) (1)		Number of tenants who purchased land during reporting period (number) (2)	Number of tenants who purchased land to date (number) (2)	Average area per tenant purchased to date (cho) (2)		Percentage of total purchase price paid at time of purchase (percentage)	Total area purchased by corporations to date (cho)	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up			Pd	Up		Pd	Up
Kumamoto Total	319	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

(note) (1) Area purchased by Corporation is excluded.
(2) Tenants include part-owners.

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2 - 3 Progress Report (Monthly) Report Control Symbol GNR -03

Date May 1947

Pd.: Paddy land
Up.: Up land

Table 3

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town and Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Total area of state land sold in accordance with selling plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date (cho)		Area of consolidated land to date (cho)		Building lots, grass fields, buildings, farm equipment, or virgin-soil purchased in accordance with the purchase-plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date				
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Building lots (tsubo)	Grass fields (cho)	Buildings	Farm Equipment	Virgin soil
Kumamoto Total	319	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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2 - 4 Progress Report (Monthly) Report Control Symbol CNR-03

Date May 1947

Table 4 Number of cases of Appeal

Commission Name	During Report Period			Accumulative Total to date		
	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords
Kumamoto						
Total	0	0	0	556	47	28

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2 PROGRESS REPORT (Monthly)

Submitted Date: 10 June 1947
Prefecture: Oita

Date May 1947

Pd.: Paddy land
Up.: Up land

Table 1. Ordinary land to be purchased.

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Area available for transfer (cho)		Total Area purchased during the reporting period (cho)		Total Area purchased to date (cho)		Average price paid for land purchased to date (cho)		Number of Landowners whose land was purchased during the Reporting Period			Number of landowners whose land was purchased to date		
										Absentee	Non-absentee		Absentee	Non-absentee	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up		Non-operating	Operating part of own land		Non-Operating	Operating part of own land
Oita Prefecture															
Total	246	10,088.52	3,085.18	0	0	633.15	203.01	¥7,704.6 ¥2,996.3		0	0	0	* 1,939	13	278

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* THIS IS CORRECT FIGURE
FIGURE REPORTED FOR APRIL ERRONEOUS

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2 - 2 PROGRESS REPORT (Monthly)

Date May 1947

Pd.: Paddy land
Up.: Up land

Table 2. Ordinary Land to be sold

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Area sold during reporting period (cho) (1)		Total area sold to date (cho) (1)		Number of tenants who purchased land during reporting period (number) (2)	Number of tenants who purchased land to date (number) (2)	Average area per tenant purchased to date (cho)		Percentage of total purchase price paid at time of purchase (percentage)	Total area purchased by corporations to date (cho)	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up			Pd	Up		Pd	Up
Gita Prefecture												
Total	246	None		None		None	None	None		None	None	

(Note) (1) Area purchased by Corporation is excluded.
(2) Tenants include part-owners.

Incl 3 to CD No.10, Hq Eighth Army, 18 January 1947, contd.

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2 - 3 PROGRESS REPORT (Monthly)

Date May 1947

Pd: Paddy land
Up: Up land

Table 3

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Total area of state land sold in accordance with selling plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date (cho)		Area of consolidated land to date (cho)		Building lots, grass fields, buildings, farm equipment, or virgin-soil purchased in accordance with the purchase-plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date				
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Building lots (tsubo)	Grass fields (cho)	Buildings	Farm Equipment (price)	Virgin soil (cho)
Oita Prefecture										
Total	246	None	None	None		None	None	None	None	None

Incl 3 to OD No. 10, Hq Eighth Army, 18 January 1947, contd.

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2 - 4 PROGRESS REPORT (Monthly)

Date _____

Table 4 Number of cases of Appeal

Commission Name	During Report Period			Accumulative Total to date		
	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords
Gifu Prefecture						
Total 246	None	None	None	None	None	None

Incl 3 to OD No. 10, Hq Eighth Army, 18 January 1947, contd.

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2 Progress Report (Monthly) The first report shall be presented by March 10, 1947.

Date MAY 1947

Pd: Paddy land
Up: Up land

Submitted
Date: 10 JUNE 1947
Prefecture: MIYAZAKI

Table 1. Ordinary land to be purchased.

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Names of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Area available for transfer (cho)		Total area purchased during the reporting period (cho)		Total area purchased to date (cho)		Average price paid for land purchased to date (cho)		Number of landowner whose land was purchased during the reporting period.			Number of landowners whose land was purchased to date.		
											Non-absentee			Non-absentee	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Absentee	Non-operating	Operating part of ownland	Absentee	Non-operating	Operating part of ownland
Miyazaki Prefecture	94														
Total		Pd-8,761 Up-7,062		Pd-883.93 Up-494.53		Pd-987.65 Up-513.99		Pd-¥ 623.36 Up-¥ 264.81		1,345	21	504	1,570	22	504

2 - 2 Progress Report (Monthly)

Report Control Symbol ONR-03

Date MAY 1947

Pd: Paddy land
Up: Up land

Table 2. Ordinary Land to be sold

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village, or Town & Village Union, etc	Commission Name	Area sold during reporting period (cho) (1)		Total area sold to date (cho) (1)		Number of tenants who purchased land during reporting period (number) (2)	Number of tenants who purchased land to date (number) (2)	Average area per tenant purchased to date (cho) (2)		Percentage of total purchase price paid at time of purchase (percentage)	Total area purchased by corporations to date (cho)	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up			Pd	Up		Pd	Up
Miyazaki Prefecture	94											
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(note) (1) Area purchased by Corporation is excluded.
(2) Tenants include part-owners.

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Table 3

Date MAY 1947

Pd: Paddy Land
Up: Up land

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village, Union, etc	Commission Name	Total area of state land sold in accordance with selling plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date (cho)		Area of consolidated land to date (cho)		Building lots, grass fields, buildings, farm equipment, or virgin-soil purchased in accordance with the purchase-plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date.				
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Building Lots (tsubo)	Grass Fields (cho)	Buildings	Farm Equipment(prc)	Virgin soil (cho)
Miyazaki Prefecture	94									
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0.10	0	0	8.25

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Date MAY 1947

Table 4 Number of cases of Appeal

Commission Name	During Report Period			Accumulative Total to Date		
	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords
94						
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Submitted
Date: 10 JUNE 1947
Prefecture: SAGA

2 Progress Report (Monthly) The first report shall be presented by March 10, 1947.
Date May
Pd: Paddy land
Up: Up land

Table 1. Ordinary land to be purchased.

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Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	area available for transfer (cho)		Total area purchased during the reporting period (cho)		Total area purchased to date (cho)		Average price paid for land purchased to date (cho)		Number of Landowners whose land was purchased during the Reporting period			Number of Landowners whose land was purchased to date		
										Absentee	Non-absentee		Absentee	Non-absentee	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Pd	Up		Non-operating	Operating part of own land		Non-operating	Operating part of own land
Saga	125	12,142 2,103		2,018	263	2,018	263	9,124 Yen	3,890 Yen	5163	41	34	5163	41	34
Total	125	12,142 2,103		0 ~~2,018~~	0 ~~263~~	* 2,018	* 263	9,124	3,890	5163	41	34	* 5163	41	34

* FIGURES ARE LOWER THAN THOSE REPORTED FOR APRIL BECAUSE CERTAIN LANDS ORIGINALLY PURCHASED HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE ORIGINAL OWNERS

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2 - 2 Progress Report (Monthly)

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Date May 1947

Pd. : Paddy land
Up. : Up land

Table 2. Ordinary Land to be sold

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Area sold during reporting period (cho) (1)		Total area sold to date (cho) (1)		Number of tenants who purchased land during reporting period (number) (2)	Number of tenants who purchased land to date (number) (2)	Average area per tenant purchased to date (cho) (2)		Percentage of total purchase price paid at time of purchase (percentage)	Total area purchased by corporations to date (cho)	
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up			Pd	Up		Pd	Up
Saga	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(note) (1) Area purchased by Corporation is excluded.
(2) Tenants include part-owners.

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Incl 3 to CD No. 1c, Hq Eighth Army, 18 January 1947, contd.

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Date May 1947

Pd : Paddy land
Up : Up land

Table 3

Name of Gun, City, Ward, Town, Village; or Town & Village Union, etc.	Commission Name	Total area of state land sold in accordance with selling plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date (cho)		Area of consolidated land to date (cho)		Building lots, grass fields, buildings, farm equipment, or virgin-soil purchased in accordance with the purchase-plan of Local Agricultural Land Commissions to date				
		Pd	Up	Pd	Up	Building lots (tsubo)	Grass fields (cho)	Buildings	Farm Equipment (price)	Virgin soil (cho)
Saga	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Incl 3 to CO No. 1C, Hq Eighth Army, 18 January 1947, contd.

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2 - 4 Progress Report (Monthly) Report Control Symbol CMR-C3

Date May 1947

Table 4 Number of cases of Appeal

Commission Name	During Report Period			Accumulative Total to date		
	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords	Absentee Landlords	Non Operating Landlords	Operating Landlords
Saga	697	0	0	697	0	0
/Total	697	0	0	697	0	0

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KYUSHU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

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APO 929
12 July 1947

SUBJECT: Statistics Concerning Court Actions on Tenant Landlord Disputes in Kyushu

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
Attn: Mil Govt Section

1. Transmitted herewith is report submitted by Kyushu Central Liaison Office which concerns Court action on Tenant Landlord disputes in Kyushu for forwarding, if deemed advisable to ESS Section Soap.

2. In this connection attention is invited to paragraph 3 of Annex D to Kyushu Military Government Region Activities Report For June 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
as indicated above

CHARLES L. BACHTEL
1st Lt Sig C
Adjutant

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KYUSHU CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE
~~Kurume--Liaison--Office~~

Enclosure a

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The Imperial Japanese Government

Opinion of Fukuoka Higher Court on Judicial Jurisdiction over Land Disputes.

There is no doubt that the tenant arbitration in the court is to be continued even after the enforcement of the new Land Reform Laws as it is clearly anticipated in the provisions of the Agricultural Land Adjustment Law (e.g. Art. 9-6, Art. 10 to 12). From the legal point of view, therefore, it is a misinterpretation to say that, under the new Land Reform Laws, all agricultural land disputes should be solved first in the city, town or village land reform committee, second in the prefectural land reform committee and then, as a last resort, in the court.

However, there is a room for argument concerning the interpretation of Art. 9 of the Agricultural Land Adjustment Law.

While this law was being enacted in the Diet, the Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry seemed to believe that the said Article is to be applied to the case where the tenant and landowner agreed between themselves on the termination of tenancy. On the other hand, the Ministry of Justice seemed to hold the directly apposite opinion that the tenancy could be terminated by agreement between the tenant and landowner without the approval of the land reform committee.

In the opinion of the Ministry of Justice, the legal terminology in para 3 of the said Article such as "disolve or rescind the contract "("Kai yaku" of "Kaijo") is used only in case where the contract is terminated by an expression of unilateral will of the parties, and, therefore, the case of agreement should be outside the scope of application of the said Article. Furthermore, if the Article is to be applied to such case, even a tenant who wants to give up his tenancy to start a new profession would be placed under the unnecessary restriction of the landreform committee. If, as the Ministry of Agriculture apprehended, the landowner is apt to force his tenant to agree with himself by virtue of his stronger social position, the expression of tenants will to agree with his landowner could be declared void according to the degree of coirtion or cancelled as due to intimidation under the Civil Code; and such cases of coirtion or intimidation can be judged and remedied only by the court.

The judge's position is independent from anybody, even from the minister of justice and the chief judge of his higher court. Therefore, the Fukuoka Higher Court is in no position to intstruct its lower courts to obey its own interpretation of law. When a conference of all the tenants arbitration judges of district courts under its jurisdiction was held to study & exchange their opinions on the interpretation of the Article in question, a majority of judges seemed to agree with the opinion of the Ministry of Justice. But those who disagreed with it at that time seem to be treating their arbitrations agreed between the tenant and landowner as pending the approval of the land reform committee.

There is a way open for the rectification of injustice of the court as provided for by law. If Article 9 of Agricultural Land Adjustment Law is rightly to be applied to the case of agreement, those arbitrations of land disputes which have not been approved by the land reform committee could automatically be made void according to para. 4 of the said Article. The parties concerned are still able to seek justice in other courts maintaining such arbitrations are to be made null and void, for it remains to be seen yet how other judges would interprete the said Article even if the majority of judges incharge of tenant arbitration holds that the case of agreement, that is to say, the case of successful arbitration, is outside the scope of its application.

Encl 1

Exhibit A

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BASIC: Annex D Economics Summary, Monthly Military Government Activities Report, Kyushu M.G. Region, period ending 30 June.
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~~Kurume--Liaison--Office~~

The Imperial Japanese Government

Exhibit B.

Enclosure B

Conflict between the Tenant Arbitration Law and Land Reform Laws.

History of Tenant Arbitration Law

The Tenant Arbitration Law, which is still in effect even after the enforcement of the Land Reform Law, was enacted in 1924 as a measure for solving the tenancy dispute which was then becoming rampant all over Japan. The law, therefore, is only a kind of procedure law providing for the arbitration procedures between the tenant and land-owner, and contains no substantial provisions. Its chief aim is to try to reach a compromise between the both parties by the effort of arbitration committee, which is to be appointed by the chief judge from among civilians upon application for the arbitration, with the assistance of prefectural tenancy officials.

The spirit of this law is "mutual concession and mutual help" between the tenant and landlord. However, the actual arbitrations made under this law had been in many cases more to the advantage of the landowner until the first Agricultural Land Adjustment Law was enacted in 1938 with the purpose of giving more power to tenancy right, which did much to offset the disadvantage of tenants under the Arbitration Law.

Discrepancy of Interpretation

In view of the enactment of the Land Reform Laws as a basis for democratizing Japan, it is only natural that the tenant arbitration should be carried out in the interest of tenants. But, there are two conflicting ways of interpreting para. 3 Art. 9 of the new "Agricultural Land Adjustment Law": that is to say, in case the landowner wants to take his land back from his tenant, the court maintains that it is necessary for him to obtain only his tenant's agreement, while the Agricultural Land Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry maintains that it is necessary for him to obtain also the approval of city, town or village land reform committee (prefectural governor until 31 October 1947) as tenants are usually in such weak position against their landlords as to oblige themselves to agree with any proposal of landlords.

Solution of Problem

In order to carry out the land reform programe satisfactorily it is most desirable to refer any dispute on agricultural land first to the city, town or village land reform committee and second to the prefectural land reform committee, and then, as a last resort, to the court. However, from legal point of view, the Agricultural Land Bureau is not able to prevent the court from taking up tenant disputes first under the Tenant Arbitration Law. Even in case the court takes up the dispute first, only if the court approves the taking up of land agreed between the tenant and landowner pending further approval of the land reform committee (or governor's approval until 31 October 1947) there is no harm in applying the Tenant Arbitration Law to the land dispute. This law provides not only for the land dispute but also for all disputes concerning tenancy rent, irrigation, etc. between the tenant and land-owner.

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It therefore has its own signigicance apart from the Land Reform Law so long as the Land Reform Law is interpreted correctly.

In effect, what is at issue is the interpretation of para. 3 Art. 9 of Agricultural Land Adjustment Law. The only solution seems to be either to revise the said paragraph clearly necessitating the approval of the land reform committee in all cases of change of tenancy including the case where the tenant agrees with the land-owner on such change under the tenant arbitration, or to let the court interpret the said paragraph in that sense in applying the Tenant Arbitration Law.

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KYUSHU CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE
~~Kurume Liaison Office~~

The Imperial Japanese Government

Attitude of Landowners Towards Land Reform in Miyazaki and Kagoshima Kens

Owing to their historical background and geographical environment Miyazaki and Kagoshima Prefectures are most feudalistic in Kyushu still retaining medieval characteristics of landlords monopoly and tenants slavery. The Kumamoto Agricultural Land Bureau has been trying to eliminate in close contact with the prefectural government concerned, any impediment to the successful execution of land reform in this district. However it has not been easy to eradicate completely the reactionary elements deeply rooted on allong tradition. The following is a summary report on the actitivities of landowners in the two prefectures.

Miyazaki

Landowner's unions were formed once in various localities in the prefecture threatening to hamper the smooth carrying out of land reform, but they have almost been extinguished without becoming a powerful organization. But, while such organized resistance to the land reform has died away, a conscious hampering of indinidual landowners in the execution of land reform programe seems to be gaining power recently.

The number of applications for the approval of taking up of agricultural lands from tenant's hands under para. 3, Art. 9 of Agricultural Land Adjustment Law is amounting to 600 with a strong tendency to a further increase. The number of illegitimate transfers of land is estimated at twice as much as the legitimate ones.

At the same time, a tendency for the land-owner to appeal to the arbitration court in order to evade the application of agricultural land adjustment law cannot be overlooked.

Kagoshima

A landowner's union, called Agricultural Land Adjustment Council, was formed with 80 landowners as its members around Ishuin, Kawabe-gun, But their influence is now negligible owing to the careful supervision and thorough publicity on the spirit of land reform carried out by the Ken Government. However, landowners are still trying to hamper directly or indirectly the execution of land reform programe by cuting down or refusing the appropriation of budjet for the land reform committee in the city, town or village assemblies which are strongly influenced by them. The number of applications for approval of taking up of agricultural lands from tenant's hands is more than 500 and the number of illegitimate transfers of land is estimated at twice as much as the legitimate ones.

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Exhibit B

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BASIC; Annex D; Economic Summary, Monthly, Mil Gov Government Activities
Report, Kyushu M.G. Region, period ending 30 June.

KYUSHU CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE
~~Kurume Liaison Office~~

The Imperial Japanese Government

Applications for Tenant Arbitration from Feburary 1946 to 2 June 1947 in Miyazaki Prefecture.

1.	Cases disposed of	159 cases
	Land involved in the cases	
	Paddy-lands	101.78 Acres
	Up-lands	21.68 "
	Others	19.77 "
	Persons involved in the cases	261 Persons
2.	Cases pending	4 cases
	Lands involved in the cases	
	Poddy-lands	4.72 Acres
	Up-lands	3.18 "
	Persons involved in the cases	8 persons

3. Remarks

Further investigations are being made on whether these cases were disposed of in accordance with the spirit of the new Land Reform Laws. According to the opinion of tenant officials, although most of the judges are acting in line with the spirit of the new laws, there are still some who are unable to divorce themselves from the conception of the old law.

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KYUSHU CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE

LISTS BY GUNS AND CITIES IN OITA PREFECTURE
of
APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF RETURN OF TENANT LAND TO LANDLORDS
and
AREAS OF CULTIVATED LAND

Name of Guns and Cities	Number of Applications for Approval	Percentage to Total Numbers	areas of Cultivated Land	percentage to Total Areas	Remarks
Nishi Kunisaki-gun	234		4465.3 tan		
Higashi Kunisaki-gun	475		4913.9 "		
Hayami-gun	131	} 33.4 %	5866.3 "	} 14.1 %	*
Oita-gun	50	"	8274.8 "	"	*
Kita Amabe-gun	1		4856.4 "		
Minami Amabe-gun	14		2894.6 "		
Ono-gun	194		10571.7 "		
Kusoiri-gun	69		7562.6 "		
Kusu-gun	39		4034.0 "		
Nita-gun	86		2859.0 "		
Shimoge-gun	113		4453.5 "		
Usa-gun	241		9081.9 "		
Oita city	32	} 9.1 %	1486.8 "	} 3.0 %	*
Beppu "	132	"	818.3 "	"	*
Hakatsu "			1616.8 "		
Hita "			1699.5 "		
Tsueki "			1002.7 "		
Total	1811		76378.6 "		

*------ Districts much influenced by the Agricultural Land Council

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KYUSHU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

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APO 929
Date 7 May 1947

AG3

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Land Commission

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
Attn: Military Government Section

THRU :

1. Reference: GO 10, Hqs 8th Army, dtd 18 Jan 47, par 3b (2)

2. Enclosed are the subject reports for the following period and area:

a. Period: Month of April 1947

b. Area : Kyushu MG Region

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES L. BACHTEL
1st Lt, Sig C
Adjutant

7 Incl:
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1. Fukuoka Ken (8)
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Narrative Farm Village Report

I Of the four Villages visited in Fukuoka Prefecture during April, the main stress was placed upon the amount of land available for purchase, the amount to be purchased and the approximate dates the actual purchase was to take place.

II In Futsukaichi the amount of paddy land was 124 chobu, 5 tan, 5 se; upland 22 cho, 5 tan, 4 se. Over the two year period this land is to be sold to 144 tenant farmers at 48 times the rental price (¥ 16.25 per tan) for paddy land and 40 times the rental price (¥ 15.75 per tan) for upland.

a. As of 2 July the actual purchase is to take place. The amount allocated for purchase at that time is paddy land 48 chobu, 5 se, 16 bu and upland 6 chobu, 8 tan, 6 se, 5 bu. This land is that which belonged to absentee landlords.

b. Even though the landlord must sell his land the Local Commission foresees no difficulty in the purchase by the Central Government, and indication prove that the tenant farmers as a whole are anxious to purchase their own farms.

III In the Setaka area, the largest visited, there are 743 chobu of both paddy and upland to be sold. The program here is by far the most ambitious of all commissions visited as of this date as they have plans to sell to the Government 7/10 of all the land available for purchase, or approximately 510 chobu.

The land in this area will be sold to 1,002 tenant farmers at an average price of ¥ 1080 per tan. In this community as in others there is a definite trend towards the buying of land on the part of the tenant farmer. Most concerned have the cash with which to purchase land, however in some cases the purchase will have to be financed by the government.

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IV In Matsuhashi village there are approximately 196 chobu 3 tan of paddy land and 13 cho 7 tan of upland to be sold by 2 July 47. There are 665 tenant farmers living in this area who are eligible to purchase land. However, due to a shortage of land it is believed that only 2/3 of the tenants will be able to purchase land in that particular area. It was also stated that the majority of the tenant farmers there, wished to purchase land.

V Shirouchi village had done less on the actual Land Reform program than any village in the prefecture. On interviewing the Commissioners it was found that the only information they were able to give was the number of farm families 39 were tenants and 44 were owner cultivators. They did not know how much land was available for purchase, when it would be sold, or the prices per cho.

This Commission was warned of its responsibilities and told they would be checked at a later date and if no steps had been taken to gather the information affecting the sale of land by 2 July 47, stern measures would be taken. Results of next interview will be included in May's Narrative report.

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THRU : Commanding Officer,
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TO : Commanding General,
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ATTN : Military Government Section

1. In compliance with paragraph 3b (2), Operational Directive Number 10, Headquarters Eighth Army, subject: "Land Reform", dated 18 January 1947, the following narrative report for April 1947 is hereby submitted:

a. The Local Agricultural Land Commissions of Shisa-machi, and Hirado-machi were visited in order to observe the manner in which the land reform program is being carried out.

SHISA-MACHI

The Shisa Agricultural Land Commission held its first general election on 20 December 1946. The election was carried out smoothly. The commission was visited at the Town Office and the group was called together at the request of this headquarters and discussions were conducted in order to determine their composition, the attitude of the individual members, their familiarity with the law, and other items of pertinent information. The commission has met six times previously. The business of the meeting held and the date is as follows:

a. 4 January 1947 - Election of chairman
b. 21 February 1947 - Election of a new chairman as the original chairman resigned as he was affected by the recall election.
c. 4 April 1947 - General meeting.
d. 8 April 1947 - Meeting with neighboring land commission.

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e. 10 April 1947 - Meeting with neighboring land commissions.
f. 14 April 1947 - Discussed purchase plan of land from land owners.

The chairman of the commission is a cultivating owner. The previous chairman who resigned was a tenant farmer. Five (5) tenant commissioners resigned at the request of the prefectural government in order to successfully carry out the recall election. Recall election was held on 15 February 1947 from among the tenant commissioners. The recall election was carried out smoothly.

From this writer's observation, the Shisa Agricultural Land Commission does not seem to be organized well. They are not familiar with the law and not paying particular attention to their elected post. These discrepancies have been reported to the prefectural government.

Within the jurisdiction of the Shisa Agricultural Land Commissions, the number of farm families and their composition is as follows:

Tenants	72 farm families
Cultivating owners	143 farm families
Non-cultivating resident landlords	17 persons
Non-cultivating non-resident landlords	143 persons

The following table illustrates the area of farm land tilled by farmers who are under the jurisdiction of Shisa Agricultural Land Commission:

	Area rented	Area tilled
Tenants	7.1 cho	7.1 cho
Part owner-Part tenants	55.5 cho	128.2 cho
Cultivating owners		75.8 cho
Total	62.6 cho	211.1 cho

The area of farm land available for purchase under the Agrarian Land Reform Law is as follows:

Non-cultivating resident landlords	33 cho
Non-cultivating non-resident landlords	8 cho
Cultivating owners	0
Total	41 cho

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The Shiga Agricultural Land Commission has not had an opportunity to actually engage in the operational phase of its job.

HIRADO-MACHI

The Hirado Agricultural Land Commission held its first general election on 20 December 1946. The election was carried out smoothly. The commission was visited at the Town Office and the group was called together at the request of this headquarters and discussions were conducted in order to determine their composition, the attitude of the individual members, their familiarity with the law, and other items of pertinent information. The commission has met six (6) times previously. The date and the business of the meeting is as follows:

a.	4 January 1947	- Election of chairman
b.	10 February 1947	- General discussion on Land Reform Program
c.	20 March 1947	- Plans to make purchase schedule
d.	9 April 1947	- Discuss applications from landlords
e.	10 April 1947	- Discuss applications from landlords
f.	15 April 1947	- General meeting

The chairman of the commission is a cultivating owner. Five (5) tenant commissioners resigned at the request of the prefectural government in order to successfully carry out the recall election. Recall election was held on 15 February 1947 from among the tenant commissioners. The recall election was carried out smoothly.

From this writer's observation, the Hirado Agricultural Land Commission does not seem to be organized well, lack of interest among the commissioners, lack of initiative, and above all they do not seem to know what is taking place. These discrepancies have been reported to the prefectural government.

Within the jurisdiction of t he Hirado Agricultural Land Commission, the number of farm families and their composition is as follows:

Tenants	235 farm families
Cultivating owners	610 farm families
Non-cultivating resident landlords	51 persons

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Non-cultivating non-resident landlords — 87 persons

The following table illustrates the area of farm land tilled by farmers who are under the jurisdiction of Hirado Agricultural Land Commission:

	Area rented	Area tilled
Tenants	27.3 cho	27.3 cho
Part tenants-Part owners	137.8 cho	340.9 cho
Cultivating owners		274.7 cho
Total	165.1 cho	642.9 cho

The area of farm land available for purchase under the Agrarian Land Reform Law is as follows:

Non-cultivating resident landlords Non-cultivating non-resident landlords Cultivating owners	113.7 cho

The Hirado Agricultural Land Commission has not purchased or resold any farm lands within their jurisdiction.

Many pertinent informational questions such as:

1. Acreage of land purchased to date by government.
2. Acreage of land resold to tenants by government.
3. Any difficulties in effecting purchase.
4. Average price paid for land.
5. Whether tenants are paying at once or in installment.
6. Whether the landlords are demanding more than official price.
7. How a commission deals with a case before it.

could not be asked due to the fact that the Local Agricultural Land Commission being reported for this month has not had a chance to purchase, or resell any farm lands. Therefore, an adequate evaluation of the Land Reform Program for the township of Shisa and Hirado cannot be given at this time, except for the discrepancies noted in this report.

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