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having the Higher School become a branch of Kyushu University.

ANNEX E-2 This office has begun experimentation with public information surveys with the object in mind of finding out certain pertinent facts which will aid the section in its task of informing the people. These surveys are designed to indicate (1) which age group is getting the bulk of the publicity that is released, (2) which are the most effective media locally available, (3) which programs need stressing and which can be soft-pedaled. Using the results of the surveys it is believed that a more effective information program can be mapped out.

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APO 929  
5 June 1948SUBJECT: Military Government Activities Report for Period 1 - 31  
May 1948TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343  
Attn: Military Government Section

The following is the Monthly Report of Saga Military Government Team for the month of May 1948, submitted in compliance with Operational Directive No.71, Hq Eighth Army, dtd 10 Dec 1947 and OD No.71/1 for 47 dtd 9 March 1948.

ANNEX A The national tax collections have reached 126.8% against the quota assigned to this prefecture. 99.1% of the prefectural tax was collected against the amount assessed as of 31 May.

ANNEX C The Shinyashiki Coal Mine which is the "Tanro" headquarters in Saga Prefecture went on strike on 5 to 12 May 1948 over the dismissal of two employees. The Communists are very active in opposing the dismissal of the two and agitating for a hasty election of new union officials. This team made speeches suggesting a "Cooling off period", to have the union refrain from making any major policy changes. All union members were called upon to carefully evaluate the entire situation and to make a decision without outside influence. On 19 May 1948 by secret ballot of about 1,700 miners, three fifth majority indicated their favor for a three months postponement.

ANNEX D-1 Labor trouble and mine conditions caused production of coal to lag, only 98.2% of quota was met. "Elimination of Central Association" reports by Japanese were unsatisfactory, inadequate coverage and inaccurate.

ANNEX D-2 Investigation of price structure of legal fish business was made by the section. Early rain damaged broad-bean crop so that anticipated 10% over quota probably will not be reached despite the excellent wheat crop.

ANNEX E-1 Progress is being registered in respect to co-education, teacher reeducation and constructive local thinking about educational problems. The end of the month found many people coming to the CE office to discuss the relative merits of establishing a prefectural university (combining the Saga Higher School, Saga Normal School, and Saga Youth Normal School) and

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Monthly Military Government Activities Report  
for Period 1 - 31 May 1948

## POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

(Capt. Joseph E. Noble Jr.)

## ANNEX A:

I. Japanese Government Administration:1. Tax Collections:

## a. National Tax Collections

Tax collections to date are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Tax collected</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
As of 31 March	¥1,146,144,000	¥1,285,930,000	112.8%
As of 30 April	"	¥1,392,012,000	121.4%
As of 31 May	"	¥1,453,662,000	126.8%

Tax collections are tapering off. Branch chiefs were again urged to regard 100% collection of all taxes as their true quota. Communists are sponsoring open forums for tax problems which are in reality only information booths to explain to willing ears how to delay and evade actual payment. The local tax office union head was finally, after a lot of bickering between here and Tokyo, charged on 18th May with a violation of the Labor Relations Law in connection with a "Holiday Strike" at the Saga Tax Office. Trial continued to 15 June with sentence, if any, expected in July.

## b. Prefectural Tax Collections

¥108,450,338.35 or 99.1% of the total amount of ¥109,393,390.54 assessed has been collected as of 31 May for the 1947 fiscal year. ¥6,348,801.19 or 70% of the total amount of ¥8,960,298.84 assessed has been collected as of 31 May for the 1948 fiscal year.

2. Prefectural Assembly Session:

The Prefectural Assembly met 28 - 30 April and passed the following bills:

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Established an industry encouragement office  
 Established a wood and bamboo experimentation station  
 Silk and cotton testing laboratory  
 Set up some standing committees  
 Subsidized Yobuko harbor

The following budget was also passed.

Original Budget (1948)	¥549,440,274.00
Supplementary Budget	15,780,142.00
Total	<u>¥565,220,416.00</u>

1947 fiscal year

Estimate of Prefectural Loan	¥108,451,000.00
Prefectural Loan Negotiated	62,204,000.00
Prefectural Loan under Negotiation	46,274,000.00

3. Matters Pertaining to Japanese Courts and the Administration of Justice:

	<u>Summary Courts</u>	<u>District Courts</u>
a. Cases pending trial in		
(1) Criminal Cases	55	113
Persons confined more than 60 days (See Par 7, Misc. Comments L&G Offr #3, Hq I Corps, dtd 20 Feb 48 & OD 43 Hq 8th Army)	0	5
(2) Civil Cases	49	148
b. Cases tried and decision rendered		
(1) Criminal Cases	243	81
(2) Civil Cases	19	32
c. Cases tried or in trial but undecided		
(1) Criminal Cases	0	11
(2) Civil Cases	0	1
d. Domestic Relations Courts		
(1) Cases pending trial	97	
(2) Cases tried	216	

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4. Public Procurators:

The District Public Procurator reports that during the month of May 406 persons were referred to the courts for trial and 777 cases, involving 882 persons, are still pending investigation. Both procurators and judges have been urged to streamline their paper work and trials in an effort to cut down detention time.

5. Purge:

As of 31 May 9,187 people have been screened with 723 of them purged. The governor held the axe from 11 - 31 May but passed all 18 who appeared before him. The total figure for May was 48 screened and 0 purged. A pamphlet entitled "Purgee's Restrictions" has been printed and a copy given to each purgee.

II. Political Parties and Political Activities:

1. Communists:

Three types of activity have characterized this party's actions this month. They have been holding open forums to explain tax and land reform problems. They have been meeting repatriate trains with hand bills and a big "hello" with special emphasis for those from Siberia. They have made an extra effort to seat themselves firmly in local tax office worker and teachers' unions.

2. Socialists:

The local socialists are doing a good deal of "viewing with alarm" since the formation of the Japan Democratic-Liberal Party on 15 March in Tokyo. Several meetings were held at which guest speakers from Tokyo were given a hearing. The general membership then decided to await the expected visit of the national head of the Socialist Party this month.

3. New Party Reported:

On 5 May at Shinyashiki the Nippon Anti-Communist Party was formed. No definite policies of this party are known as yet except that they don't like the Communists.

4. Old Party dissolved:

On 18 May the KANZAKI KYUKOKU ISSHIN DOSHIKAI (Save Our Country Association) reported that their party of 70 members was dissolving because of financial difficulties.

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III. Other Important Political, Governmental, or Legal Matters and Comments:1. Elections:

On 17 May a new village assembly was elected at Niri Village, Nishimatsuura County. The old group was ousted under article 178 of the Local Autonomy Law. 88% of the registered voters sifted 32 candidates for 22 seats. No election laws violated.

On 21 May two new members of the Omachi Town Agricultural Land Commission, Kishima County, were elected.

Only one candidate ran for the vacancy in the Hama Town Agricultural Land Commission, Fujitsu County, so he won quite easily.

On 27 May two vacancies in the Kashima Town Agricultural Land Commission, Fujitsu County, were filled in the same way.

The same thing happened in the election held 31 May for a vacancy in the Kuboizumi Village Agricultural Land Commission, Saga County.

2. Illegal Entry:

9 illegal entrants were apprehended by the Japanese Police on the western coast of this prefecture during the month. All were Koreans and will be deported.

3. Police Training Schools:

31 May was graduation day for 37 former economic police who finished a 2-months course at Saga.

4. Blackmarket:

## Confiscated

6,044	lbs	polished rice
6,285	lbs	unpolished rice
3,894	lbs	wheat
38,161	lbs	sweet potatoes
6,853	lbs	bean products
403	lbs	wheat flour
19,106	lbs	fish
5,908	lbs	fresh vegetables

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10 cases of restaurant control violators were sent to court and 12 reprimanded.

Transportation control picked up 4 violators, sent them to the procurator, and confiscated 497 lbs. lumber, 7,585 lbs. coal, and 900 litres of crude petroleum.

5. Prison Over-crowding:

The prefecture has almost closed a deal with a brick manufacturing company to buy the plant and set up a branch prison there utilizing both the dormitory (cap. 200) and the work facilities.

6. Inspection of Commodity Prices:

Results show that this work is coming along slowly.

7. Standing Committees in Prefectural Assembly:

The following are extant standing committees:

General Affairs	Education
Public Welfare	Agricultural and Forestry
Economics	Public Works
Police	Public Health

For bills passed see Sec I, Par 2, Prefectural Assembly Session.

8. Counsel and Accused:

Investigation has failed to disclose any case of a prisoner who has not had his rights in regards to counsel explained to him.

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES

(1st Lt. William H. Earl)

ANNEX B - 1:

1. Administration:

The Prefectural Health Department is at present obtaining land on which a new health center building for Saga City will be constructed. Application is being made to the Welfare Ministry as only verbal agreement exists at present for this project. This building will replace the present three room health center which is entirely inadequate.

The Model Health Center is definitely to be established at Karatsu. The present plan is of an informative nature explaining to all health officials the operation of the Model Health Center, and its function as the district health office is being reemphasized.

The Saga National Sanatorium now has a cement floor in the kitchen which is also screened.

The Prefectural Sanitation Sub-section has outlined a uniform plan for garbage disposal to be used by all towns.

A recent inspection of Imari Health Center revealed a lack of trained personnel to enable it to function adequately as a district health office. It was suggested that this district health office act on an emergency prevention basis only until the situation can be rectified.

A county school health conference was attended by this section and addressed on matters pertaining to health education.

2. Veterinary Affairs:

There have been no cases of reportable communicable diseases reported among the animal population during the past month.

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Intestinal disease among horses is the most active disease among the animal population.

Statistics on the animal disease testing and immunization programs are as follows:

	<u>complete</u>
TB testing of cows . . . . .	58%
Brucella agglutination test . . . . .	60%
Examination of swine cholera . . . . .	41%
Rabies (dogs) . . . . .	100%

Inspections of slaughter houses, meat shops and dairy plants are being carried out by a member of this section, working in coordination with the prefectural veterinary inspectors.

Plans have been put into effect to close all shops dealing in food if they do not comply with the new Food Sanitation Law. One meat shop has been already ordered by the prefectural veterinary officials to suspend business for 10 days.

Conditions in and around the slaughter houses are unchanged from the previous report.

3. Nursing Affairs:

The chief of the Prefectural Nursing Affairs Sub-section is putting out pamphlets on reeducation of the public health nurses. Short courses were conducted at all the health centers by the nurses who attended the training course at Tokyo. A large conference has been planned and will be conducted at Ureshino National Hospital. Members of the Welfare Ministry will attend this conference and give lectures.

4. Medical Supply:

The first quarterly distribution of gold and platinum to dentists was completed during the month of May.

Plans are now being drafted for the second quarterly distribution of sulfa drugs and penicillin.

5. Preventive Medicine:

Tuberculosis control will consist of tuberculin testing of 300,000 people this year. This is in addition to the normal tuberculosis control work of the health centers. A recent visit



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by Dr. A. P. Knight, TB Consultant, SCAP was followed by an immediate increase in reported cases of tuberculosis. It is hoped that his visit will stimulate the work of the tuberculosis control committees.

All immunization programs are reported complete.

Suspect cases of so-called "Infectious Diarrhea" have been reported. These are being investigated at the present time. The symptomatology is similar to that of the virus dysentery reported in other prefectures.

6. General Sanitation:

Insect and rodent control teams have been organized in all sections throughout the prefecture. Training programs have been planned for all teams during the month of June.

A basic plan has been drafted by the Prefectural Sanitation Chief for garbage and rubbish disposal and stream cleaning. This plan will be used by all cities and towns as soon as all persons concerned get acquainted with it.

7. Laboratory Affairs:

Routine laboratory tests being carried out show an increase over last month. The number of test requests sent in by private practitioners totals 175 compared to 141 last month. The Pure Food and Drug Laboratory is carrying out tests as usual. This month tests on newly made sake occupied most of the time, and 150 specimens have been examined. No poisonous products were discovered. Tests were also carried out on a locally produced insecticide (Hinomaru) which was found to be fairly effective.

8. Nutrition Affairs:

The second nutrition survey for this year was completed this month. 40 households in Sashi-machi, Karatsu City were surveyed and the results were as follows:

Total caloric intake per day per capita . . . 2,062.2 cal.  
Total protein intake per day per capita . . . 80.5 Gm.

The general nutrition of the population is regarded as being good.

9. Narcotic Control:

Inspections were carried out by the prefectural officials on 58 narcotic dealers in ten cities, towns and villages, and no

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violations were found.

The total number of registered cultivators of marihuana is 53. The present reports sent in by the cultivators were incorrect and delayed. The prefectural officials notified the cultivators through the agricultural association that correct and early reports will be made monthly.

10. Miscellaneous:

Recent visits to this section included those of Albert P. Knight, M. D., TB Consultant, SCAP; 1st Lt., Dickerson, Public Health Officer, I Corps; 1st Lt., Harrower, Public Health Officer, Kyushu Region, and Mr. Alexander, Region Sanitary Engineer.

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES

(Capt. Albert S. Buzash)

ANNEX B - 2:

I. Public Assistance:

A. Prefectural program for April 1948:

- (1) Total number of persons who received public assistance . . . . . 38,807
- (2) Net amount of cash grants in yen . ¥4,505,888
- (3) Total number of persons cared for in institutions . . . . . 2,830
- (4) Total cost of assistance in kind . ¥2,113,798

The increase in the number of persons receiving public assistance this month is due to the fact that there is an increase in the number of persons receiving assistance in kind. The reason for the decrease in the net amount of cash grants over last month is that there is a decrease in grants given for medical and occupation aids.

A total of ninety-seven spot checks were made on recipients of public assistance this month. Six villages, one town and one city were visited. Sixteen cases were found where people were not receiving enough assistance, and one where people were receiving too much. These cases have been brought to the attention of the proper authorities and have been corrected.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CHECK LIST

1. Welfare Office Visited	Fukutomi-mura	Oyama-mura	Minamishige-yasu-mura
2. Date of Visit	21 May	21 May	22 May
3. Population of Area	8,130	5,500	5,340
4. Case Load of Area			
Indoor	5	4	5
Outdoor	45	270	175
5. No. of Minsei-in	15	11	10
6. No. of Paid Welfare Workers	2	1	2
7. a. No. of New Applications	2	10	1
b. Applications Rejected	0	0	1
c. Applications Approved	2	10	0
Past Two Months d. Cases Discontinued	5	1	0
e. No. of Appeals	0	0	0
f. No. of Appeals Resulting in Case Opening	0	0	0
8. No. of Cases Checked in Office During Review	20	20	22
9. No. of Families Checked by Japanese:			
a. Last 30 days	30	10	12
b. Last 60 days	20	24	30
c. No. not Checked During Last 60 days	0	52	17
10. No. of Cases Found During Review to be: (under latest schedule)			
a. Properly Budgeted	49	18	20
b. Over-budgeted	1	0	0
c. Under-budgeted	0	2	2
d. Condition too Poor for Review to be Made	0	0	0
11. No. of Families Visited by MG Rep. In connection with Review	14	5	14
No. of Discrepancies Found	0	0	0
12. Average Date Recipients Receive Aid	5th	5th	5th
13. Was Assistance in Kind Distributed?	Yes	Yes	Yes

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ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CHECK LIST

1. Welfare Office Visited	Kyuragi-mura	Wakaki-mura	Takeuchi-mura	Kitakata-machi
2. Date of Visit	22 May	4 May	5 May	5 May
3. Population of Area	17,951	3,876	4,900	16,000
4. Case Load of Area				
Indoor	9	2	2	4
Outdoor	81	61	36	115
5. No. of Minsei-iin	20	10	11	20
6. No. of Paid Welfare Workers	2	2	2	4
7. a. No. of New Applications	2	10	3	6
b. Applications Rejected	0	0	0	0
Past c. Applications Approved	2	10	3	6
Two d. Case Discontinued	6	4	2	3
Months e. No. of Appeals	0	0	0	0
f. No. of Appeals Resulting in Case Opening	0	0	0	0
8. No. of Cases Checked in Office During Review	30	30	20	35
9. No. of Families Checked by Japanese:				
a. Last 30 days	20	18	11	15
b. Last 60 days	16	40	23	25
c. No. not Checked During Last 60 days	54	4	4	79
10. No. of Cases Found During Review to be: (under latest schedule)				
a. Properly Budgeted	73	60	38	114
b. Over-budgeted	14	0	0	3
c. Under-budgeted	3	3	0	2
d. Condition too Poor for Review to be Made	0	0	0	0
11. No. of Families Visited by MG Rep. In connection with Review	7	4	0	0
No. of Discrepancies Found	2	0	0	0
12. Average Date Recipients Receive Aid	5th	5th	5th	5th
13. Was Assistance in Kind Distributed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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14. Data on Intake and Closing of Cases Past Two Months (see note 1)

Type of Assistance	Applications Received	Applications Rejected	Applications Approved	Aid Discontinued
Living Expenses	14	0	14	16
Medical Aid	14	0	14	5
Maternity Aid	1	0	1	0
Funeral Aid	4	0	4	0
Occupational Aid	1	0	1	0
Totals	34	0	34	21

15. Does each area (or all areas) visited have an adequate minsei-iin training program? No If not comment.

One village does not have a training program.

16. Is assistance in kind properly accounted for? Yes If not what is being done?

17. Give general conclusions regarding the Japanese welfare administration based upon this administrative review (or all administrative reviews conducted during this month).

Some records remain out of date and not organized properly. Improvement has been noted from time to time.

## II. Child Welfare:

Child welfare week was observed in this prefecture from 5 May to 11 May. An open discussion on child welfare problems was held under the direction of the prefectural welfare section and the Saga Newspaper.

The two main points brought up were the establishment of a public play ground and a project to deworm the children. The chief of the child welfare section is going to Tokyo to put in a request for the medicine needed.

## III. Welfare and Penal Institutions:

Four welfare institutions were visited during this reporting period.

At Kamomeryo, a town-operated, collective housing institution, fourteen families are accommodated. Two discrepancies were found; one was the lack of a workable fire plan, the other the need of chimneys in the kitchens.

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Yobuko Nursery, a privately-owned day nursery, was also inspected. Administration and operation standards were found to be satisfactory.

Madarajima Catholic Home for the Aged, building is rented to the Catholic church. Fair conditions prevailed, and no action was necessary.

Madarajima Orphanage, managed by the Catholic church, for orphans ranging from eight months to sixteen years of age.

Steps have been taken by the Japanese welfare section for the closing of Kiboryo, at present the worst institution in the prefecture. Arrangements will be made to increase the capacity of Kyorakuen. Some families will move to other parts of the prefecture, and others will move to their own prefectures.

#### IV. Homeless Persons:

One vagabond was apprehended during this reporting period. He was given a complete mental and physical examination.

#### V. Foreign Nationals:

134 foreign nationals are receiving supplementary rations in this prefecture. No violations of Operational Directive No.83, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 3 October 1946 were reported this month.

VI. The total number of repatriates in prefecture at this time is 102,660. The number of repatriates that require public assistance is 9,108.

#### VII. Results of Public Poll:

A public poll was conducted by the Civil Information Section of this team.

The following questions were asked:

1. What were the funds from last year's community chest used for?
2. What is the name of local welfare worker in your area?

The results showed that 10% of the people asked knew the correct answer to the first question and 14% could answer the second question.

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## ANNEX C

## LABOR SURVEILLANCE REPORT

(Reports Control Symbol QESS-02)(R)

1. Identification

- a. Prefecture covered: Saga
- b. Report for month of: May 1948
- c. Name of individual preparing report: J. L. Packer,  
1st Lt., FA

2. Labor Procurement

Labor requisitions for the month have been filled 100%. The shortage of English speaking technical employees remains critical.

3. Wages and Working Conditions, Labor Standards Law

a. Until 1 May accident insurance and compensation were handled by the Labor Inspection Section. An accident insurance section has now been set up as an independent unit headed by Mr. YAMANAKA Masumi.

On 15 May Mr. SHIMODA Fumitaka of the Nogata Labor Inspection Office, Fukuoka prefecture was appointed chief of the Mining Section, Saga Labor Standards Bureau, replacing Mr. Noguchi, Bureau chief, who had been acting in a dual capacity.

At present there are but 11 inspectors employed by the bureau. It is felt that twice this number are required to fully carry out the tasks of the bureau. Tests will be held next month in Fukuoka for the purpose of securing qualified personnel to fill to authorized strength all Labor Standards Inspection Offices.

The budget for May has not been received, while for April it amounted to ¥28,938, excluding personal expenses. This is felt to be inadequate for the proper carrying out of labor standards affairs, but present national finances give little hope of immediate improvement.

b. The efficiency of the labor standards staffs is considered good, though the lack of proper budget hinders proper functioning.

c. The attitude of management varies largely with the size of the organization, the larger organization having a better understanding of the law than the smaller. Plants with little

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understanding of the law are reluctant to submit the proper reply to the Labor Inspection Office following an inspection in which deficiencies are found.

d. The cooperation of the unions is much the same as that of management, varying with their understanding of the law. The larger unions report violations with little delay, while the smaller unions are very lax. Education is being stressed.

e. Inspections during the month revealed many instances of the lack of "working regulations" for employees regarding hours, overtime, wages, holidays, etc. Workers lists or payrolls as well as age certificates were also lacking. Organizations at fault were cautioned and given instruction regarding correction.

g. Complaints from workers largely concerned working hours, wages, and dismissal. Inspection was made promptly and proper action taken. General opinion is for the prompt establishment of the minimum wage system.

#### 4. Labor Relations

a. Shinyashiki Coal Mine. (See Special Report 48/E/LR/5, dtd 20 May 1948)

b. (1) None

(2) None

(3) Saga Taxation Office Labor Union. (See March Monthly Activity Report, sub-paragraph 4b (2) and April Monthly Activity Report, sub-paragraph 4b (2).) Court convened 18 May 1948 and will reconvene on 11 and 15 June.

e. (1) Discharge of TAGUCHI Kiyoshi, Meiji Manufacturing Co. for poor work results. The Labor Relations Committee appointed a three man mediation board which concluded the matter as follows: Company will pay 2½ months' wages, and discharged worker will seek other employment.

(2) Labor Relations Committee reconsidered the case of the Saga Taxation Office Labor Union at meetings held on 12, 14, and 16 May, deciding 10 to 5 not to withdraw charges submitted to Saga Procurator.

j. (1) Saga Branch, All Japan Express Workers Union  
MATSUDA Akiyoshi - chairman, graduate of Kumamoto  
Oriental RR School; employed by International Transportation Co.  
Ltd.; employed by Saga Branch of All Japan Express Co. Ltd. 1944.

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No political philosophy worthy of note, and no change is expected in labor situation.

(2) Iwao Porcelain Co. Workers Union  
NAKASHIMA Fukuda - chairman, graduate of Arita Technical School, and employed by company. No political philosophy; no union experience; possibility of company domination.

(3) Uranosaki Shipyard Workers Union  
URAGO Kiyota - chairman, graduate of primary school; employed by Sasebo Naval Arsenal; employed by company 1945. Replaced former official who was defeated in dispute and resigned. There is the possibility of company domination.

(4) Aoki Insulator Co. Workers Union  
KIUCHI Akiyoshi - chairman, failed to complete middle school; managed enterprise in Korea; repatriated 1946 and employed by company. No political philosophy; enthusiastic in labor movement; company dominated status expected to improve.

(5) Togami Local, All Japan Electrical Workers Union  
OTAKU Hideji - Executive Communication Chief, graduate of Saga Middle School; employed Koana Iron Works, Tokyo; employed Kanzaki Electric Wire Maintenance Office; employed Togami Electrical Instrument Mfg. Co. Ltd. No political philosophy and is not expected to affect union movement in future.

## 5. Employment

a. Is unemployment being absorbed by the following:

(1) Private industry: There has been no new development in private industry to affect the unemployment problem. Apart from the coal mines there are at present 90,073 workers in private industry. During this period 1,152 persons have been employed in private industry, and 1,235 persons have retired. The total number of coal miners employed in this prefecture is 25,893 of whom 1,043 have been employed this month, with 817 workers retired.

(2) Public works: Public works during the reporting month totalled 155 projects with 6,095 persons employed. 809 persons were hired, 1,245 retired.

(3) Vocational training: There are six vocational schools in the prefecture with a total enrollment of 113 students. Of these 92 students were placed in the schools this month, and there were 19 withdrawals.

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(4) Other: There are 65 jusansho or relief organization in the prefecture which are subsidized by the Japanese Government. The total number of persons employed is 1,024, of whom 80 were placed this month, 64 retiring.

b. The total number of unemployed registered in this prefecture is 3,388, a decrease of 985 from the preceding month.

#### 6. Labor Education

a. The second term of the Prefectural Labor School was held 17 to 19 May at the Kasuga-mura Citizens' Club. Students totalled 55, comprising the chiefs of women's sections of prefectural labor unions. The following lecturers were heard:

Mr. Itokawa - Chairman of LRC  
Mr. Watanabe - Chief of Prefectural Labor Administration Section  
Mr. Mishima - Vice chief of Labor Administration Section  
Mr. Mori - Member of LRC  
Miss Hideshima - Official of Women's and Minors' Bureau  
Mrs. Komiya - Teacher of Saga Second High School  
Mr. Shoda - Assistant Professor of Kyushu University  
Mr. Yoshimura - Assistant Professor of Kyushu University

Posters were displayed during the course of the school, film strips were shown, and discussion periods were held during the evenings.

b. The students expressed their enthusiasm for the knowledge gained at the school, and requested that courses be held more frequently. The lack of budget prevented it in the past, and is expected to continue to do so in the future. Suggestion was made that the unions bear a greater portion of the expenses of running the schools in order to prevent complete cessation of such activities.

c. The demand for labor literature continues to exceed the supply due to the increased knowledge of its availability at the Labor Administration Section. This section has allotted a portion of its budget to the reproduction of labor literature which is expected to alleviate this situation.

d. The types of literature currently needed are:  
(1) The domestic situation  
(2) Foreign affairs  
(3) Economic problems

e. This team gave all possible assistance to the Labor Administration Section in the preparation and conduct of the monthly labor school supplying charts, posters, and film strips. A short talk was given and a discussion period held. A representative was present at each day's session.

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ANNEX D - 1: Industry

A. Coal production, for the first time since December 1947, failed to meet the quota set by the central government. During the first twenty days production lagged 4,739 tons behind the quota. Due to labor trouble and mine conditions during the last ten days, this headquarters in connection with the prefectural government made a serious effort to attain the quota by holding conferences and discussions with mine and labor leaders. 124,673 tons were produced against a total allocation of 126,900 tons, or 98.2%. The individual production average for the month was 4.70, whereas April's average was 5.14 tons.

B. Electricity was available in sufficient quantity during the first two weeks of May due to the heavy rains within the prefecture during the previous month. During the last two weeks of May the electricity situation became more serious and more restrictions were added, but this situation improved during the last few days of May.

C. Mining Timber. There are 18 mines in Saga prefecture that have less than 30 days supply of mining timber. The principal reason for the shortages is the lack of transportation. Everything possible is being done to expedite the delivery of timbers to the mines. The provisions of Operational Directive 35 are being carried out.

D. Control Associations. The reports required from the Japanese government by Operational Directive 31, dated 21 April 1948, subject: "Elimination of Control Association," were unsatisfactory. This headquarters does not think adequate coverage has been made, nor does it feel that the information obtained is accurate. Reports submitted by the prefectural government have been returned for the second time for adequate coverage and accuracy.

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E. Critical Materials. The revised procedure set forth in the recent regional conference for the inventorying of critical materials is being accomplished in this prefecture. This headquarters has contacted the responsible government officials at regular intervals to insure that they were giving proper attention to this program. Frequent conferences with officials on prefectural, gun, and village level has proven to be most helpful in accomplishing proper indoctrination.

F. The special report on the ceramics industry located at Arita-machi submitted by this team on 29 March 1948 was intended to emphasize the production potential and the need for technical evaluation. The possibility of production for export by this locality should not be overlooked.

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ANNEX D - 2: Natural Resources

A. Weather during the month of May was very favorable to crop growth and the wheat and barley will be ready for harvest slightly earlier than last year. A small amount of Wheat Rust appeared in the prefecture but damage caused from it was negligible.

B. Vegetables: The export quota for vegetables was 40,000 kan and was exceeded by 60%. The amount for city consumption in this prefecture was 24.3 momme daily per capita, in rural areas 30 momme daily per capita.

There were 88 persons arrested for blackmarketeering in vegetables, 4,072 pounds confiscated, and 7 violators sent to procurator.

A vertical investigation by this office of vegetable distribution and price control will begin 1 June 1948 and results will be submitted with the next report.

C. Fish: Much time was devoted to an investigation into the price structure of legal fish business and a report has been submitted on same. An excessive legal profit is being made by retail ice stores; all ice manufactures in Saga prefecture were discovered selling ice for ¥800 per ton, ¥550 per ton being the legal price. An investigation is underway, further information will be submitted upon completion.

Letters were sent from this headquarters through the Prefectural Government to each mayor of cities, towns and villages in this prefecture reminding them of the continuous effort being made by M.G. and the Prefectural Government to enforce all phases of legal distribution and price control; also the letter brought to their attention the importance of their position in helping carry out this program. The mayors were asked to submit a brief report to this office on their activities, and appropriate suggestions.

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Representatives of Pelagic Trawlers Society came to this office after visiting the Prefectural Governor. The men presented many worth while reasons to support their request for enlarging fishing boundaries. Several of the more impressive reasons are mentioned here: (1) The saving of fuel oil and ice by opening the areas populated with fish closer to Japanese Islands (due west of Northern Kyushu). (2) The present authorized areas are scattered with fish thus causing the boats to stay out many days looking for a full catch, thus causing spoilage of some fish and a waste of fuel oil. (3) The areas open to the Japanese contain fish of the slower reproducing species thus each catch destroys the amount available in the future. (4) Large parts of the area requested are not being used by any fisherman and the fish are multiplying at an excessive rate. The validity of the above mentioned arguments can not be determined by this office and are mentioned for information value. The Pelagic Trawlers Society has submitted a request to Supreme Commander Allied Powers through Japanese Government Channels for enlargement of their fishing boundaries.

There were 248 arrests made concerning blackmarket; 95,780 lbs of fish were confiscated; twelve violators were sent to procurator. The allocation of fish for export from this prefecture was exceeded by 30%. The allocated imports from Nagasaki to Saga were exceeded by 9.7%. Distribution for city areas amounted to 10.5 momme daily per capita, rural areas 7.56 momme daily for capita in this prefecture.

D. The broad-bean crop was considerably damaged by early rains and the harvest will be approximately 12,000 koku short of expectations. However, the excellent wheat yield will enable this shortage to be made up, but it will affect the quota to such an extent that it is doubtful that the hoped for additional 10% over quota figures can be reached.

Unless severe rains set in within the next 20 days the entire wheat crop will be cut and the land will be once more in process of being made ready for rice planting.

The white potato crop is progressing favorably and no damage from blight or potato bugs has been reported. It is expected that the quota will be reached and delivered on time even though allocations of seed potatoes from both Hokkaido and Nagasaki fell short to the extent that out of an allocated area of 1844 cho only 1294 cho were able to be planted.

E. This prefecture is authorized to grow marijuana for fibre purposes and 30 chobu of land has been allocated by the Ministry

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of Agriculture and Forestry for this purpose. However only 11 chobu have been cultivated and field inspections reveal that farmers are reluctant to plant the weed due to the numerous reports required because of the narcotic qualities of the plant.

A total of 500,000 koku of rice has been exported to other prefectures and the May shipment of 30,000 koku represents the final export of rice from this prefecture for this year.

603 cho of mulberry bushes are under cultivation and 39,000 kan of cocoons are in process of being harvested. The spring crop of 1947 resulted in the harvest of 43,000 kan of cocoons against an area of 661 cho of mulberry bushes.

Central government has allotted Saga 1,200 cho to be utilized in growing mulberry but farmers complain that the price they receive for cocoons (¥240 per kan) is too low to return them a fair profit on their labor. The consequent result is shown in the fact that only 50.3% of authorized acreage is planted in mulberry bushes.

F. Land Reform. During May 575 cho of land were resold, bringing the total land resold to date to 9,898 cho or 67.4% of the total land purchases to date (14,691 cho, not including the latest tax land figure, 1,956 cho). As of the end of May, 1,045 cho of tax lands have been transferred; 266 cho of former military lands, out of a total of 289 cho, have also been transferred.

G. An additional 57 cooperative associations have been approved during May, bringing the total to 150 approved out of 154 applications submitted. As of 3 June 1948, 6 cooperative associations are registered and operating. Twenty of the 150 approved associations are special cooperatives, while the other 130 are general cooperatives. It has been noted by this headquarters that almost all of the farmers understand the general principles of the cooperative, but are not absolutely sure of just how they themselves will be affected by them. This situation is being cleared up by utilizing posters and literature sent down by the central government as well as conferences held by the individual cooperative the farmer belongs to.

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ANNEX D - 3: Reparations

A. The five reparations installations in Saga prefecture were inspected this month. No discrepancies were noted.

B. Eight reparation machines from Kashima District Administration Factory of Ko Babashita, Shiota-machi, Fujitsu-gun were released from custody in this prefecture and moved to Omura City to be the charges of the Omura Custody Office.

C. The evaluation and reinventory program at Dai Nippon (33-02), Onizuka-mura, Higashimatsuura-gun was deemed unsatisfactory and this headquarters suggested they reevaluate and reinventory their plant to comply more rigidly with current publications.

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CIVIL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

(Frank J. Bartz, CAF/10)

ANNEX E - 1:

1. Senior High Schools. Kashima High School was formed in April by the union of the former boys' middle school, the girls' high school and the agricultural and commercial school. This school was the most willing to try coeducation, but because of the need to improve facilities, it was not expected that coeducation would actually be begun before the second term. However, about the middle of the month the agricultural and commercial section, which is still housed apart from the other two, made the change and requested that this section come to observe the classes. The boys and girls were not separated, each on their own side of the room, but were seated in what might have been alphabetical order but in reality was an arrangement according to height. Although it is too soon to make any definite statements, the principal said that the new system was working very smoothly, that the students were studying harder, and that improvement in manners and personal appearance was noticeable, especially among the boys. The poorer students, however, are somewhat more reluctant than formerly to express themselves. On this occasion this section spoke on coeducation to the PTA, the student body and representative teachers and students from two other high schools which are intending to start coeducation in the second term. Despite the comparative ease with which the change has been made in this particular school a great deal of talking with many of the teachers and local people was necessary to persuade them to consider the advisability of adopting coeducation. However, they appear to be convinced, and this example should reassure and stimulate the more conservative communities.

2. Teacher Reeducation. During a school inspection this month one worth-while activity of the teachers' union came to light. The faculty's in-school study program of educational psychology was being discussed, and it was learned that each teacher had a copy of the Ministry of Education text. This was obtained from the union which, in view of the inadequate supply of texts, is reprinting the two volumes in a series of three so that each

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teacher in the prefecture will have his own copies. The price is about eighty yen for the three volumes. Actually this project is the result of discussion of the shortage problem between the prefectural education section and the union leaders, which indicates a greater degree of cooperation than formerly existed. The union, the education section and the normal school are also working out a series of conferences on educational psychology, the first of which will be held on 15 and 16 June.

3. School Health. The education official in one of the local offices requested this section to speak to a county conference of school nurses, school doctors and principals on school health matters, but a prior engagement preventing, the recently returned team public health officer substituted. A series of similar county conferences is being planned.

4. Monthly cumulative report of the prefectural screening committee:

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>Total</u>
Teachers	1,867	7	1,874
Education officials	3	0	3
Librarians	5	0	5
CPH officials	403	2	405
Clerks	49	0	49
Total	<u>2,327</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2,336</u>

5. Miscellaneous. The village of Kyuragi, which is rather large and extends some distance into the mountains, recently purchased a new bus to provide transportation for about fifty junior high school students who live up in the mountains and would otherwise have had to be accommodated in a dormitory as youth school students formerly were. This section attended the school-bus inauguration ceremony and traversed the route to be covered, about six miles. All the people in the community, many of whom get to Saga City only once a year, had cooperated on improving the road which in several places had been narrow and dangerous. This is the only school-bus in the prefecture, and the people and village officials worked hard to realize this plan which they had had for some time. Proper press coverage was given to the matter.

One try-out school has been working intensively in the fifth and sixth grades on the study of current events, with teacher and pupil discussions and newspaper clipping. This section has not observed any of the discussions as yet, but has seen various collections of materials which are being used, and

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these seem to give evidence that real effort is being made in this much neglected field. The project will be encouraged to develop and suggested especially for junior and senior high school social studies classes to work on.

This section addressed and had discussions with the following groups during the month: Prefectural social education conference 1, county youth association leaders 1, PTA (school) 4, PTA (prefectural representatives) 1, CPH 1, normal school student body (re PTA) 1, normal school alumnae (re pupil guidance) 1, prefectural teachers not graduated from normal schools (re pupil guidance) 1, county association of English teachers 1, student bodies (re correct study methods) 4.

The matter of communist activity in schools and youth associations has been brought up frequently this month but with no alarming developments. Proper advice has been given to the persons expressing concern.

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CIVIL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

(1st Lt. Hunter H. Faires Jr.)

ANNEX E - 2:

1. During the month weekly press conferences were held with representatives of the four daily papers. Emphasis is being placed on scrupulous attention to detail in reporting in order to insure a high degree of understanding in the minds of the Japanese people and to insure less susceptibility to misinformation. Local newspaper coverage has been excellent, with more than three-fourths of the articles (other than news) being original rather than articles released through MG.

2. The Civil Information officials of the Prefectural Social Education Section have increased in efficiency and have accomplished the following:

a. They have been mainly responsible for the reproduction and distribution of 1,000 posters on tax collection. These posters were redrawn from rough mimeographed drafts sent down from I Corps. Fish and vegetable control posters are being printed at present for later distribution.

b. Plans are currently being made for production of leaflets for distribution by plane.

c. Plans have been completed and are now under implementation for the conduct of a prefecture-wide Safety Week which will be divided into seven safety days with a different emphasis on each day. This program was planned completely by the Japanese with only initial impetus and final approval coming from MG.

d. At present five films are being shown through the prefecture under the direct supervision of the Social Education Section. These films are being used in conjunction with lecture campaigns and demonstrations. The films are to return to MG control about the middle of June at which time they will be used in

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conjunction with work of various sections in parts of the prefecture as yet unreached.

e. The Social Education Section publishes a monthly paper on local social education activity which is being used in the social studies classes of some of the local schools.

3. The local police are sponsoring a Crime Prevention Week which will provide wide publicity concerning the new police system. A conference of the police representative, the radio program chairman and the Civil Information Officer resulted in a coordinated radio plan. Local talent is being utilized in production of a "Crime Does Not Pay" skit in addition to spot announcements, talks and a round-table discussion. Publicity through newspapers, billboards and lectures will also be utilized.

4. a. Results of public information polls sponsored by this section indicate:

(1) That the people as a whole are well informed about the requirements for sanitation and public health, but violate these principles knowingly because of their inability or unwillingness to change their ways.

(2) That people as a rule have no curiosity about or interest in local civic affairs unless they are personally affected to a great extent.

(3) That men are generally better informed than women.

b. Field trips are being utilized to check knowledge of people in outlying areas and to survey the knowledge of certain occupational groups which cannot be reached through the urban man-on-the-street technique.

5. The local radio station, JOSP, which was formerly a relay station, has become independent and promises to be a valuable local information medium.

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SUBJECT: Military Government Activities Report for Period 1 - 30 April 1948

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343  
Attn: Military Government Section

The following is the Monthly Report of Saga Military Government Team for the month of April 1948, submitted in compliance with Operational Directive No.71, Hq Eighth Army, dtd 10 Dec 1947 and O.D. No.71/1 for 47 dtd 9 March 1948.

ANNEX A As in the past every effort is being expended to encourage and advise both public officials and the citizenry as to their duties and responsibilities in connection with tax paying and collection. An example of publicity is the erection of large public thermometers depicting tax collection progress at the tax offices.

ANNEX C The initial session of the Prefectural Labor School opened on 19 April. All plans were formulated and subjects and speakers selected under the direction of Chief of the Prefectural Labor Administrative Section, with the advice of M.G. The subjects were well received, and each lecture was followed by a free discussion period. Approximately 64 union leaders attended, all of whom resided at the school for the duration of the course.

ANNEX D-2

Staple Food Collection:

Food collection in this prefecture has been completed. Allocation of pre-planting staple food quotas has been completed.

Agricultural Associations:

Number of former agricultural association officials being elected to offices in the new cooperatives seems to be excessive in view of the intent and spirit of the law.

ANNEX D-3 Release of dispersal areas under Operational Directive No.21 and TWX (Cite DE 99529, MG-EM) has been affected. Centralization of remaining machines under custody has been completed.

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ANNEX E-1 School education this month dominated CE activities almost to the exclusion of social education. Efforts made in previous months for the establishment of comprehensive senior high schools produced three such schools. The responsible authorities have drawn up a schedule for work on the conversion of the remaining old secondary schools and will report periodically on progress made.

ANNEX E-2 Prior to receiving information from higher headquarters with regard to the establishment of a civil information section within the prefectural government, the team CI section had requested that such action be taken. At the present time, the civil information bureau, which is a part of the social education section in the local prefectural government, has been set up and is operating smoothly. Enthusiasm and initiative are developing.

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POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

(Capt. Joseph E. Noble Jr.)

ANNEX A:

1. Japanese Government Administration:

a. Tax Collections:

(1) National Tax Collections

¥1,392,012,000 representing 121.4% of the quota of ¥1,146,144,000 allocated to this prefecture has been reported as collected up to and including 30 April. Quotas however, are being disregarded, and emphasis is now being placed on the attainment of 100% collection of all outstanding taxes.

The chief of the Saga Local Tax Office Union is scheduled to be brought to trial on 17 May under a charge of violation of the Labor Relations Law in connection with the "holiday strike" of the Saga Local Tax Office which took place on 16 March.

Local Tax officials are being given every encouragement. As a sample of publicity, each of the four branch tax offices in the prefecture are constructing huge outdoor thermometers depicting the daily collections using the total assessed tax figure as 100%.

Extensive publicity is also being given evasion of payments, making false returns, and other acts designed to avoid or reduce tax payments.

(2) Prefectural Tax Collections

To date ¥94,097,436.13 or 85.9% of the total amount of ¥109,505,465.76 assessed, has been collected. It is expected that 100% prefectural tax collections for the 1947 fiscal year will have been reached by 31 May when the collections are scheduled to end.

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b. Prefectural Assembly:

An extraordinary session was convened by the governor on 30 March at which the revised supplementary budget for the 1947 fiscal year, the Kosei-kan (p.n.) Prefectural Hospital supplementary budget, the supplementary budget for the 1948 fiscal year and the prefectural loan for the 1947 fiscal year were approved.

The prefectural budget approved for the 1947 fiscal year is as follows:

Original Budget	¥ 90,692,440.00
Supplementary Budget	¥646,284,012.00
Total	¥736,976,452.00

The prefectural budget approved for the 1948 fiscal year is as follows:

Original Budget	¥483,710,000.00
Supplementary Budget	¥ 65,730,274.00
Total	¥549,440,274.00

The Saga Prefectural Loan approved for the 1947 fiscal year is as follows:

Estimate of Prefectural Loan	¥108,451,000.00
Prefectural Loan negotiated	¥ 62,204,000.00
Prefectural Loan under negotiation	¥ 46,247,000.00

The Saga Prefectural Loan approved for the 1948 fiscal year is estimated at ¥35,429,000.00. During the 1948 fiscal year the prefectural government is scheduled to negotiate loans as follows:

Education	¥40,050,000.00
Sanitation	¥13,460,000.00
Industries	¥ 3,590,000.00
Public Works	¥ 2,340,000.00
Communications	¥ 5,000,000.00
Rehabilitation of War Sufferers	¥ 4,510,000.00
Miscellaneous	¥ 500,000.00
Total	¥69,450,000.00

The prefectural assembly met again on the 28th. A report on its actions will be submitted next month.



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c. Matters pertaining to Japanese courts and the administration of justice.

	<u>Summary Court</u>	<u>District Court</u>
(1) Cases pending trial in		
(a) Criminal Cases	34	35
Persons confined more than 60 days (See Par 7, Misc. Comments Legal & Govt Offr #3, Hq I Corps, dtd 20 Feb 48) and (OD 43 Hq 8th Army)	0	1
(b) Civil Cases	49	153
(2) Cases tried and decision rendered		
(a) Criminal Cases	68	68
(b) Civil Cases	41	21
(3) Cases tried or in trial but undecided		
(a) Criminal Cases	4	7
(b) Civil Cases	0	1
(4) Domestic Relations Court		
(a) Cases pending trial	40	
(b) Cases tried	101	

d. Public Procurator:

The District Public Procurator reports that during the month of April 303 cases involving 431 persons were referred to the courts for trial, 672 cases involving 794 persons are still pending investigation.

e. Purge:

During the month of April 150 persons were screened, of whom 2 were purged.

2. Political Parties and Political Activities:

a. General:

The Liberal, Democratic and Socialist Parties held

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various meetings to propagate the policies of their parties and to gain more members. A subject of great interest during the month was the formation of the New Conservative (Democratic Liberal) Party.

b. Liberal Party:

On 2 April Mr. MORI Naoji, member of the House of Representatives and advisor of the Saga Branch of the Japan Liberal Party, returned to Saga Prefecture. On 5 April a meeting was held at the branch office in Saga City at which Mr. Mori stressed the fact that the New Conservative Party is being headed mainly by members of the Japan Liberal Party and that the formation is steadily going on.

On 11, 14 and 18 April meetings were held at Ushizumachi, Kashima-machi and Saga City respectively at which Messrs. MORI Naoji and YAMAGUCHI Kikuichiro, Chief Secretary of the Saga Branch Liberal Party were present to speak for the formation of the New Conservative Party as a result of the meeting on 5 April.

c. Democratic Party:

The participation of the Saga Branch Democratic Party in the formation of the New Conservative Party has long been in dispute due to the absence of Mr. NAKAMURA Mataichi (Chairman of the Saga Branch Democratic Party and member of the House of Representative) in Tokyo during the past month. However, upon his return on 20 April a meeting was held at the Saga City Branch Office at which it was made clear that the branch party would not join the new party for a while. Moreover, since the Saga Branch Democratic Party is in strong opposition to the policies of the Saga Branch Liberal Party in the prefectural assembly at present, some difficulties for the new party are foreseen.

d. Socialist Party:

Believing that their sphere of influence within the prefecture was not secure due to the conservative trend of the people and the formation of the New Conservative Party in Tokyo, the Saga Branch Socialist Party invited Mr. SUZUKI Mosaburo, Chairman of the Investigation Committee of Political Administration of the party's headquarters in Tokyo to assist in solving their problems. As a result, a meeting was held at which Mr. Suzuki lectured at the Saga City Public Hall and at the Imari First Primary School on 5 April.

3. Other Important Political, Governmental or Legal Matters and Comments:

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a. Elections:

An election was held on 15 April for the position of mayor of Kiyama Town, Miyaki County, due to the resignation of the former incumbent. Two candidates ran for the office and Mr. YASUGI Taguichi was elected by a small margin in an election in which 87.8% of the registered voters in the district went to the polls.

On 27 April an election was held to fill the position of Prefectural Land Committee-man vacant due to the resignation of the former incumbent. A Mr. Noda was elected by a small majority in the balloting in which only 49% of the registered voters went to the polls.

b. Illegal Entry:

70 illegal entrants were apprehended by the Japanese police on the western coast of this prefecture during the month. Of this number 69 were Koreans, 1 was Japanese. 2 Koreans who were in possession of forged Alias Registration Certificates will be tried in Japanese court, the 1 Japanese (a member of the crew of a ship) will be tried on a smuggling charge, the remaining 67 Koreans will be deported. This represents a great increase in illegal entries as compared with the preceding 3 month period in which only 24 illegal entrants were apprehended.

c. Police Training Schools:

One class consisting of 37 former economic police is now in training and will graduate on 31 May after a 2-month course of routine police instruction.

d. Blackmarket:

Surveillance against diversion of staple foods and perishable foodstuffs into blackmarket channels is being continued. During the month 11,912 pounds of rice, 917 pounds of wheat, 13,069 pounds of sweet potatoes, 6,313 pounds of beans products, 4,680 pounds of fresh fish, 2,128 pounds of fresh vegetables and 477 pounds of processed fish were found in blackmarket channels and were put back into legal channels.

e. Inspection of Commodity Prices:

In compliance with Ltr, Headquarters I Corps, AG 33-BA, dated 7 February 1948, subject: "Inspection of Commodity Prices", the following information is submitted on volunteer commodity price control inspections and their activities.

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During the month, the Prefectural Commodity Price Control Inspectors' Association produced and sent out current commodity price list to fifteen inspectors' association districts throughout the prefecture. As a result 150 commodity price control inspectors in the prefecture have been able to make surveillance of business firms from these up-to-date lists.

f. Miscellaneous Comments:

Acting on a team suggestion prefectural officials are studying problems pertaining to starting a road gang for prisoners. Action taken will be reported next month.

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES

(S/Sgt. John J. Schieber)

ANNEX B - 1:

## 1. Administration:

Three representatives of the Prefectural Health Department went to Tokyo to receive training on the model health center. Upon their return they will start organizing the model health center in this prefecture at Karatsu City.

Permission has been obtained from the Welfare Ministry to build a new health center in Takeo-machi. Also after two special trips to Tokyo, the director of Prefectural Health Department obtained verbal permission from the Welfare Ministry to build a new health center in Saga City. Plans are now being drawn, and the construction should start in July at the latest.

During the past month this section inspected three health centers and two national hospitals. Due to the shortage of trained personnel, conditions in the health centers were far below the desired level. Universities and colleges have been contacted in a search for young doctors interested in public health work. Conditions in the national hospitals were fair. Two national hospitals have set up regulations on visiting hours, cooking in rooms and amount of personal belongings that may be stored in the hospital by the patients.

The third national examination for dentists will be held in Fukuoka from 4 to 7 May and from 11 to 29 May. All persons concerned have been notified.

The first examination for nurses was held from 20 to 30 April (see Nursing Affairs).

## 2. Veterinary Affairs:

The TB testing, Brucella agglutination test, and clinical examination for swine cholera are continuing:

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	<u>Complete</u>
TB testing of cows . . . . .	20%
Brucella agglutination test . . . . .	50%
Examination of swine . . . . .	50%
Rabies (dogs) . . . . .	75%

Slaughter houses and dairies throughout the prefecture were inspected by a member of this section. All slaughter houses are screened, and proper sanitation measures are being taken. Conditions in and around the dairies are as good as can be expected. Owners are improving their establishments as rapidly as materials can be obtained. The shortage of coal is hindering many dairy plants in the process of pasteurization.

## 3. Nursing Affairs:

The first examination of the year for nurses, midwives and public health nurses was conducted between 20 April and 30 April, and results were as follows:

	<u>Applicants</u>	<u>No. passed exam.</u>
Public health nurses	158	59
Midwives	246	89
Clinical nurses	59	44

The results of these examinations indicate that some progress is being made in raising nursing standards.

## 4. Medical Supply:

The first quarterly distribution of controlled items for the fiscal year 1948 was completed through normal channels. Sufficient VD drugs and X-ray film are being received. Aspirin, alcohol, gauze and bandages are still critical items.

## 5. Preventive Medicine:

One suspect case of Japanese B Encephalitis was reported on 30 April from Ogi-gun. Control measures were put into effect. Clinical and laboratory examination are now being carried out.

The diphtheria immunization program is 89% completed. The BCG and X-raying program remain the same as reported last month; this is due to the fact that farmers are busy in the fields.

An educational program consisting of slides, moving pictures and lectures given by the Prefectural VD Control and TB



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Control Officers is scheduled to be conducted during the month of May.

6. Sanitation:

The reorganization of the insect and rodent control teams is progressing well. Japanese officials claim that the teams which have been organized are already working.

Inspections of the general sanitation of cities and towns were made by a member of this section. Emphasis was placed on insect and rodent control, garbage and waste collection and water supply. As a whole, the conditions were found to be fair. Water plants are making tests on water; records in the water plants are being maintained; garbage collection was reported carried out three times per week.

7. Laboratory Affairs:

Plans have been drawn to build a new prefectural laboratory. The plan will be submitted to the prefectural diet in June.

8. Nutrition Affairs:

A nutrition survey will be conducted during the month of May. Results of this survey will be submitted in next month's report.

9. Narcotic Control:

Sixty-nine local doctors, dentists and pharmacists handling narcotics were inspected by the prefectural narcotic control officers; no violations were detected.

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES

(Sgt. Donald H. Ford)

ANNEX B - 2:

I. Public Assistance:

A. Prefectural program for March 1948:

- (1) Total number of persons who received public assistance . . . . . 36,333
- (2) Net amount of cash grants in yen . ¥5,329,300
- (3) Total number of persons cared for in institutions . . . . . 2,207
- (4) Total cost of assistance in kind . . ¥823,516

The decrease in the number of persons receiving public assistance this month is explained by the fact that considerably less assistance in kind was distributed during this period than last month. The increase in the net amount of cash grants is due to the conspicuous increase of medical aid granted this month. This is explained by the fact that hospitals and private doctors are often lax in applying for the money due them for treatment of medical assistance recipients. This month, being the end of the fiscal year, the prefecture notified all hospitals and doctors concerned and requested them to apply for all money due them. As a result of this the cost of medical assistance showed an increase of over two million yen this month as compared to last month.

A total of one hundred sixteen spot checks on recipients of public assistance were made in two cities, seven towns and ten villages during this month. Twenty-four cases were found where people were not receiving adequate assistance, and seven cases were found where people were receiving more assistance than necessary. These irregularities have been called to the attention of the responsible minsei-iin and local and prefectural officials and have been corrected.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CHECK LIST

1. Welfare Office Visited	Saga City	Ozeki-mura	Matsu-ume-mura
2. Date of Visit	13 Apr	8 Apr	8 Apr
3. Population of Area	63,829	2,348	2,900
4. Case Load of Area			
Indoor	166	1	2
Outdoor	1,878	15	27
5. No. of Minsei-iin	62	8	8
6. No. of Paid Welfare Workers	8	1	1
7. Past Two Months			
a. No. of New Applications	158	2	11
b. Applications Rejected	0	0	0
c. Applications Approved	158	2	11
d. Cases Discontinued	62	3	13
e. No. of Appeals	0	0	0
f. No. of Appeals Resulting in Case Opening	0	0	0
8. No. of Cases Checked in Office During Review	20	16	29
9. No. of Families Checked by Japanese:			
a. Last 30 days	0	3	20
b. Last 60 days	0	5	3
c. No. not Checked During Last 60 days	20	8	6
10. No. of Cases Found During Review to be: (under latest schedule)			
a. Properly Budgeted	20	11	27
b. Over-budgeted	0	2	0
c. Under-budgeted	0	3	2
d. Condition too Poor for Review to be Made	0	0	0
11. No. of Families Visited by MG Rep. In connection with Review	6	2	3
No. of Discrepancies Found	2	0	1
12. Average Date Recipients Receive Aid	5th	5th	5th
13. Was Assistance in Kind Distributed?	Yes	Yes	Yes

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ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CHECK LIST

1. Welfare Office Visited		Seburi- mura	Mitsuse- mura	Tosu- machi
2. Date of Visit		10 Apr	9 Apr	17 Apr
3. Population of Area		4,131	3,460	16,428
4. Case Load of Area				
Indoor		0	0	5
Outdoor		62	31	113
5. No. of Minsei-in		10	10	19
6. No. of Paid Welfare Workers		1	2	3
7. Past Two Months	a. No. of New Applications	22	7	12
	b. Applications Rejected	0	0	0
	c. Applications Approved	22	7	12
	d. Cases Discontinued	10	10	25
	e. No. of Appeals	0	0	0
	f. No. of Appeals Resulting in Case Opening	0	0	0
8. No. of Cases Checked in Office During Review		62	31	96
9. No. of Families Checked by Japanese:				
a. Last 30 days		10	25	25
b. Last 60 days		16	0	10
c. No. not Checked During Last 60 days		36	6	61
10. No. of Cases Found During Review to be: (under latest schedule)				
a. Properly Budgeted		60	29	96
b. Over-budgeted		2	0	0
c. Under-budgeted		0	2	0
d. Condition too Poor for Review to be Made		0	0	0
11. No. of Families Visited by MG Rep. In connection with Review		0	5	7
No. of Discrepancies Found		5	0	1
12. Average Date Recipients Receive Aid		5th	5th	5th
13. Was Assistance in Kind Distributed?		Yes	Yes	Yes

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ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CHECK LIST

1. Welfare Office Visited		Asahi-mura	Kuboizumi-mura
2. Date of Visit.		16 Apr	14 Apr
3. Population of Area		5,191	5,414
4. Case Load of Area			
Indoor		1	7
Outdoor		40	38
5. No. of Minsei-ii		11	10
6. No. of Paid Welfare Workers		2	2
Past Two Months	7. a. No. of New Applications	2	8
	b. Applications Rejected	0	0
	c. Applications Approved	2	8
	d. Cases Discontinued	2	13
	e. No. of Appeals	0	0
	f. No. of Appeals Resulting in Case Opening	0	0
8. No. of Cases Checked in Office During Review		40	45
9. No. of Families Checked by Japanese:			
a. Last 30 days		40	2
b. Last 60 days		0	3
c. No. not Checked During Last 60 days		0	40
10. No. of Cases Found During Review to be: (under latest schedule)			
a. Properly Budgeted		37	40
b. Over-budgeted		3	3
c. Under-budgeted		0	2
d. Condition too Poor for Review to be Made		0	0
11. No. of Families Visited by MG Rep. In connection with Review		11	5
No. of Discrepancies Found		0	3
12. Average Date Recipients Receive Aid		5th	5th
13. Was Assistance in Kind Distributed?		Yes	Yes

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## 14. Data on Intake and Closing of Cases Past Two Months (see note 1)

Type of Assistance	Applications received	Applications Rejected	Applications Approved	Aid Discontinued
Living Expenses	45	0	65	116
Medical Aid	121	0	121	22
Maternity Aid	1	0	1	0
Funeral Aid	10	0	10	0
Occupational Aid	25	0	25	0
Totals	222	0	222	138

15. Does each area (or all areas) visited have an adequate minsei-ii training program? Yes If not comment.
16. Is assistance in kind properly accounted for? Yes If not what is being done?
17. Give general conclusions regarding the Japanese welfare administration based upon this administrative review (or all administrative reviews conducted during this month).

Many records remain out of date, inaccurate and incomplete. Welfare officials are still not fully aware of their duties and responsibilities. Each month however, a slight improvement is shown over the previous month.

## II. Child Welfare:

While this report is being written the prefectural diet is in session. This session will determine the budget for the Child Welfare Section for this fiscal year.

A prefectural representative and a Japanese employee of this office attended the National Child Welfare Conference in Tokyo from 19 to 22 April.

## III. Welfare and Penal Institutions:

Two welfare institutions and one penal institution were inspected during this reporting period.

At Kanzaki Futabaen, a privately-owned day nursery, 159 children between the ages of four and seven are being accommodated. Administration and operation standards were fair, consequently no action was taken.

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The prefecturally-owned Saga Maternity Hospital, managed by two midwives, was found to be well equipped and well organized, however, the building itself is in need of repair. This has been brought to the attention of prefectural officials, and they have agreed to make necessary repairs.

The Saga Juvenile and Women's Prison was also inspected this month. Excellent conditions prevailed here and no action was necessary.

The Prefectural Welfare Section has begun construction of a new home for the aged near Imari-machi. This institution is expected to be completed by the end of June and will accommodate 80 inmates. 6 tan of land have been bought so as to afford adequate recreational facilities.

IV. Homeless Persons:

Two vagabonds were apprehended during this month and properly sheltered in satisfactory institutions. Both were given complete physical and mental examinations.

The Prefectural Welfare Section reports that 53,299 people are in need of housing. It is estimated that 16,778 additional houses will be needed to accommodate them. During this reporting period 487 new building permits were granted and 206 previously authorized houses were completed.

V. Foreign Nationals:

134 foreign nationals are receiving supplementary rations in this prefecture. No violations of Operational Directive No.83, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 3 October 1946 were disclosed this month.

VI. The total number of repatriates living in this prefecture is 102,770. 9,007 require public assistance at present.

VII. Other Public Welfare Matters and Comments:

In compliance with TWX, Headquarters I Corps, the following information is submitted:

(1) Present status of prefecture disaster plan:

There have been no changes in the disaster plan which was forwarded to Headquarters I Corps on 15 November 1947, but two annexes have been added regarding operation of the plan.

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(2) Brief evaluation regarding adequacy of plan:

This plan is very detailed and quite adequate to cope with any disaster to which this prefecture may become exposed. A representative of this office has interviewed several persons who are responsible for carrying out of the plan and all are well informed as to their duties and responsibilities.

(3) Date prefecture forwarded plan to Welfare Ministry:

3 February 1948.

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ANNEX C

## LABOR SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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1. Identification

- a. Prefecture covered: Saga
- b. Report for month of: April 1948
- c. Name of individual preparing report: J. L. Packer,  
1st Lt., FA

2. Labor Procurement

Labor requisitions have been filled 100%. The shortage of English speaking technical employees is still evident.

3. Wages and Working Conditions, Labor Standards Law

a. Two employees have been appointed permanently to the Women's and Minors' Bureau by the Labor Ministry effective 15 April 1948 for the study, research and education of women and minor workers' problems.

The Imari Labor Standards Inspection Office which was formerly located in the Otsubo Primary School building moved to its newly constructed quarters on 17 April.

b. Small enterprises complain that the law does not take into consideration their small capital in regard to the correction of all deficiencies brought to light through inspection.

c. Unions cannot understand the education period provided by the Labor Standards Office and feel that the enforcement should have been effective upon promulgation of the law.

d. Upon enforcement of the Labor Standards Law, 1 May 1948, it is felt that cooperation of both employers and unions will show a decided improvement. The Labor Standards Bureau decisions have been ignored in some instances.

e. Two hundred cases concerning child labor, working hours, excess overtime and minor violations were brought to light by the investigations conducted this month, and responsible parties notified of the violations. Prosecution was withheld due to the lack of enforcement media until 1 May 1948.

4. Labor Relations

a. Report any action or decision of the following with regard to labor disputes, labor unions or labor relations situations:

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(1) Japanese Police: None

(2) Japanese Procurators:

The Saga District Procurator's Office was notified of the decision handed down by the Labor Relations Committee meeting held on 15 April not to prosecute Mr. Inoue Masaeda, chairman of the Central Strife Committee of All Japan Tax Collector's Union (see March Monthly Activity Report, sub-paragraph 4b(2)).

(3) Japanese Courts: None

b. Report instances of conciliation, mediation or arbitration of labor disputes by labor relations committee.

(1) The Saga Prefectural Teachers' Union dispute was settled through the mediation plan submitted by the Labor Relations Committee. The plan was submitted to both the Teachers' Union and the Prefectural Government on 31 March and was accepted by the Teachers' Union on 9 April. The Prefectural Government replied on 10 April that they could not accept the plan unconditionally. The dispute was settled on 15 April under the following agreement:

(a) One grade promotion to all teachers (retroactive to September 1947) and two grade promotions will be given to certain teachers to adjust wage discrepancies.

(b) Research allowance will be borne by the Central Government in the 1948 budget.

(c) The Prefectural Government agreed to reconsider further negotiation on betterment of working conditions when the Local Finance Law is promulgated in the near future.

c. Report changes of personnel with background of new members or changes in methods of elections of members of the labor relations committee or the method of appointment of the panel of conciliators.

(1) The governor submitted to the newly elected management and union representatives of the Prefectural Labor Relations Committee for the fiscal year 1948 the names of fifteen neutral persons (of whom 5 were to be chosen) he had personally recommended. Both management and union representatives rejected the Governor's recommended list on the grounds that the Governor wanted to control the committee.

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On 26 April union and management representatives met and selected five neutral candidates from among their own choosing to be submitted to the Governor for approval and appointment. Included among the five neutral members were two neutral reelected members from the former LRC and three newly selected members of whom two were on the list the Governor had submitted. The Governor accepted the five members as submitted by the management and union representatives.

5. Employment

a. Is unemployment being absorbed by the following:

(1) Private industry: Apart from the coal mines there are at present 90,153 workers in private industry. During this period 1,466 persons have been employed in industry, and 1,410 persons have retired. The total number of coal miners employed in this prefecture is 25,667 of whom 901 have been employed this month, with 785 workers retiring.

(2) Public works: Public works during the reporting month totalled 195 projects with 6,531 persons employed. 1,058 persons were hired, 1,632 retiring.

(3) Vocational training: There are six vocational schools in the prefecture with a total enrollment of 40 students. Of these 4 students were placed in the schools this month, and there were 64 graduates.

(4) Other: There are 65 jusansho or relief organizations in the prefecture which are subsidized by the Japanese Government. The total number of persons employed is 1,008, of whom 61 were placed this month, 55 retiring.

b. The total number of unemployed registered in this prefecture is 4,373.

6. Labor Education

a. One permanent labor school has been established at the Kasuga Citizens' Club which opened on 19 April with about 64 union representatives attending the school session. There have been more applications by unions to send representatives than there are accommodations for at the school, therefore the Prefectural Labor Administration Section has set up plans to establish an evening labor school at each of the six local branch offices in the prefecture. The projected plan is to hold this evening labor school after working hours between the hours of 1600 and 1800 about twice a week for two or three months.

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b. The students attending the above mentioned school expressed the desire that it be continued to further the education of labor leaders. This program will continue under the auspices of the Labor Administration Section to have a one-week session per month in addition to the proposed evening program.

c. The libraries of the larger unions appear well stocked, while those of the smaller ones are limited by lack of funds. This has been brought to the attention of the Prefectural Labor Administration with the view to its giving assistance. Though advertised, the use of the prefectural libraries and CI&E reading rooms has been limited.

d. Information is most needed on:

- (1) Labor Situations in Europe and America
- (2) Labor Education for Management

e. Labor pamphlets, posters, kamishibai, and film strips were lent for use at the Kasuga Labor School. Two lectures were delivered, and a representative was present at each session to obtain information for the improvement of future schools. Field trips were made to Karatsu, Arita, and Ureshino, stressing the need for rank-and-file education and attendance at the labor school to the assembled union leaders in order to enable them to better assume the responsibility of this task.

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ANNEX D - 1: Industry

A. There are two small shipyards within this prefecture, inspections accomplished under Operational Directive 79, Headquarters Eighth Army, 21 September 1946 failed to reveal any major discrepancies.

B. Coal production was sufficient to meet the monthly quota established by the central government. During the first twenty days production lagged behind set schedules, however during the last ten days production was increased and the quota was filled. Since 1 December 1947 the mines in this prefecture have not failed to exceed their monthly production goal established by the central government. Production reached its peak in January when 134,935 tons were mined. During the past month 123,312 tons were produced against a quota of 123,300 tons.

C. Due to heavy rainfall within the prefecture greater amounts of electric power are available. Local production, which is entirely hydro-electric, was particularly advanced. The Kishima Coal Mine, largest within the prefecture, maintains its own thermal generating plant. This plant supplies the needs of the mine.

D. Increased effort is being exerted to accelerate the ceramics production within this prefecture for possible export advantages. Three conferences were held with representatives of the ceramics industry, prefectural government, electric power distribution company, and other interested parties to determine immediate steps which could be taken to expedite matters. Complete construction plans will be forwarded in the immediate future showing the expansion program being planned by the manufacturers in Arita.

E. Production of coal mining machinery has shown increases during the past several months. Yen valuation of April production at Togami Denki Seisakusho of Saga City, largest manu-

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facturer of coal mining machinery in Saga prefecture, was ¥6,114,540. This figure exceeds any previous month in monetary value since the end of hostilities. Unit production in the same plant has shown increases which verify the increase in yen valuation.

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ANNEX D - 2: Natural Resources

A. Due to heavy rains and the subsequent failure of river dikes in three villages to sustain the high water there has been considerable flood damage to approximately 1300 cho of wheat and potato crops in this prefecture. Though it is not felt that this will greatly affect the overall production of wheat and potatoes this summer, it will warrant consideration for those villages affected.

B. The anticipated cycle of vegetable production followed very closely the course outlined in last month's report. Vegetable production and distribution became extremely short during the latter part of March and first week and a half of April, however, during the last week of April production has again reached a point of adequacy. This increased production should be maintained until the latter part of May. The cycle of production is for the most part seasonal and dependent upon farm cultivation and not a result of periods of excessive blackmarketing.

During the month of April more fish were distributed to residents of this prefecture than any previous month so far this calendar year. Residents in urban areas received slightly more than those in rural areas. This serves to balance the availability of vegetables to the populace in rural areas.

C. Exports of fish and vegetables to other prefectures were all exceeded by substantial margins. Effort has been made to induce the prefectural government to meet at the earliest possible date all inter-prefectural shipments of fish and vegetables. Nagasaki, from which fish is imported, met their monthly allocation of fish to this prefecture and exceeded it substantially.

D. The following chart illustrates inter-prefectural shipment of rice and the current status: Unit: koku (koku equals 330.75 lbs)

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<u>Prefecture Destination</u>	<u>Accumulative Quota (A)</u>	<u>This Month's Quota (B)</u>	<u>Quantity Shipped Accumulative</u>	<u>Amount to be Shipped</u>
Fukuoka	120,000	50,000	114,256.328	5,743.672
Nagasaki	178,500	30,000	175,180.288	3,319.712
Tokyo	60,000	10,000	60,000	0
Hiroshima	10,000	-	10,000	0
Osaka	100,000	-	100,000	0
Oita	1,500	-	1,500	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>470,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>460,936.616</b>	<b>9,063.384</b>

E. All pre-planting staple food quotas had been allotted in this prefecture by 10 April 1948.

F. During April 393 cho of land were resold, bringing the total land resold to date to 9,323 cho or 63.5% of the total land purchases to date (14,691 cho, not including 2,375 cho taken for taxes). Of a total of 289 cho of military lands, 266 cho have been transferred.

G. An additional 64 cooperative associations have been approved during April, bringing the total to 93 as of 28 April 1948. Progress in the formation of the cooperatives is good. It has been noted that a good percentage of the directors and auditors of the new cooperatives were formerly officials in the agriculture associations. The utilization of newspapers, radio, posters, conferences and lectures is continuing and is effectively assisting the formation of not only farming cooperatives but also other types of cooperatives, such as dairy cooperatives, land reclamation cooperatives, and sericultural cooperatives.

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## ANNEX D - 3: Reparations

A. Release of dispersal areas under TWX Cite DE 99529/MG-EM and Operational Directive 21, Headquarters Eighth Army has been effected. Reparations machines which will be retained under custody and control have been centralized into five locations to facilitate care and security. Movement of machines was accomplished in the most expeditious manner possible. It is expected that with the present arrangement the care, custody, and surveillance will be greatly improved as inspections can be held to a minimum and security measures instituted with least possible expenditure.

B. Dispersal releases which carry machines by number are on file with this headquarters and are countersigned by representatives of the Kensetsu-in, private owners and the prefectural government. Complete lists of machines now in custody are available at this headquarters giving code numbers, type, and classification, as well as location.

C. Listed below are areas in which reparations machines are located, both reparations plants and areas set aside for custody and control:

NAME OF PLANT AND LOCATION	MACHINES BY CLASS			TOTAL
	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	
TOGAMI ELECTRICAL MFG., CO., LTD. 385 Otakara-machi, Saga City 33-03 Munitions Plant	180	128	142	450
GENKAI KOGYO CO., LTD. 5025 Watada, Onizuka-mura, Higashimatsuura-gun, Saga-ken 33-02 Munitions Plant	94	26	93	213

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NAME OF PLANT AND LOCATION	MACHINES BY CLASS			TOTAL
	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	
TACHIARAI KOGYO KK Kiyama Kojo, Kiyama-machi 33-01 Aircraft Plant	13	68	33	114
CHIKUSHI CO., LTD. Karatsu-kojo, Sashi-machi, Karatsu City Storage	37	37	1	75
KASHIMA DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FACTORY Ko Babashita, Shiota-machi, Fujitsu-gun Storage	16	115	15	146
Total	340	374	284	998

D. Reinventory and reevaluation was completed in two of the three reparations plants in this prefecture. The two were Genkai Kogyo of Karatsu and Tachiarai Kogyo of Kiyama-machi.

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CIVIL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

(Frank J. Bartz, CAF/10)

ANNEX E - 1:

1. Senior High Schools. This year the prefecture will have three private schools, twenty former middle grade schools that were converted into senior high schools individually, three schools formed by combining seven former middle grade schools (middle and girls' 2, agriculture and commerce, middle and girls' 1), and eighteen part-time schools. For various reasons it was not possible to convert all schools into the comprehensive coeducational type. In Saga City, which should set the example for the rest of the prefecture, there was too much local opposition, but it is expected that this attitude will change during the present year. In Karatsu City there are boys', girls' and commerce and industry schools which can be formed into a comprehensive coeducational school, and the local authorities have plans to make the change as soon as possible, probably by the second term.

2. Teacher Reeducation. During the present school year teachers in all schools, in addition to their study groups based on subjects, will concentrate on the study of the Ministry of Education educational psychology texts. Each school has submitted to the prefectural education section its own plan for the year, and school inspectors, members of the normal school faculty and the CE section will make spot checks from time to time to see how well the plans are adhered to and to give necessary guidance. The normal school authorities have accepted the suggestion that the psychology instructors work out an end-of-course examination to be given to any teachers who want to take it. This examination will of course give no actual credit, but it will be of value to the teachers themselves as well as to the prefectural education section which will have the records of the results available for reference in dealing with personnel matters. The normal school also has changed its method of reeducation for teachers in service from the straight lecture method used last year to the work-shop which will be in session at scheduled intervals throughout the year.

3. Women in Education. In the Saga First Senior High School (the former Saga Boys' Middle School), which is still for boys only, two women teachers were appointed to the faculty, one teach-

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ing English and one physics. Both are excellent in their respective fields. This innovation was entirely the idea of the prefectural education section and appears to be working out quite well.

4. Teachers' Union. During the early part of the month there was some danger that the prefectural teachers' union would go on strike because of the governor's refusal to meet the following demands which were approved by the prefectural labor relations committee:

- a. Increase of salaries by four levels, retroactive to September 1947.
- b. Establishing of a minimum salary.
- c. Marriage allowances of ¥10,500 for women teachers and ¥8,500 for men.
- d. Temporary living allowance of ¥3,000 for each teacher and ¥1,000 for each member of teachers' families.

Prefectural assembly members and PTA representatives entered the discussions, and on the morning of 15 April, after an all-night session, the following agreement was reached:

- a. That teachers' salaries would be increased by two levels, one level for all teachers, one for correction of wage differences, retroactive to September 1947.
- b. That a considerable amount of money would be made available for teachers' research expenses for the 1948-9 school year.
- c. That salaries would be raised after the Local Finance Law becomes effective.

On 23 April the union held a general meeting and officially accepted the above agreement.

5. Monthly cumulative report of the prefectural screening committee:

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>Total</u>
Teachers	1,733	7	1,740
Education officials	3	0	3
Librarians	5	0	5
CPH officials	384	2	386
Total	2,125	9	2,134



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6. Miscellaneous. This section addressed and had discussions with the following groups during the month: prefectural social education conference 1, CPH 1, county nurses' association 1, county youth association leaders 1, PTA 1, women's associations 3.

This section was instrumental in assuring that a junior high school would get a former military building which it had been allocated but seemed likely to lose to one of the tax offices. A visit to both the school and the military building and a subsequent conference with tax officials resulted in a satisfactory settlement of the matter.

A new head of the prefectural education section, a university graduate with some experience in the Ministry of Education, has been appointed to the vacancy created when the former head was made chief of the education department. The new appointee has already given evidence of ability, efficiency and initiative.

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CIVIL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

(1st Lt. Hunter H. Faires Jr.)

ANNEX E - 2:

1. In compliance with letter, Kyushu MG Region, APO 929, dated 21 April 1948, subj: "Information Activities in connection with Agricultural Production-Collection Plan for 1948", the following report is submitted:

a. Posters on 10% increase in agricultural output were received and used by the Social Education Section of the prefecture.

b. Posters and pamphlets were received and distributed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry:

- (1) Potato disease . . . . . 43 posters
- (2) Sterilization of seed rice . . . . . 30 posters
- (3) General subjects . . . . . 30 posters
- (4) 10% increase in agricultural production . . . . . 700 pamphlets

2. In compliance with TWX Cite GE-204, Kyushu MG Region, dated 20 April 48, subject: "Information Bureaus in Prefectural Government", the following report is rendered:

a. A Civil Information Bureau has been set up within the Social Education Section. This bureau acts in much the same manner as the Civil Information Section acts within the MG team. Following recommendations by the team commander, the Civil Information Bureau is the liaison office between all prefectural offices and the MG Civil Information. The prefectural CI Bureau advises, coordinates, and assists in the planning of the publicity used by the prefectural sections and serves as a spur to their activities. Close cooperation between the CI Bureau in the prefecture and the CI Section in MG allows a maximum amount of accomplishment of objectives in these sections.

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b. In general the progress of the bureau since its beginning two months ago has been good. Initiative is developing slowly.

c. Chiefly through this Civil Information Bureau, radio spot announcements and station breaks were utilized during the month for publicity concerning tax collection and public health.

3. During the month weekly press conferences were continued, and articles were released to the local press as follows:

a. Economics	10
(1) Agricultural cooperatives	4
(2) Food control	2
(3) Collection quotas	2
(4) Cocoon financing	1
(5) Sheet glass allocation	1
b. Labor	4
c. Legal and Government	4
d. Public Health	1

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4. In cooperation with the Civil Education Section this office undertook the sponsorship of a Civil Information and Education Survey in order to measure the effectiveness of the media being used. This office, in cooperation with the other sections, devised a survey consisting of ten questions on matters which should be current knowledge. These questions were asked of the people on the streets of Saga by Japanese nationals employed in the Civil Information Section. Answers indicated that the public was best informed about local coal production and least informed about the location of the local child welfare office. Answers also indicated that people of 41 years and over are better informed than the younger generation. Steps have been taken to remedy the situation, and study is being given the old quiz. A new quiz is now ready for use to further check the improvement made since the last quiz and also to determine the most effective media available for use.

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After a refinement of technique this survey is intended for periodic use all over the prefecture as a source of information about what information programs are lacking or need to be further developed.

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APO 929  
5 April 1948SUBJECT: Military Government Activities Report for Period 1 - 31  
March 1948TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343  
Attn: Military Government Section

The following is the Monthly Report of Saga Military Government Team for the month of March 1948, submitted in compliance with Operational Directive No.71, Hq Eighth Army, dtd 10 December 1947 and No.71/1 for 47 dtd 9 March 1948.

ANNEX A Of the quota of the national tax assigned by the Kumamoto Regional Finance Bureau to the four local tax offices in this prefecture, totalling ¥1,154,889,000.00, ¥1,285,930,000.00 or 112% was reported as collected on 31 March 1948. This prefecture on 10 March became the first on the island of Kyushu to complete 100% collection.

ANNEX B-1 The smallpox, typhoid, and typhus immunization programs were completed during the month of March. Plans have been formulated to construct the model health center at Karatsu City. Remodelling will begin as soon as the prefectural officials return from the demonstration at Tokyo.

ANNEX B-2 The recertification of minsei-iin was completed on 31 March. Only 471 former minsei-iin retained their positions. Only 27% of the present minsei-iin are over fifty years of age as compared to 71% prior to the recertification.

ANNEX C One autonomous prefectural labor school has been established at the Kasuga Citizens' Club located at Kasuga-mura, Saga-gun about 20 minutes distance from Saga City. At least 50 students are expected to attend although a plan is being formulated to accomodate 100 students during the summer session.

ANNEX D-1 The high production rate of coal continued as 133,604 tons were mined against a quota of 130,600 tons. Production during the first ten-day period exceeded any previous ten-day period, however production leveled off during the middle of March and continued on a slightly reduced scale during the remainder of the month.

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ANNEX D-2 Allocation of pre-planting quotas was completed through village level on 31 March. Quotas for all staple products will have reached the farmers by 5 April. There have been no instances of dissension or "obstructionism". All fall crop collections have been completed.

ANNEX E-1 It is not likely that the number of public senior high schools will be reduced to less than twenty for the coming school year. The prefectural education section is cooperating satisfactorily on this problem but is encountering considerable local opposition to coeducation. However, it has stated that in three communities where the junior high schools would benefit from the combining of boys' and girls' schools into comprehensive coeducation schools this change will be made.

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POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

(M/Sgt. James W. Robb)

ANNEX A:

1. Japanese Government Administration:

a. Tax Collections:

(1) National Tax Collections

Of the quota of the national tax assigned by the Kumamoto Regional Finance Bureau to the four local tax offices in this prefecture, totalling ¥1,154,889,000.00, ¥1,285,930,000.00 or 112% was reported collected as of 31 March. When the 100% goal of the national tax collections was reached on 10 March this prefecture became the first prefecture on Kyushu to complete the tax quota assigned for the 1947 fiscal year.

The major problem of tax administration in this prefecture during the month was clearing up the back-log of administrative work caused by the "holiday strike" of the tax office employees and subsequent slow-down activities which have resulted in retarding tax collections. The Prefectural Labor Relations Committee remedied the situation during the latter part of the month by referring the Saga Local Tax Office Labor Union members to the Saga District Procurator's Office for necessary prosecution in accordance with the present Labor Relations Law. As of 29 March the District Procurator's Office reported that as a result of their investigation enough evidence has been found to prosecute the chief of the Saga Local Tax Office Union.

Other problems hindering tax collection are reluctance on the part of the tax payers to pay taxes due to ignorance of taxation methods; general lack of knowledge of the role taxes play in government; and inadequate facilities for tax offices as regards space, equipment, light and heating.

No major acts of sabotage of general tax collections have occurred in this prefecture to date.

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Operational assistance given to the local tax offices during the month has been accomplished by weekly visits to local tax offices to evaluate progress and to encourage tax officials not to relax their efforts because quotas have been achieved.

On 2 March leaflets encouraging the payment of taxes were scattered from airplanes by members of this team. Small rewards were offered for a limited number of leaflets bearing the signature of the Commanding Officer of this team. All major towns of the prefecture, particularly in areas which were making notably slow progress in tax collection, were covered.

Local tax officials anticipated that approximately 120% of the national tax collection quota for the 1947 fiscal year will be reached when the tax collection is scheduled to end on 30 April.

#### (2) Prefectural Tax Collections

Of the total amount of ¥109,867,428.09 assessed, ¥84,411,405.87 or 76.8% had been collected as of 31 March. It is anticipated that 100% of the prefectural tax for the 1947 fiscal year will have been collected by 31 May when the collection is scheduled to end.

#### b. Police:

On 24 March the Prefectural National Rural Police Headquarters conducted a practice emergency raid, assuming that a serious mob disorder had broken out in an area under the jurisdiction of a district police station. Five National Rural Police Stations took part in this drill and all chiefs of Municipal and National Rural Police Stations were present to inspect and study the activities and progress of the drill.

During an inspection of the Omachi Municipal Police Station on 13 March it was found that remodeling of the interior of the police station was being carried out. The cost was given as approximately ¥250,000.00, labor, material and equipment being supplied completely by the Kishima Coal Mining Company in the area. It was also learned that the Omachi Municipal Police had received a budget of ¥60,000.00 for the end of the 1947 fiscal year from the prefectural government, and that lack of funds prohibited appropriation from their budget for the remodeling of the building. It was stated by the chief of the police station that the Kishima Coal Mining Company voluntarily offered to remodel the police station.



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c. Prefectural Assembly:

During the ordinary prefectural assembly that convened on 28 February the attendance of prefectural assemblymen tapered off to a negligible number by 12 March. On 12 March, Mr. FUJITA Tetsuji, prefectural assemblyman, voiced his opinion in the assembly that the attendance of prefectural assemblymen during the discussion of the prefectural budget, an important matter, was alarmingly low. Mr. Fujita also argued that the prefectural assembly is supposed to open at 1000 hours during the period it meets, but that the time has never been observed by the majority of the assemblymen. Late arrival and absence without prior notice to the assembly chairman was also stressed by Mr. Fujita. During the discussion TANAKA Torato, chairman of the prefectural assembly, replied that on many occasions, warnings had been given to the assemblymen but that no members had ever given prior notice of their intention to be absent. Mr. Tanaka also stressed the fact that assemblymen should take a more active part in their government as representatives of their electoral districts.

During the session which ended on 19 March, the supplementary budget for the 1947 fiscal year, budget for the 1948 fiscal year, Saga Prefectural Loan, regulations for temporary additional levy of prefectural taxes, partial revision of regulation for collection and assessment of prefectural taxes and regulations for collection of school fees and entrance fees of Saga Prefectural High Schools were approved.

The prefectural budget approved for the 1947 fiscal year is as follows:

Original Budget	¥ 90,692,446.00
Supplementary Budget	¥596,943,746.00
Total	¥687,636,192.00

The Saga Prefectural Loan approved for the 1947 fiscal year is as follows:

Estimate of Prefectural Loan	¥74,826,000.00
Prefectural Loan negotiated	¥28,579,000.00
Prefectural Loan under negotiation	¥46,247,000.00

d. Purge:

From the termination of the war to 25 March the Saga Prefectural Screening Committee examined 8,986 persons. Out of the number examined 721 persons were purged.

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To insure that purgees will not continue their activities in political and other prohibited spheres the prefectural authorities reported that a roster of all the purgees in this prefecture will be printed and distributed to each city, town and village police box and to other official agencies responsible for maintaining surveillance. This program is expected to commence sometime in April 1948.

2. Political Parties and Political Activities:

a. General:

When the Katayama Cabinet resigned en bloc in the middle of January, it was anticipated that various political parties would become more active. However, no unusual political developments were seen. The ASAHI SHIMBUN reported on 23 February that immediate and effective political activities cannot be carried out in this prefecture as local party leaders are not powerful or experienced enough.

b. Saga Ken Branch of the Japan Liberal Party:

A party affairs conference was held on 4 March at which 20 members were present. Representative Mori at this time spoke on the formation of a new conservative party which he stressed would be organized mainly under the leadership of the Liberals.

c. Saga Ken Branch of the Japan Democratic Party:

An emergency conference was scheduled for the period 25 February to 2 March and a round table conference was scheduled for 13 March. However, with Mr. NAKAMURA Mataichi, branch chairman, absent in Tokyo during this period, the meetings were cancelled.

On 5 and 13 March conferences were held to discuss the formation of the new conservative party, but their activities were insignificant.

d. Saga Ken Branch of the Japan Socialist Party:

On 12 March an executive meeting was convened at which it was decided to advise the newly elected mayor of Yamashiro Town to resign. In addition revision of labor laws and income tax exemptions were discussed.

On 14 March an executive meeting of the Kunimi Coal Mine Chapter of the Socialist Party was held at which re-election



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of the executive staff took place. The formation of a new conservative party in Tokyo was discussed.

e. Saga Ken Branch of the Peoples' Cooperative Party:

On 26 March a lecture meeting was held at which Mr. OSHIMA Tazo, party member of the Diet, asked the people to consider the present situation in light of the nomination of Dr. Ashida to the prime ministership, the inflation problem and the present tax walkout question.

f. Saga Ken Branch of the Japan Communist Party:

On 25 February a meeting was held to discuss the case of Mr. WAKABAYASHI Kagemitsu, former teacher of the Saga Girls' High School, at which the party announced that education authorities took unjust action against the teacher in dismissing him from school. 60 persons were present at the meeting, but it was unsuccessful.

The Saga Local Committee of the Nippon Youth Communist Party which recently has been seeking members formally submitted a report on the formation of the association on 27 February with Mr. EJIMA Yoshiaki as chief secretary. The local committee, which has 57 members, on 15 March, held a so-called 3.15 memorial lecture meeting at the Saga Public Hall at which 30 members and 100 other persons were present. At that time, Mr. HATA Shikari lectured on the progress of the Nippon Communist Party and was followed by executive members of the party of the Saga Local Committee who stressed the need for cooperation of the people in matters concerning living conditions. The meeting however was reported later to have been a failure.

On 23 March a round table conference of 50 persons was held by Mr. KOBAYASHI Madoka of the Communist Party at which he stressed speedy repatriation of Japanese nationals in Soviet occupied territory. A petition was formulated, and a drive to gather signatures for the petition which will later be sent to the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo was decided upon.

Five lecture meetings were held by members of the Saga Branch Communist Party on taxation, electric power, foreign trade and hoarded goods problems. These meetings were addressed by Mr. HATA Shikari and two other members who also lectured in various parts of the prefecture during the month.

3. Other Important Political, Governmental or Legal Matters and Comments:

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## a. Election:

On 19 January 1948 Mr. KAWAKUBO Yojiro, mayor of Yamashiro Town, Nishimatsuura County, died as a result of illness. Election of a new mayor was held on 7 March at which two candidates ran for office. Mr. IKEGAMI Yutaka was elected by a close margin, with 93.2% of the qualified voters in the district voting.

On 18 January 1948 Mr. HARA Masatoshi, mayor of Minato Village, Higashimatsuura County, resigned because of illness. Election of a new mayor was held on 12 March at which two candidates ran for the office. Mr. ASOO Toshiyuki was elected by a close margin, with 77.2% of the qualified voters in the district voting.

On 29 February 1948 Mr. MATSUKAWA Raizo, mayor of Kiyama Town, Miyagi County, resigned because of illness. Election of a new mayor is scheduled for 15 April.

## b. Public Safety:

As of 31 March 1,728 hunting guns, 9 whaling guns and 957 swords considered as objects of art were registered in this prefecture.

Since the beginning of January 1948 the prefectural police have been maintaining strict traffic control under the newly promulgated Traffic Control Laws. During the period 1 to 29 March a total of 30,131 traffic violations were noted of which 35 cases were sent to the procurator's office. Warnings were given to violators in 25,766 minor cases, and 4,330 violators were admonished. The police are still continuing their drive.

## c. Illegal Entry:

During the month nineteen Koreans were apprehended by the prefectural police on the west coast of the prefecture. Of this number one escaped and is still at large. The remaining eighteen will be returned to their points of departure through official repatriation channels.

The following shows the number of illegal entrants coming to Saga Prefecture and apprehended since December 1947.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Illegan Entrants</u>
December 1947	2
January 1948	5
February 1948	0
March 1948	19



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d. Pre-Trial Confinement of Japanese:

In compliance with OD 43, Hq Eighth Army, dtd 14 May 1947, no persons have been held in confinement over 60 days without trial.

e. Blackmarket:

Surveillance against diversion of staple foods and perishable foodstuffs into blackmarket channels is being continued. During the month 13,013 pounds of rice, 19,597 pounds of sweet potatoes, 16,909 pounds of fresh fish products, 5,068 pounds of dried fish products, 112 pounds of sugar and 3,951 pounds of bean products were found in blackmarket channels. Violators were apprehended in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

f. Inspection of Commodity Prices:

In compliance with Ltr, Headquarters I Corps, AG 333-BA, dated 7 February 1948, subject: "Inspection of Commodity Prices", the following information is submitted on volunteer commodity price control inspectors and their activities.

On 10 March a conference was held with members of the Volunteer Price Control Inspectors' Association and high officials of the police force and the district court by a representative of this team for the purpose of stimulating the activity of the price control inspectors' association. However, during the month little activity was noted. Later conferences with police, court and the inspectors' association officials showed that the reason for the inactiveness of the inspectors' association is probably the individual inspector's fear of embarrassing consequences later as a result of such activities.

Greater effort will be made to correct and strengthen the Volunteer Price Control Inspectors' Association.

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES

(S/Sgt. John J. Schieber)

ANNEX B - 1:

1. Administration:

Plans are being formulated to remodel the Karatsu Health Center for the purpose of establishing the model health center. Although the original plan was to establish the model health center in Saga City, the Welfare Ministry refused to grant permission to build a new health center in this area.

Five prefectural officials have been selected to attend the refresher courses offered at the Institute of Public Health in Tokyo when the new course starts in April. These training programs are doing much to improve the knowledge of the prefectural officials on public health, but it would be greatly appreciated by the Japanese public and prefectural officials if the Welfare Ministry could publish small pamphlets on disease control, sanitation etc. Many of the programs could have been completed much faster if more literature on the purpose of the programs could have been obtained. In the past, this section has translated many articles on disease control for the general public and other technical literature for the benefit of the private doctors, but the process is slow and only a limited number of copies could be printed owing to the paper shortage.

All persons concerned have been notified about the fourth national examination for physicians which will be held from 20 April to 23 April 1948.

Due to the small monthly salaries which are now being paid to the prefectural workers, the VD Control Officer handed in his resignation to the chief of the Prefectural Health Department, making a total of two trained doctors wanting to go into private practice in the past two months. If immediate action is not taken in the near future by the Welfare Ministry to increase the wages, circumstances such as this will greatly hinder the progress of the Prefectural Health Department.

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2. Veterinary Affairs:

There has been no case of reportable communicable disease among the animal population during the report period.

Two cases of TB in cows have been discovered. Proper isolation and disposition were carried out immediately.

Rabies inoculation for dogs is 75% complete. 1,307 dogs have received immunization since 1 January 1948. 289 stray dogs have been disposed of.

3. Dental Affairs:

Plans are being made by the prefectural dental affairs officials to conduct a prefectural wide educational program for the practising dentists in this prefecture. A small amount of gowns and white cloth was distributed to a limited number of dentists during the past month.

4. Nursing Affairs:

The nurse now working as the chief of nursing affairs in the Prefectural Health Department will be sent to Tokyo in April to receive training. 12 midwives attended the training course at Kumamoto from 15 - 24 March. A conference was conducted on 30 March and all midwives in this prefecture were invited; information obtained at the Kumamoto Training Course was then given to all midwives.

5. Medical Supply Situation:

The prefectural medical supply officials state that in the past month the procedures in the distribution of medical supplies have been conducted properly, but the supply of cotton, gauze, alcohol, iodine and other controlled items has been short.

6. Preventive Medicine:

During the past month the smallpox, typhoid, and typhus immunizations were completed. Diphtheria immunizations are 70% complete. The shortage of diphtheria toxoid has hampered the progress of this program. The tuberculin testing program has been completed, but the X-raying and BCG inoculation programs are only 75% complete.

The treatment of venereal disease is being done in 28 clinics, five of which are prefecturally. Although the supply



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of drugs is adequate, many of the doctors are ignorant of the dosages of sulfa and penicillin in treating VD. 22 VD Clinics were inspected, and data on the correct usage of these drugs were given to the doctors.

Lectures and training programs will be started during the month of April in preparation for the oncoming enteric disease program.

#### 7. General Sanitation:

138 insect and rodent control teams have been organized in 122 cities, towns, and villages. The hiring of new personnel to fill these teams has not been completed yet.

The prefectural sanitary officials sponsored a city clean-up program during the month of March. Streets and streams in Saga and Karatsu were to be cleaned, but due to rainy weather, the program will continue into April.

#### 8. Laboratory Affairs:

The pure food and drug laboratory is carrying out the routine examination of drinking water and foodstuffs. In addition, examination of drugs to ascertain their efficacy is also being performed.

#### 9. Nutritional Affairs:

The first nutritional survey for this year was carried out at Karatsu City, Sashi-cho last month. The results of the survey are as follows:

Animal protein	22.8 grams	25.4%
Vegetable protein	66.9 grams	74.6%
Total protein intake per adult per day	89.7 grams	
Total caloric intake per adult per day	2,528.5 calories	

The reason for this high protein intake is due to the fact that the site chosen for the survey is near a fishing village, and the inhabitants are able to obtain fish which forms the major percentage of the animal protein intake.

Although the total caloric intake averages 2,528.5 calories, there is actually a very wide difference in the individual households. Some are as low as 1,000 calories while others are well over 3,000 calories.

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9. Narcotic Control:

Inspections of narcotic handlers are being carried out as usual, and this month no violations have been found.

Lecture meetings are being held by the prefectural officials with the marihuana cultivators to familiarise them with the laws concerning marihuana cultivation.

Two reports have been received concerning thefts of narcotics. In spite of repeated directives regarding the storage of narcotics, there seems to be still a certain looseness in the handling of narcotics. The Health Department has sent out warnings that in future such carelessness will be punished and the narcotic license cancelled.

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES

(Sgt. Donald H. Ford)

ANNEX B - 2:

I. Public Assistance:

A. Prefectural program for February 1948:

- (1) Total number of persons who received public assistance . . . . . 50,550
- (2) Net amount of cash grants in yen . . ¥4,350,678
- (3) Total number of persons cared for in institutions . . . . . 2,932
- (4) Total cost of assistance in kind . . ¥1,614,230

The conspicuous increase in the number of people assisted this month is due to the increase of recipients of assistance in kind.

One hundred and six spot checks on recipients of public assistance were made in eleven different towns this month. Twenty seven cases were found where people were not receiving adequate assistance, and nine cases were found where people were receiving more money than necessary. All irregularities have been brought to the attention of the prefectural authorities and corrective action has been taken.

In compliance with paragraph 1, Operational Directive No.71/1, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 9 March 1948, a copy of the Japanese public assistance report was forwarded to Eighth Army under separate cover.

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**B. Administrative Reviews:**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CHECK LIST

	Ogi-machi	Ureshino-machi	Higashimatsura-gun
1. Welfare Office Visited			
2. Date of Visit	22 Mar	27 Mar	11 Mar
3. Population of Area	16,500	14,017	120,000
4. Case Load of Area			
Indoor	26	55	43
Outdoor	633	113	3,044
5. No. of Minsei-iin	29	20	222
6. No. of Paid Welfare Workers	3	2	5
7. Past Two Months			
a. No. of New Applications	49	40	190
b. Applications Rejected	13	2	0
c. Applications Approved	36	38	190
d. Cases Discontinued	6	126	42
e. No. of Appeals	0	0	0
f. No. of Appeals Resulting in Case Opening	0	0	0
8. No. of Cases Checked in Office During Review	27	40	15
9. No. of Families Checked by Japanese:			
a. Last 30 days	0	2	4
b. Last 60 days	27	40	15
c. No. not Checked During Last 60 Days	0	0	0
10. No. of Cases Found During Review to be: (under latest schedule)			
a. Properly Budgeted	27	36	12
b. Over-budgeted	0	4	1
c. Under-budgeted	0	2	2
d. Condition too Poor for Review to be Made	0	0	0
11. No. of Families Visited by MG Rep. In connection with Review	6	5	8
No. of Discrepancies Found	5	1	3
12. Average Date Recipients Receive Aid	5th	4th	5th
13. Was Assistance in Kind Distributed?	yes	yes	yes



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1. Welfare Office Visited		Shiroishi- machi	Shiota- machi	Ushizu- machi
2. Date of Visit		25 Mar	26 Mar	24 Mar
3. Population of Area		4,500	6,785	11,420
4. Case Load of Area				
Indoor		4	1	3
Outdoor		49	55	46
5. No. of Minsei-ian		11	22	10
6. No. of Paid Welfare Workers		2	2	2
Past Two Months	7. a. No. of New Applications	14	12	3
	b. Applications Rejected	0	1	0
	c. Applications Approved	14	11	3
	d. Cases Discontinued	4	33	14
	e. No. of Appeals	1	0	0
	f. No. of Appeals Resulting in Case Opening	0	0	0
8. No. of Cases Checked in Office During Review		45	54	49
9. No. of Families Checked by Japanese:				
a. Last 30 days		15	30	24
b. Last 60 days		31	54	31
c. No. not Checked During Last 60 Days		14	0	18
10. No. of Cases Found During Review to be: (under latest schedule)				
a. Properly Budgeted		41	39	43
b. Over-budgeted		2	13	3
c. Under-budgeted		2	2	3
d. Condition too Poor for Review to be Made		0	0	0
11. No. of Families Visited by MG Rep. In connection with Review		7	0	5
No. of Discrepancies Found		3	0	1
12. Average Date Recipients Receive Aid		5th	3rd	5th
13. Was Assistance in Kind Distributed?		yes	yes	yes

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1. Welfare Office Visited		Omachi-	Kawakami-	Kasuga-	Kinryu-
		machi	mura	mura	mura
2. Date of Visit		24 Mar	30 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar
3. Population of Area		22,600	7,240	5,500	4,404
4. Case Load of Area	Indoor	22	5	20	2
	Outdoor	132	38	40	20
5. No. of Minsei-iin		23	15	13	9
6. No. of Paid Welfare Workers		4	2	1	2
7. Past Two Months	a. No. of New Applications	4	8	12	8
	b. Applications Rejected	1	0	0	0
	c. Applications Approved	7	8	12	8
	d. Cases Discontinued	9	13	10	0
	e. No. of Appeals	0	0	1	0
	f. No. of Appeals Resulting in Case Opening	0	0	1	0
8. No. of Cases Checked in Office During Review		154	43	60	22
9. No. of Families Checked by Japanese:					
	a. Last 30 Days	12	8	3	12
	b. Last 60 Days	92	22	54	22
	c. No. not Checked During Last 60 Days	62	21	6	0
10. No. of Cases Found During Review to be: (under latest schedule)					
	a. Properly Budgeted	137	40	36	19
	b. Over-budgeted	5	0	0	0
	c. Under-budgeted	7	3	14	3
	d. Condition too Poor for Review to be Made	0	0	0	0
11. No. of Families Visited by MG Rep. In connection with Review		4	5	5	5
	No. of Discrepancies Found	2	3	1	1
12. Average Date Recipients Receive Aid		5th	5th	5th	5th
13. Was Assistance in Kind Distributed?		yes	yes	yes	yes



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## 14. Data on Intake and Closing of Cases Past Two Months (see note 1)

Type of Assistance	Applications Received	Applications Rejected	Applications Approved	Aid Discontinued
Living Expenses	92	16	76	206
Medical Aid	239	1	238	73
Maternity Aid	4	0	4	-
Funeral Aid	36	0	36	-
Occupational Aid	39	0	39	-
Totals	410	17	393	279

15. Does each area (or all areas) visited have an adequate minsei-iin training program? No If not comment.

Due to the recertification of minsei-iin the training program has stopped until all reappointments are finished. Detailed lesson plans have been prepared for the training of the newly appointed minsei-iin and training will begin in April.

16. Is assistance in kind properly accounted for? No If not what is being done?

At ogi-machi office, receipts were not kept to show where the assistance in kind had been going. Investigation by this section proved this to be caused by faulty book-keeping rather than because of blackmarket or stolen goods.

17. Give general conclusions regarding the Japanese welfare administration based upon this administrative review (or all administrative reviews conducted during this month).

There has been no welfare office visited this month where discrepancies have not been found. Records are out of date, inaccurate, and incomplete. Only three of the ten office visited have made attempts to keep records complete and up to date. It seems that the welfare officials are not fully aware of their duties and responsibilities.

## II. Child Welfare:

The twenty child welfare committee-men were appointed on 28 February and the three child welfare officials on 15 March. It has been decided to establish the child welfare station in Saga City, however very little has been done about the establishment pending further instructions from the Welfare Ministry in Tokyo.

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III. Welfare and Penal Institutions:

During this reporting period three welfare institutions were inspected; (1) Kasuga-ryo, (2) Saga Yoro-in, and (3) Seiko-en.

Improvement of sanitary conditions and construction of bathing facilities was recommended for Kasuga-ryo repatriates home. Seventeen of the thirty two families are receiving public assistance. Medical care was adequate.

The Saga Yoro-in (home for the aged) is a run down, crowded and unsanitary Japanese style building in Saga City. A new old-age home is scheduled to be completed during the first part of May. This old institution will then be closed and all inmates moved to the new institution.

Seiko-en orphanage remains one of the best institutions in this prefecture. High standards of administration are being maintained, and no action was necessary.

IV. Homeless Persons:

The Japanese in this prefecture are very active in picking up and providing for vagabonds, juveniles, and homeless persons. Seven such individuals were picked up and properly sheltered in satisfactory institutions during this reporting period. All were given complete physical and mental examinations.

The Prefectural Welfare Section reports that approximately 16,984 new houses are needed to provide for the 54,123 persons in need of housing. During this reporting period 453 new building permits were granted, and 272 previously authorized houses were built.

V. Foreign Nationals:

Close surveillance during this month by both prefectural officials and members of this team has disclosed no violations of Operational Directive No.83, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 3 October 1946.

134 foreign nationals are receiving supplementary rations.

VI. Repatriation:

The total number of repatriates who have returned to this prefecture is 102,921. At present 9,080 require public assistance.



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VII. Other Public Welfare Matters and Comments:

A. Relief Clothing Supplies:

In compliance with Operational Directive No. 5, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 29 January 1948, the following information is submitted:

	<u>Coats</u>	<u>Trousers</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Underpants</u>	<u>Socks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Allocated during January	5,930	5,930	12,960	12,960	12,960	50,740
Distributed during January	5,239	5,177	11,314	11,041	11,543	44,314
Allocated during February	0	0	0	0	0	0
Distributed during February	265	265	366	366	330	1,592
Allocated during March	0	0	0	0	0	0
Distributed during March	14	15	10	5	5	49
Total allocation Jan - Mar	5,930	5,930	12,960	12,960	12,960	50,740
Total distribution Jan - Mar	5,518	5,457	11,690	11,412	11,878	45,955
Damaged, lost Jan - Mar	194	15	789	636	712	2,346
Amount on hand	218	458	481	912	370	2,439

B. LARA Supplies:

Distribution of the allocated LARA supplies which arrived on 21 February was completed on 4 March.

C. Recertification of Minsei-in:

The recertification of minsei-in was completed on 31 March. Only 471 former minsei-in retained their positions. Of 1,499 persons appointed 349 are women, as compared to 1,607 minsei-in prior to the recertification of whom 282 were women. Only 27% of the present minsei-in are over fifty years of age, as compared to 71% prior to the recertification.



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ANNEX C

LABOR SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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1. Identification

- a. Prefecture covered: Saga
- b. Report for month of: March 1948
- c. Name of individual preparing report: George Y. Ogata,  
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2. Labor Procurement

a. The Prefectural Employment Security Section has supplied 96% of the labor requisitioned by Occupation Forces, but as yet this team is experiencing a scarcity of English-speaking technical employees. One of the reasons for the shortage of technical employees is the low wage offered and the disparity between private and Occupation Forces wage scales which does not encourage the Japanese to work for the Occupation Forces.

3. Wages and Working Conditions, Labor Standards Law

a. The present authorized personnel and personnel employed by the Saga Labor Standard Bureau is given below:

	<u>Inspector</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Concur-</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>2nd Grade</u>	<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>rently</u>
Authorized	17	18	15	3
Employed	11	16	12	3
				53
				42

At the Kyushu District Conference held on 5 March 1948 at Kumamoto City, the chiefs of the Labor Standards Bureaus requested the Labor Ministry to reconsider the proposed 25% reduction in personnel of the Labor Standards Bureaus.

The Saga Labor Standards Bureau submitted to the Women's and Minors' Section of the Labor Ministry the names of three women applicants for appointment. Two women are at present employed at the Labor Standards Bureau as full time employees (koin).

b. The Labor Standards Bureau is endeavoring to accomplish a difficult job with an organization which has been relatively recently organized and is handicapped by shortage of trained inspectors.

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c. The attitude of the employer to the law has been one of fullest cooperation in improving working conditions in compliance with the law, although there has been some indifference in the small factories and workshops located in the homes.

d. The unions in general have better knowledge of the law than the employer groups, but lack the initiative to bring matters to the proper authority for corrective action. The unions have made a feeble effort to cooperate in securing enforcement of the law, but there is clear indication that the information has not been diffused as yet to the rank-and-file union members.

e. There have been many violations of the Labor Standards Law due to management's failure to comprehend and interpret properly the fine points of the law. Management has a tendency to neglect the legal stipulations outlined by the law. Wherever discrepancies have been found, reprimands have been given by the Saga Labor Standards Bureau in line with educating management.

f. No complaints from workers have been received for the period covered by this report.

#### 4. Labor Relations

a. During the period covered by this report there were no labor relations cases in which action was taken by Occupation Forces.

b. Report of action or decision by the following with regard to labor disputes, labor unions, or labor relations situations:

(1) Japanese Police: None

(2) Japanese Procurator:

The Saga Taxation Office Labor Union with a membership of 140, went on a "holiday strike" on 15, 22, and 23 March in accordance with directives issued by its headquarters. The Labor Relations Committee at a secret session on 23 March passed a resolution declaring that the labor union had violated Article 38 of the Labor Relations Adjustment Law, and filed the case with the Saga Procurator's Office. The Procurator's Office on 25 March arrested Mr. Tomio Tomono, president of the Saga Taxation Office Labor Union, but the Procurator's Office decided to withhold prosecution until the investigation is completed in regard to imposing the ¥10,000 fine for violating Article 38 of the Labor Relations Adjustment Law.



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(3) Japanese Court: None

c. There have been no complaints or allegations of the following:

(1) Employer domination or influence in labor unions.

(2) Discrimination against employees for union activity.

d. There have been no proceedings or action by the Prefectural Labor Relations Committee or Prefectural Government with respect to sub-paragraph 4c.

e. There were no instances of conciliation, mediation or arbitration of labor disputes by the Labor Relations Committee, for the period covered by this report.

f. In regard to changes of personnel or changes in the methods of election of members of the Labor Relations Committee or the method of appointment of the panel of conciliators the regulations issued by the Labor Ministry are adhered to.

g. The budget appropriated by the national and prefectural governments for the work of the Labor Relations Committee for the fiscal year April 1948 - March 1949 is ¥875,063. This is an increase of ¥383,115 over last year's budget of ¥491,928.

h. There has been a gradual improvement in the types of labor agreements signed, with specific reference and detailed statements on rights and duties of management; labor grievance machinery; impartial umpire; and inclusion of a "peace clause".

1. In general all the union constitutions and by-laws with specific reference to democracy within the trade union have clauses on monthly meetings, regular secret-ballot elections of officials of the unions and delegates to regional or national bodies, union trial procedure and financial statements, but there still is much room for improvement.

##### 5. Employment

a. Is unemployment being absorbed by the following:

(1) Private industry: There has been no new development in private industry to affect the unemployment problem. The total number of workers in private industry is 115,646 of whom 2,309 have been employed this month, with 1,825 workers retiring.

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(2) Public Works: Public Works during the reporting month totalled 255 projects with 7,299 persons employed. 1,346 persons were hired, 630 retiring.

(3) Vocational Training: There are six vocational schools in the prefecture with a total enrollment of 111 students. Of these four students were placed in the schools this month, and there were seven withdrawals.

(4) Others: There are 70 jusansho or relief organizations in the prefecture which are subsidized by the Japanese government. The total number of persons employed is 1,087, of whom 67 persons were placed this month, with 162 withdrawals.

b. The total number of unemployed registered in the prefecture is 4,243, an increase of 1,745 over last month. The increase can be attributed to the popularization of the Unemployment Insurance Law.

#### 6. Labor Education

a. The Labor Administration Section has sponsored an essay contest among the labor unions on the themes "Operation of a Democratic Trade Union", "Economical Reconstruction and the Trade Union", and "Basic Problems for Labor Education". There will be one prize offered. All manuscripts are to be in by 31 March 1948.

b. One prefectural autonomous labor school has been established at the Kasuga Citizens' Club located at Kasuga-mura, Saga-gun, about twenty minutes distance by bus from Saga City. The school will run from three days to a week each month, depending on the availability of lecturers from other prefectures. Normally the teaching staff will be permanent, consisting of members of the prefectural labor section in the prefectural government.

The number of students expected to attend the labor school is 50. A plan to house about 100 students is being formulated for the summer session when the need for bedding is not so great. The labor school will officially open on 12 April. The only requirement for admission to the labor school is that the applicant must be a member of a legitimate and registered union of this prefecture.

c. At each local branch office of the Labor Administration a "check out" system of labor books and pamphlets from their libraries has been established. Encouragement is being given the unions to reproduce any of the ESS/LA SCAP labor pamphlets through use of Japanese duplicating procedures (toshaban).



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d. There is great need for more comprehensive information on the delineation of the rights of management and the rights of labor and on the local and independent functions of an autonomous labor union in following the directives sent out by their headquarters.

e. Five labor rallies were held this month in the five districts of the prefecture, and labor education talks were given to union representatives attending the meetings. Immediately after the talks "spot check" field trips were made whenever possible to various labor unions and encouragement, suggestions, advice, etc., were given establishment of democratic labor organizations.

7. General Observations: None

8. Recommendations: None

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ANNEX D - 1: Industry

A. Inspections accomplished under Operational Directive 79, Headquarters Eighth Army, 21 September 1946 failed to reveal any flagrant violations of existing directives.

B. Coal production again exceeded the monthly quota by a small margin. This month's production goal was 130,600 tons, of this amount 101.3% or 133,232 tons were mined. Production during the first ten days was the highest output for any ten day period since the recent production increases.

Mr. E. T. Butler, Assistant Coal Advisor and Coordinator, ESS GHQ SCAP visited this prefecture on 23 March 1948. He was accompanied by Japanese officials from the central government. At the time of his visit he sponsored the showing of several films at the Kishima Coal Mine where they were enthusiastically received.

During the fiscal year just closed, 1 April 1947 to 31 March 1948, coal production in this prefecture attained 100.19% of the assigned quota of 1,294,550 tons.

Increases in production can be attributed to:

1. An increase in the total number of miners working at the face of the pits.
2. A more stable attitude on the part of miners.
3. More efficient methods in production and an increasing level of skilled labor.

The following production schedule includes monthly production statistics for the last six months:

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Unit: ton

<u>Month</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Production per worker</u>
October	110,100	106,653	96.5	4.59
November	119,800	110,395	92.2	4.65
December	126,800	132,484	104.0	5.43
January	128,800	134,935	104.7	5.44
February	121,600	124,739	102.0	4.99
March	130,600	133,604	101.5	5.24

C. Total production of electric power increased during the past month over the previous month's production. This increase was due to an increase in the amount imported, however, and not to an increase in local production. Production of electric power in Saga depends entirely upon the amount of rainfall and watershed as there are no thermal generating plants within this prefecture operating to produce power for general consumption.

D. A special report was forwarded from this headquarters on 30 March regarding the ceramic industry located in Arita, Saga Prefecture. At the present time only a very limited amount of export production is being attained from the potential of that district. Arita is one of the oldest communities manufacturing pottery in Japan. It has a history of over two hundred fifty years of making pottery. Raw materials and technical skill are in abundance. It has a world-wide reputation for producing fine artistic work. The possibilities of developing and increasing the production of this industry should be given serious consideration.

E. Coal mining machinery producers have registered sharp increases in production during the reporting period over previous production periods. The principal producer in Saga, Togami Denki Co. (C-8026), has shown an increase in yen valuation of its monthly production from ¥800,000 to ¥5,000,000 in the past four months.

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ANNEX D - 2: Natural Resources

A. Wheat and barley crops are progressing favorably, and only the advent of severely adverse weather conditions will prevent a crop yield in excess of last year's production. To date only 1294 chobu of white potatoes have been planted against the assigned acreage of 1844 chobu. This shortage is due to the fact that both Nagasaki and Hokkaido Prefectures failed to fill assigned quotas of seed to this prefecture.

B. The fish and vegetable distribution control program continued to function successfully with both fish and vegetables distributed exceeding the basic requirements for the current reporting period. Contrary to expectations March did not bring a seasonal fish shortage, and the average daily per capita ration exceeded February figures. During March 11.2 momme were distributed per capita against the 9 momme February average. The fish export quota of 50,000 kan was exceeded by 94,500 kan, and a 157,000 kan import requirement was more than filled by a 195,000 kan shipment from Nagasaki. The problem of financing shipment of fish inland from the port cities has been alleviated by a recent adjustment in wholesale and retail prices. Fuel oil is sufficient for operation. One hundred ten tan (tan equals .245 acres) of scarce fishing nets were distributed to fishermen from a seized blackmarket hoard. Officials of the responsible agency have been indicted.

Vegetable production reached a peak during the early part of March and is now declining. Another peak production period will be reached during the middle part of May. Daily per capita distribution during this month was 58.6 momme compared with the February distribution of 38.5 momme. There were no required exports of vegetables during March, however, substantial amounts were shipped to Fukuoka and northern Kyushu.

Police enforcement consisted of nine road blocks and thirty roving patrols to check transportation and an enforcement drive lasting throughout the month to check all echelons of fish

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and vegetable distribution including collection agencies, producing areas, markets, retail shops, transportation agencies, railroad stations, and roads.

Results of enforcement drives during March were 287 arrests and the seizure of 21,944 pounds of fish and vegetables. All phases of the control program were publicized through the media of newspapers, radio, loudspeakers, conferences, and posters.

C. By 31 March all staple food quotas had been allocated to gun and village levels. By 5 April individual farmers will have received their complete allotment of quotas for all staple foods.

D. Allotted quotas of rice for shipment to other prefectures during March amounted to 90,000 koku (koku equals 330.75 lbs). These exports were completed prior to 31 March. All export of rice under the interprefectural shipment plan has been completed to date.

E. Saga is one of the few prefectures authorized to grow marijuana for fibre purposes. This is the first year of its culture in this prefecture, and it is very much in the experimental stage. However, out of an allocation of 30 chobu, 20 chobu have been planted. Surveillance will be maintained according to existing directives.

F. During March a large land sale was held under the Land Reform Program. A total of 17,666 farmers purchased 3,168 chobu of land. This resale of land to tenants brings the total land resold to 8,930 chobu or 60.8% of the total land purchases to date (14,691 chobu, not including 2,375 chobu taken for taxes). The progress of the entire program in this prefecture may be termed as satisfactory as it is ahead of the time schedule set up by higher headquarters.

G. An intensive information drive has been initiated to coincide with the organization of the new agricultural cooperatives. Utilization of newspapers, radio, posters, school lectures and conferences has constituted a greater part of the information program. To date sixty-five applications for organization of the new cooperatives have been received by the prefectural government, and twenty-nine of these have been approved. No attempt has been made to hasten organization, as it is felt that additional time would provide greater opportunity for farmers to come to a better understanding of their organization.



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ANNEX D - 3: Reparations

A. Preparations for the release of dispersal areas within this prefecture are complete. Copies of release forms have been sent to each military government team concerned, and upon receipt of confirmation from them the releases will be effected.

B. Two plants within the prefecture were visited by Lt. Mitsutomi during the month, pending the evaluation and reinventorying process. They were the Dai Nippon KK (33-02) of Karatsu City and the Tachiarai Industry Co. (33-01) of Kiyama-machi. This program should be completed by 15 April 1948.

C. Centralization of all reparations machines which will be retained has been completed.

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CIVIL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

(Frank J. Bartz, CAF/10)

ANNEX E - 1:

1. The present status of the new senior high schools is still undetermined. Early in the month, at the time of school inspections, members of the local temporary conference groups were called in for discussions, and it was learned that the prefectural temporary conference group had not been in close contact with the local ones but had decided somewhat arbitrarily that all old middle grade schools would become senior high schools. In two communities where there were several old middle grade schools the people wanted them merged into comprehensive coeducational schools. Discussions were immediately held with the prefectural education section officials, the education committee of the prefectural assembly, and members of the prefectural TCG, and a letter was sent to the governor stressing the provisions of HATSUGAKU 534 on prior consideration of the needs of the junior high schools and on democratization of the school system.

2. According to the prefectural education section 76,500 sq ft of window glass were requisitioned for the fourth quarter of 1947; 33,100 sq ft were allocated and received (12,900 sq ft for replacement, 20,200 sq ft for new construction) of which 24,290 sq ft have already been distributed.

3. In compliance with paragraph 3, Ltr AG 000.8-BA, subj: "Invoices Containing Lists of United States Armed Forces Institute Texts for Distribution to Japanese Schools", Hq I Corps, dtd 18 Feb 48, the following report is submitted:

- a. Seventeen schools have received the texts as invoiced.
- b. Eight schools received overages totalling 370 volumes.
- c. Seven schools had shortages totalling 9 volumes.
- d. Three schools have not yet received shipments (which would total 303 volumes).

4. During the month one village which covers a large mountainous area reported that it had plans to try to obtain a bus to facilitate school attendance for students who live at a distance

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and asked Military Government for and was given a letter of recommendation to support its case. The mayor went up to Tokyo and succeeded in obtaining from the Transportation Ministry allocation of one new bus at ¥500,000. This will be the only school bus in the prefecture.

5. The teachers' union appears to have given up its attempts to obtain gyomukyogikai in all schools and is concentrating on trying to obtain salary increases and living and marriage allowances. In order to interest other circles in its struggle the union sponsored an Education Rehabilitation Conference (said to be nationwide) meeting on 19 March which was attended by teachers and PTA and labor union representatives. To date small success has been registered.

6. Assistance was given to two PTA's in improving their organizations along democratic lines. In still another village the PTA reported opposition to its activities on the part of the deputy mayor and some members of the village assembly. The mayor was asked to come in with the entire assembly, and the group was given an explanation of the purpose and nature of a PTA and some literature and asked to cooperate with the organization.

7. Two Citizens' Public Halls were checked on days when special programs were being held. One program featured community use of the library, including a book-review type of meeting put on by the local youth association. This was rather unusual as youth associations do not ordinarily go in for such intellectual activities. The other community is building a CPH which will have among other facilities special rooms for music appreciation, library, displays of local products, and a projection booth.

8. This section attended a meeting of the women's association of a village in one of the most inaccessible parts of the prefecture, spoke on democratization of the organization and left assorted literature for use of the women. There was no evidence of control of the organization by men as might have been expected from the general picture in villages observed to date.

9. Monthly cumulative report of the prefectural screening committee: Teachers - total 1,193, not acceptable 7; CPH committee members - total 45, not acceptable 1.

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CIVIL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES  
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ANNEX E-2:

1. During the month weekly press conferences were continued and articles were released to the local press on the following: Agricultural cooperatives 9, increase of food production 5, tax collection 5, conservation of electricity 1, incentive goods 1, land reform 1, crop quotas 1, new senior high schools 1, junior high schools 1.
2. Two educational films, NORTHWEST U.S.A. and NATIONAL LIBRARY, were shown in three communities to a total of 1,600 persons.
3. Exhibits on British Trade Unions, Young Children's Education, Women's Organizations in America and Home Life were exhibited from 4 to 29 March in six locations throughout the prefecture and were seen by about 15,000 persons.
4. Radio, railroad and theater public address systems were used to publicize the campaigns under the surveillance of the food control and tax collection teams.
5. Since the prefectural office has had no official in charge of public information activities, the cooperation of the prefectural social education section was secured, and one of the officials of the section was designated as coordinator and disseminator of information on matters related to fields in which the military government civil information officer works. The prefectural liaison office has a man who handles press matters, but all other media will be handled by the social education section official.

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SUBJECT: Military Government Activities Report for Period 1 - 29  
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TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343  
Attn: Military Government Section

The following is the Monthly Report of Saga Military Government Team for the month of February 1948, submitted in compliance with Operational Directive No.71, Hq Eighth Army, dtd 10 December 1947.

ANNEX A The tax collection program is progressing steadily, the total collected as of 29 February is ¥1,076,430,000.00 or 94% of the 1947 fiscal year quota assigned from the Kumamoto Regional Financial Bureau.

ANNEX B-1 The new Prefectural Health Department is progressing moderately well with the task of acquiring more personnel to fill the vacancies in important positions. They were given the assurance of receiving 5% of the total prefectural budget for 1948.

The public health train exhibition stopped in Saga City for three days and was very well attended by the general public.

ANNEX B-2 In accordance with directives from the Welfare Ministry the governor and all public officials resigned their positions in the DOBO ENGO KAI on 20 February. On the same date all office space in the prefectural buildings was vacated by the remaining DOBO ENGO KAI representatives.

ANNEX C The February Labor Education Meeting was held at the Toho Theater located in Saga City on 9 February with approximately 600 selected representatives attending from the labor unions of the prefecture. Many favorable comments have been received on the labor education film strip "Explanation on Collective Bargaining" shown at the meeting. Efforts are being made to obtain and show more such film strips at various union meetings.

ANNEX D Remarkable increases have been achieved in distribution of fish and vegetables during the month of February. Though some credit must be attributed to the drive now in progress, it is believed that the greater part of the increases are