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Other Free Occupations	76	28	104
Agriculture, Fishing Industry	44	—	44
Mining Industry, Industry	413	—	413
Commerce, Traffic Business	387	5	392
Private Company Employees	2,321	49	2,370
Others	19	2	21
Students	12,670	1,646	14,316
Persons with no occupation	1,127	231	1,358
Persons whose occupations are unknown	1,496	266	1,762
(Total)	20,326	2,405	22,731
Average per day	723	86	809

2) Number of Books circulated (Unit-Volume):

Orient Books:

(Subject)	(Male)	(Female)	(Total)	(Books loaned out)
General Works	951	15	966	1
Philosophy, Religion	1,223	69	1,292	4
History, Geography	1,999	232	2,231	5
Social Sciences	4,268	519	4,787	—
Pure Science	3,215	308	2,523	—
Technology	3,920	312	4,232	1
Industry	4,539	651	5,190	—
Fine Arts	5,685	498	6,183	—
Philology	5,894	391	6,285	—

Literature	6,926	1,034	7,960	41
(Total)	38,620	4,029	42,649	56
Average per day	1,379	143	1,523	2

European Books:

(Subject)	(Male)	(Female)	(Total)	(Books loaned out)
General Works	51	6	57	—
Philosophy	44	3	47	—
Religion	15	—	15	1
Social Sciences	155	3	158	4
Philology	202	6	208	2
Pure Science	183	5	188	—
Useful Arts	110	1	111	—
Fine Arts	41	2	43	—
Literature	228	31	259	2
History	63	6	69	4
(Total)	1,092	63	1,155	13
Average per day	39	2	41	0.4
GRAND TOTAL (Oriental & European Books)	39,712	4,092	43,804	69
Average per day	1,418	146	1,564	2

Administrative Division

Regulation on the Deposit of the Publications provided for in the National Diet Library Law.

Article 1) In accordance with the provision of Item 1, Article 24 and Item 2, Part 2, Article 24 of the National Diet Library Law (called "Law" hereafter), the number of the copies of the

publications to be deposited to the National Diet Library, in case when the circulation is less than 500 copies, shall be 10 percent of the circulation, as far as there is no particular reason. But the number of the copies to be deposited shall not exceed 30 in whatever the case may be.

Article 2) The number of the copies of the publications to be ~~depo~~ deposited by cities, towns and villages and the similar institutions, according to the provision of Item 2, Part 2, Article 24 of the Law, shall be prescribed in the following items as far as there is no peculiar reason.

1) In case of the Cities of Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya, Kobe and Yokohama, if the circulation of the publications exceeds 500 copies, 10 copies shall be deposited, and if less than 500 copies, 3 copies be deposited.

2) In the case of the cities excluded from the above-mentioned cities (special wards included) and towns and villages, if the circulation exceeds 500 copies, 3 copies shall be deposited and if less than 500 copies, 1 copy be deposited.

3) The above provision shall be applied to in the case of the institutions similar to the cities, towns and villages in the above provision.

Article 3) The Chief Librarian shall decide the amount of money based upon the opinions of persons in the publishing circles and others well aware of this field over the compensating money provided for in Item 3, Article 25 of the Law.

Article 4) The publications falling under No.6, Item 1, Article 24 of the Law shall be exempted from the obligation of deposit for some time, but not be exempted in a particular case.

Supplementary Regulation:

This regulation shall be effective as of July 1st, 1949.

(The End)

L I B R A R Y B U L L E T I N

(English Version)

No. 8

National Diet Library

July 1, 1949

Research & Legislative Reference Department

The following research materials were distributed to the Standing Committees and the Legislative Bureaus of both Houses, each branch library and within the Library.

Development of Policies upon Japan's Iron & Steel Industry.

The following research materials are now under printing.

1) Economic Rehabilitation & Unemployment Problems in Consequence of the End of Inflation.

2) Regulation Enactment Right of the Supreme Court and its Relations with Laws.

3) Chronological Table of Rice Price (with Bibliographical Catalog)

General Reference Division

Statistics concerning Readers, Books Circulated, Books Increased, etc. (June)

1) Readers:

Days open: 24

Total number of readers: 10,947

Average per day : 456 (Increase by 154 in comparison with that of the last month)

The highest peak of the number of readers: 620 (on 14th, Saturday)

The lowest " " " : 297 (on 20th, Friday)

(Occupation)	(Male)	(Female)	(Sub-total)
Diet-members	--	--	--
Public Employees	272	40	312
Educators, Missionaries & Priests	84	6	90
Reporters, Writers & Others engaged in free occupation	161	12	173

Persons engaged in commerce and industry	93	4	97
Private Company Employees	339	29	368
Persons with other occupation	2	0	2
Persons with no occupation	305	76	381
Persons whose occupations are unknown	147	27	174
Students	5,751	2,130	7,881
Children	612	802	1,414
Foreigners	26	10	36
(Total)	7,792	3,136	10,928

(Note) a) .Discrepancy between the total number of readers and the above total is due to the missing of circulation slips.

b) The number of diet-members utilizing the Detached Library in the Diet Building for their reading is excluded from the above statistics.

2) Books Circulated: (Unit-Volume)

(Subject)	(Oriental Books)	(Subject)	(European Books)
General Works	398	General Works	58
Philosophy, Religion	897	Philosophy	6
History, Geography	1,970	Religion	29
Social Sciences	2,493	Social Sciences	99
General Works	322	General Works	12
Politics	425	Statistics	26
Law	319	Politics	8
Economics	842	Economics	25
Finance	41	Administrative Policy	6
Statistics	24	Sociology, Welfare	14

Sociology	319	Education	0
Education	86	Commerce, Communication	0
Manners & Customs	114	Manners & Customs	8
Military Affairs	1	Philology	15
Pure Science	1,442	Pure Science	4
Technology	613	Useful Arts	24
Industry	737	Fine Arts	80
Arts, Fine Arts	443	Literature	63
Philology	424	History	68
Literature	3,049		
(Total)	12,466	(Total)	446
Books for Children	2,063	Average per day	19
(Grand Total)	14,529		
Average per day	606		

3) Books Increased: (Unit-Volume)

(Subject)	(Oriental Books)	(Subject)	(European Books)
General Works	51	General Works	13
Philosophy, Religion	89	Philosophy	3
History, Geography	54	Religion	8
Social Sciences	213	Social Sciences	215
Pure Science	104	Philology	7
Technology	99	Pure Science	5
Industry	63	Useful Arts	21
Arts, Fine Arts	46	Fine Arts	16
Philology	32	Literature	132
Literature	321	History	82

Books for Children	225	(Total)	502
(Total)	1,297		
Booklets	194		

4) Books Loaned to Branch Libraries: (Unit-Volume)

(Branch Library)	(Books Loaned)	(Books Returned)
Construction Ministry	20	3
Foreign Ministry	11	22
Finance Ministry	3	5
Labor Ministry	3	12
International Trade & Industry Ministry	7	18
Agriculture & Forestry Ministry	9	0
Transportation Ministry	6	0
Economic Stabilization Board	8	0
Patent Agency	403	0
(Total)	470	60

Survey of Reference Service: (June)

1) Reference Questions answered through

(Reading Room)	(Oral)	(Telephone)	(Writing)	(Total)
General Reading Room	178	0	1	179
Social Sciences	48	1	0	49
Chinese Collection Room	40	1	2	43
Government Publications	30	6	2	38
Newspapers & Periodicals	51	1	1	53
K B S (Kokusai Bunka Shinkokai or Society for International Cultural Relations)	10	1	0	11
(Total)	357	10	6	373

2) Persons who brought reference questions: (Unit-Volume)

(Occupation)	(Number of Persons)	(Occupation)	(Number of Persons)
Diet Circles	32	General Public	313
Diet-members	2	Researchers, Educators	20
Committees	7	Research Organizations	6
Research & Legislative Reference Department	23	Publishing Circles	10
Government Agencies	15	Company Employees	18
Executive Branches	13	Students	230
Judicial Branches	2	others	29
		Foreigners	13
		(Total)	373

3) Main reference questions answered through each reading room are as follows:

General Reading Room

Materials for compiling the biography of "Hara TAKASHI"

On Sebald

Materials regarding tourist industry

Materials relating to the history of American trade

Picture Collection of Kameoka Tessai

"Koshi-tsū" selected and compiled by Arai Hakuseki

Social Sciences Reading Room

History of Finance

Comparative materials at home and abroad concerning the law on legal person tax

Communism in Soviet Russia

On request for evicting the occupant from its illegal occupation of lands

Woman suffrage

Administrative System in Soviet Russia

Chinese Collection's Room

Reference to the articles of "T'ien-kung-kai-wu", a chinese technical book (Made by the Library of Congress of the United States)

Relations between foreign cigarrets and foreign capital in China and the conditions of Chinese consumption for them.

Research for the length of electric waves of the broadcasting stations in each city in the Chinese released areas.

Economic conditions of postwar China.

Research materials relating to the Chinese Communists.

Merchants' activities in the Recent China.

Government Publications Reading Room

Research for Manchurian official gazettes

Research for the orders of the Korean Government

Concerning the channels of ration

Materials on the national income .

On the purge directives

Educational principles of the Education Ministry under the 6-3-3 educational system.

Periodicals & Newspapers Reading Room

Economic Affairs of the United States

Information on UNESCO

On Dodge Announcement

On Nine Points Economic Stabilization Principles

Materials on counter-measures for the preservation of national treasures

Enterprise Reconstruction and its Adjustment Law.

KBS Library

Information for Purchase of "Obi" Cloth

Aquisition & Technical Processing Division

Statistics (during May)

1) Books received:

(Kinds of Books)	(Purchase)	(Deposit)	(Transfer)	(Donation)	(Total)
Books in general (volume)	4,538	598	1,311	1,665	8,112
Government Publications (")	--	80	--	--	80
(Total)	4,538	678	1,311	1,665	8,192
Special Materials (piece)	--	--	69	--	69
Periodicals (kind)	9	81	--	66	156

2) Books classified (Unit-Volume):

(Subject)	(Oriental Books)	(Subject)	(European books)
General Works	62	General Works	13
Philosophy, Religion	133	Philosophy	3
History, Geography	68	Religion	8
Social Sciences	336	Social Sciences	211
Pure Science	144	Philology	6
Technology	128	Pure Science	6
Industry	92	Useful Arts	21
Fine Arts	57	~~Aesthetics~~ Fine Arts	16
Philology	34	Literature	136
Literature	378	History	80

Books for Children	226	Others	9
Others	192		
(Total)	1,850	(Total)	509

Micro-filming Service

1) As a reward for the service of providing micro-filming facilities, the Ministry of Education has offered 2,000 feet of raw films and an appropriation for its photographic processing to the National Diet Library.

The Library has divided this appropriation together with the offered raw films to the Central Library, Ueno Branch Library and the Library of Tokyo University in proportion to the amount of micro-filming work to be done, and then proceeded to render micro-filming intermediary service for the latter two libraries.

Raw films to be alloted for the Central Library are about 1,300 feet in length.

The amount of work done during May was extremely small, as is shown below, due to the want of days of operation.

(Allotment for)	(Days of Operation)	(Materials)
Central Library	2	Records of Diet Proceedings in the Lower House at the First Session (642 pages)
Library of Tokyo University	1	Gu-mai Ki (8 volumes)

2) The Committee on the Production of Micro-films:

The National Diet Library (Central Library) has organized a committee on the production of micro-films for the purpose of keeping close contact with each branch library in micro-filming operation.

Current Publications

1) Periodical Indexes: No. 3, Volume 1, issued on May 9th, 1949.

2) Depository List: No. 5, issued on May 5th, 1949.

3) Current Acquisitions: No. 4, issued on May 6th, 1949.

4) "Talks on Micro-films and Micro-cards"
"Copyright and Control over Photographic Duplication"
—both mimeographed.

Union Catalog

Since the staff of the Division had been engaged in correcting the proofs of the catalog list displayed for the Bibliographic Exhibition on the Cultural Intercourse between Europe and Japan and also engaged in a series of works of collecting and arranging materials for the purpose of the compilation of the National Union Catalog, only 213 sheets of cards were made during May. (The total number of the union catalog cards compiled so far has amounted to 5,633.)

Branch Libraries Division

The Opening of the 4th Conference of Branch Libraries

The 4th Conference of Branch Libraries was held at 1:30 p.m., June 10, for the purpose of making minute discussion for execution of the Laws, i.e., the Law on Branch Libraries and their staff to be placed in the Executive Branches of the Government under the provision of Article 20, the National Diet Library Law (Law No.101 for 1949) and the Law to Amend partially the National Diet Library Law (Law No.194 for 1949).

The Chief Assistant Librarian made Visit to the Vice-minister of Each Ministry.

Mr. Nakai, Assistant Chief Librarian has made visits to the Vice-Minister of each Ministry and the Secretary-General of Agencies of the Government and conferred with them over various important problems.

The following statistics is the general survey of the works conducted by the branch libraries of the executive and judicial branches of the Government.

1) Number of Books Received (Volume-Unit):

(Kinds)	(Purchase)	(Donation)	(Exchange)	(Total)
Oriental Books	5,257	2,059	295	7,611
European Books	835	51	210	1,096
(Total)	6,092	2,110	505	8,707

2) Number of Books Classified (Volume-Unit):

(Kinds)	(Oriental Books)	(European Books)	(Total)
Books in general	3,571	695	4,266

Periodicals	1,039	1,396	2,435
Newspapers	1,184	75	1,259
Booklets	634	28	662
Others	827	21	848
(Total)	7,255	2,215	9,470
Government Publications (included in the above statistics)	1,313	284	1,597

3) Circulation:

Number of Readers: 6,955

Number of Books Circulated: 17,027

Number of Persons who loaned Books: 3,716

Number of Books loaned: 5,693

General survey of library work conducted by Branch, Ueno Library during May goes as follows:

1) Accession & Classification:

Accession

(Kinds)	(Number of Books received through Central Library)	(Other Ways)	(Total)
Books (Volume)	274 (-)	--- (-)	274 (-)
Periodicals (Kind)	570 (6)	--- (-)	570 (6)
Newspapers (Kind)	78 (3)	--- (-)	78 (3)
Others (Volume)	--- (-)	480 (-)	480 (-)
(Total)	922 (9)	480 (-)	1402 (9)

(Note) Figures in the parentheses show the number of European books.

(Other ways) — Purchase, donation, etc. at the Ueno Library.

Classification (Unit-Volume)

Oriental Books 703 European Books 420 Total 1,123

2) Circulation:

Days Open: 28

Total Number of Readers: 22,731

Average per day: 812

Total Number of Books Circulated: 43,804 vols.

Oriental Books: 42,649 vols.

European Books: 1,155 vols.

Number of Cases in which Books are loaned out: 16

Number of Books loaned out : 69 vols.

Oriental Books: 56

European Books: 13

The Highest Peak of Number of Readers: 1,008 (on 28th, Saturday)

The Lowest Peak of Number of Readers: 526 (on 20th, Friday)

3) Reference Survey:

Number of Questions: 147

Number of Answers for the Referred Questions: 146

Number of Issues of Certificates on Books: 3

Administrative Division

Bibliographical Exhibition on Cultural Intercourse between Japan & European Countries

In order to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of St. Francis Xavier's Visit to Japan, various events for this purpose were held at several places throughout Japan.

The National Diet Library held an exhibition by the support of the Asahi Shimbun Sha during the period from June 6 to June 15 at a branch, the Tōyō-Bunko Library, as reported in the previous bulletin, cooperated with the Catholic Cultural Society.

At this Exhibition the worldly famous literary works which had been evacuated from the Tōyō-Bunko Library during the war-time and have recently returned to the Library formed a major part of the exhibits.

Libraries of St. Sophia University, Tokyo University, Kyoto University and the Tenri University, and other organizations both public and individual participated in the Exhibition by presenting their possessed materials. These presentations made this cultural event more significant.

Among about 580 kinds of exhibitions, some of them were valuable materials which were worthy of national treasures, but these materials were too peculiar for the people in general to understand. Further, on account of railway strike and rainy days in the course of the 10 days' period and of an inconvenient location of the Exhibition there caused comparatively small number of visitors, that is, not more than 1,200 through out 10 days.

It might be said, however, that the aim of the Exhibition has been attained to largier extent by a full appreciation of such visitors as enthusiastic researchers and specialisits for the materials exhibited.

In addition to this, the fact that His Eminence Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Papal Legate and his group who had happened to stay in Tokyo has paid visits to the Library, gave a higher significance to this Exhibition.

(The End)

File -
Diet Library

Note

In view of the fact that the management of the National Diet Library is still in its experimental stage, it is felt worth while to consider a certain proposition to try Mr. S. Sugai, a geologist with the degree in the control of Branch Libraries, and Mr. H. Nakane with long experience in the Ministry of Education to the Director of the Administrative Division, and therefore, I wish to exchange the heads of the Administrative Division and the Branch Libraries Division as follows;

Mr. Higeo Nakane, Director
Present Post: Branch Libraries Division
Post Proposed: Administrative Division

Mr. S. Sugai, Director
Present Post: Administrative Division
Post Proposed: Branch Libraries Division

The abovementioned change will take place upon your consent.

No objection
7/13/49
Ishikawa notified
7/14/49

LIBRARY BULLETIN

(English Version)

No. 7

National Diet Library

June 15, 1949

Research & Legislative Reference Department

The following research materials were distributed to the Standing Committees, Legislative Bureaus of both Houses, each branch library and within the Library.

1) History and Present Condition of the Finance of Japan's Fishing Industry.

2) Present Problems on Electricity.

3) Development Policies on Iron & Steel Industry of Japan.

"Economic Rehabilitation & Unemployment Problems in Consequence of the End of Inflation" is now under printing.

The following materials were exhibited to the Exhibition held on the First Anniversary of the Opening of the National Diet Library, June 4.

1) Publications issued by this Department ---------- 37 sets

2) Index Cards relating to Laws enacted since the End of the War ---------- 9 boxes

3) Statistical Ledger ---------- 1 set

General Reference Division

Special works conducted by the General Reference Division in May are as follows:

(Government Publications Section)

Arrangement and shelving of the records of parliamentary proceedings and other documents relating to the Diet.

Compilation vertical files on the basis of the subjects of the booklets gifted by the American Government.

(General Reference Materials Section)

Provisional classification and shelving of about 800 vols. of the books transferred from the House of Representatives.

Making of about 1,000 sheets of catalog cards to be used for official business.

(Materials Section for Social Sciences)

Compilation of the bibliography of rare books belonging to "Nakanishi-bunko" Library

Making of about 1,000 sheets of temporary catalog cards for Oriental books

(Chinese Materials Section)

Provisional classification and shelving of about 800 vols. of the Oriental books possessed by "Fujiyama-bunko" Library

Provisional classification and shelving of Oriental and European reference books (dictionaries, Year-books, indexes, etc.)

(Each Section)

1) With the designation of the former Ueno National Library as a branch of the National Diet Library, a series of works of transferring some part of the books from the abovementioned branch library to the Central Library has been recently begun.

The General Reference Division, assigned a work of selecting from among those books some number of volumes which will come into direct charge of the Division, has started its work.

2) The list covering both reference materials desired by the General Reference Division and publications available for international exchange, which will be forwarded to the Headquarter of UNESCO, was sent to the International Exchange Service of the Library.

Branch Libraries Division

Inter-library Loan between Ueno Branch Library and Central Library or Branch Libraries of the Executive and Judicial Branches of the Government.

In consequence of the designation of the National Ueno Library as a branch library of the National Diet Library on April 1, this year, inter-library loan system has become also available since June 1 between Ueno Branch Library and the Central Library or the branch libraries of the executive and judicial branches of the Government as between the Central Library and the branch libraries of the executive and judicial branches of the Government.

The following branch libraries displayed exhibits to the Exhibition held on the First Anniversary of the Opening of the Library.

Ueno Library, Library of the Statistical Bureau of the Cabinet Board, Library of the Finance Ministry, Library of the Patent Office, Library of the Construction Ministry and its branch libraries, e.f., those of Public Works' Institute, Geographical Research Institute and Construction Institute.

The Evacuated books of the "Tōyō-bunko" Library have been all carried back.

Morrison library and other valuable books possessed by the "Tōyō-bunko" Library which had been removed in Miyagi Prefecture during the war were brought back completely on June 29 after its four months' labor.

No loss had been caused these books.

It is expected that circulation business will be shortly started with those books after they have been put to order.

The following data are the general survey of library work conducted by Branch, Ueno Library in April.

1) Number of books received and classified

a) Number of books received:

Kinds of Materials	Volumes received from Central Library	+1 Volumes received through Other Ways	Total
Books	--- (---)	171 (---)	171 (---)
Periodicals (Unit-Kind)	560 (+2 5)	--- (---)	560 (5)
Newspapers (Unit-Kind)	71 (2)	--- (---)	71 (2)
Others	--- (---)	552 (---)	552 (---)

+1 It shows the number of books received through purchase, donation, etc.

+2 Figures put in the parentheses show European books.

b) Number of books classified (Unit-Volume)

Oriental Books	European Books	Total
1,045	420	1,465

(Note) The above figures are exclusively for the books which had been received and classified before April 1.

2) Circulation Service

Days open	27	Total Number of Readers	15,261
		(male	13,756)
		(female	1,505)
		Average per day	565
Number of books loaned	70	The Highest Peak of the Number of Readers	765 (on 24, Sunday)
(Oriental Books	69)		
(European Books	1)	The Lowest Peak of the Number of Readers	404 (on 18, Wednesday)

3) References

Number of Reference Questions asked by the Public	573	
Means of Answers for the Above Reference Questions	564	— Telephone
	4	— Writing
	5	— Other Means
	573	
Issue of Cirtificates concerning Books	1	

Administrative Division

The National Diet Library commemorated the First Anniversary of its Opening on June 4.

The celebration ended in great success with the attendence of over 2,5000 visitors. The Exhibition and the performance of court music and dance by members of the Office of Imperial Household,

were featured as the special events on that day.

In the Exhibition, various kinds of plans and statistics showing the processes and results of library activities covering the past one year were exhibited in the hall in the Library Building.

Principal exhibits from each Department and Division are as follows:

Research & Legislative Reference Department

List of Publications issued by the Department

Plan of Legislative Activities of the Department

Others described in the Item, Research & Legislative Reference Department

Acquisition & Technical Processing Division

Explanatory Plan of the Processes from the Acquisition of Books to the Circulation

Poster of Micro-filming Work

Reading-projector for Micro-films

Publications issued by this Division (Depository List of Books & Periodicals, Periodical Indexes, etc.)

Two Others

General Reference Division ---------- 13 pieces

Plan showing the Organization of the Division

Various Statisticses concerning Readers, Visitors, Circulation Business, Reference Services, Book Materials, etc. surveyed from Various Angles ---------- 12 pieces

Branch Libraries Division ---------- 8 pieces

Drawing showing an Organic Relation between Central Library and Each Branch Library

Various Statisticses showing the Recent Conditions of Each Branch Library on Library Activities ---------- 5 pieces

Statisticses showing the Recent Conditions of Branch, Ueno Library on its Utilization and Technical Processing --- 2 pieces

International Exchange Service

Drawings showing International Exchange Channels of Book Materials ---------- 2 pieces

Current Accessions of Overseas Materials

Statistics showing the Government Publications received

Books newly arrived and donated from Abroad, Japanese & American Government Publications

Two Others

Architectural Division ---------- 5 pieces

Plan of the Future Building of the National Diet Library

Birds-eye Viewed Plan of the Area surrounding the Diet Building

Three Others

Detached Library in the Diet Building --------- 2 pieces

Statistics showing Books possessed by the Detached Library

One More Piece

Administration Division ---------- 3 pieces

Organization of the National Diet Library

List of the Statistics showing Increase in the Number of the Library's Staff

One More Piece

Branch Libraries

Ueno Library

Wood Prints of Edo Period and the Early Part of Meiji Era ---- 36 pieces

Library of Patent Office

Books, Bulletins, Lists & Other Materials regarding Patent, home and abroad ---------- 116 pieces

Patent Books of Wordly-famous Inventions such as Edison's, R. Archlight's, G. Bell's, etc. ---------- 6 pieces

Library of Finance Ministry ----------28 pieces

Book of Japanese Old Coins

History of Japanese Monetary System ---------- 19 pieces

History of Finance Ministry ---------- 7 pieces

List of Price of Commodities (1873 to 1875)

Library of Statistical Bureau of Cabinet Office ----- 30 pieces

Research Materials on Japanese Population Census (from 1872)

Study of the Death-cause of the Japanese People (published in 1912)

Others

Library of Construction Ministry ----------109 pieces

Reports & Publications from Various Research Institutes on Dwelling Houses, European Architecture, etc. -------- 44 pieces

Old Maps ---------- 12 pieces

Others

The Library had the honor of receiving messages from American officials concerned to the effect that they heartily celebrated the First Anniversary of the Opening of the National Diet Library and offered their best wishes for the further development of library work in the years to come.

The messages the National Diet Library have received are as follows:

FROM: Mr. Luther H. Evans, Chief Librarian of Library of Congress

May 24, 1949

My dear Dr. Kanamori:

I have learnt that the National Diet Library will hold a meeting on June 4, 1949 commemorating the completion of its first year of active service.

Please accept my personal congratulations, and my congratulations on behalf of this sister institution of the United States. All that I have learnt regarding the activities of the National Diet Library during its first year persuade me that it will be an effective force for the service of the National Diet of Japan, the Japanese Government and the Japanese people. I hope that the relations between the two institutions, as those between our peoples, may be continually strenthened.

We are sending you, by way of marking this anniversary, a set of one of the Library of Congress' principal publications, The Records of the Virginia Company of London.

Sincerely yours,

(Signature)

Luther H. Evans
Librarian of Congress

Dr. Tokujiro Kanamori
Chief Librarian
National Diet Library
Tokyo, Japan

FROM: Mr. Verner W. Clapp, Chief Assistant Librarian
of Library of Congress

May 23, 1949

Dear Dr. Kanamori:

I am delighted to hear that the National Diet Library is taking time from its labors to celebrate its first anniversary. As one who was privileged to sssist in the planning of the Library I wish very heartily to felicitate you and every member of your staff who has, during the brief passage of a year, contributed so effectively toward the realization of a plan drawn in such broad and optimistic terms.

Plans have only too frequently been drawn which have had few or no results. Fortunate is the plan which is followed by an energetic and intelligent executant! I know that Dr. Charles H. Brown will agree with me in saying that we never have engaged in, and probably never will engage in, the making of a plan with as much satisfaction as in the case of the National Diet Library. And this satisfaction is assured by the determination with which you and the members of your staff have progressed in the realization of the plans.

Dr. Brown and I had many hopes for the National Diet Library—for its effective aid to the Diet and the other branches of the Japanese Government, for the coordination of library activities in Japan, for library development, for the democratization of Japan, and for cooperation with the library world outside of Japan in many matters of mutual interest. One year has been all too brief a time to expect considerable results in any of these matters, and I want to express to you and your staff my great pleasure in the great progress which has been made.

My fullest wishes and hopes for a laborious and regarding future.

Sincerely yours,

(Singature)

Verner W. Clapp
Chief Assistant Librarian

Dr. Tokujiro Kanamori
Chief Librarian
National Diet Library
Tokyo, Japan
AIR MAIL

FROM: Mr. Charles H. Brown, Chairman of Committee on the Orient, American Library Association.

May 17, 1949

National Diet Library
Akasaka, Tokyo
Japan

Attention: Mr. T. Kanamori

Dear Mr. Kanamori:

I have noted with great interest the announcement of the celebration to commemorate the first anniversary of the founding of the National Diet Library on June 4, 1949.

The report which you and members of your staff so kindly sent me during the year has been read here with great interest. The development of the National Diet Library has greatly exceeded my expectations. When I watched in February, 1948 from the visitors' gallery the passage of the bill extablishing the National Diet Library, I, together with my collegues, did have great hope of the service to the people of Japan which the National Diet Library could render. But we did not expect the rapid development which has taken place. You and your collegues deserve very great credit.

On behalf of the American Library Association and its Committee on the Orient, will you accept our heartiest congratulations on the remarkable progress the National Diet Library has made during its first year. We believe that your success in this important first year will be an indication of even greater heights of service to which the National Diet Library will attain in future years.

Yours very truly,

(Signature)

CHB/tc

Charles H. Brown
Chairman, Committee on the Orient

FROM: Dr. R. B. Downs, Director of University of Illinois Library

222 Library
May 17, 1949

Dr. Tokujiro Kanamori, Chief Librarian
National Diet Library
Akasaka, Tokyo, Japan

Dear Dr. Kanamori:

On the occasion of the National Diet Library's First Anniversary, may I extend to you and your colleagues my congratulations on your remarkable accomplishments and offer my best wishes for the years ahead.

Considering the innumerable obstacles confronting the National Diet Library during this formative period, it is nothing short of remarkable that you have been able to develop such an excellent organization. It has required courage and ability of a high order to solve the variety of staff, building, financial, and other problems incident to the establishment of a new institution.

Your friends in the United States take great pride in your progress, and those of us who have had direct connections are happy to have been given an opportunity to play a small part in the Library's initial stages. We have every confidence that the future is auspicious for Japan's national library.

Cordially yours,

(Signed)

R. B. Downs,
Director

FROM: D. R. Nugent, Lt. Col., USMC, CHief of CIE Section,
GHQ, SCAP.

4 June, 1949

Dr. T. Kanamori, Director
National Diet Library

Dear Dr. Kanamori:

It is a pleasure indeed to extend greetings and congratulations to the National Diet Library on the anniversary of its founding.

A great deal has been accomplished in the very brief history of the Library, due in part to the enthusiasm and diligence of the staff, and in part to the genuine support of the Japanese people. The achievements to date are surpassed only by the problems which face the Library in the future. These problems are of the same nature as those which face other cultural enterprises in Japan: adquate financial support, trained personnel, satisfactory equipment, etc. Only through the cooperation of all Japanese, both those in the Government and those to whom they are responsible--the citizenry of the nation--will these problems be possible of solution.

During periods of economic stress and strain there is always the temptation to sacrifice cultural undertakings. It is to be hoped that the Japanese people, profiting by their experiences in the pre-war and war years, have learned that "man does not live by bread alone," and that they will not only permit but demand adequate support for such fundamental educational and cultural enterprises as the National Diet Library.

May I express the hope, on benalf of the Civial Information and Education Section, that the progress and accomplishments of the National Diet Library during the coming year will surpass even those of the past year, and that gradually there may be built up here an institution of which the whole nation may well be proud and one which will merit the esteem and respect of students and scholars abroad.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

D. R. Nugent
Lt. Col., USMC
Chief, CIE Section

FROM: Dr. Justin Williams, Chief of Perliamentary & Political Division, Government Section, GHQ, SCAP

4 June 1949

TO: Dr. Tokujiro Kanamori, Chief Librarian, and Staff

SUBJECT: First Anniversary of National Diet Library

Twelve months ago today you launched a tremendous public project which even your friendliest supporters and well-wishers predicted would not yield tangible results for at least a decade. But, contrary to all predictions, in the brief space of a single year you have laid a solid and lasting foundation for the National Diet Library and made of this institution a going concern, generously used and fully appreciated by the general public whose taxes support it, and loudly applauded by legislators, scholars, editors, and other seekers-after-knowledge who, too, are already benefitting from its services and facilities. It goes without saying that within a short time you will set up branch libraries in every region of Japan.

I heartily commend the National Diet Library staff, individually and collectively, for a job exceedingly well done. Under most trying conditions, you have literally improvised ways to assemble a competent staff of specialists, collect valuable reading and reference materials, acquire buildings, equipment and land, obtain fair appropriations from the Diet, make sound and worthwhile contacts with foreign libraries and foundations, and build up an extensive reservoir of goodwill, both at home and abroad. These accomplishments are the fruits of your personal initiative, boundless enthusiasm, skillful management and set purpose, reflecting, as they do, a remarkable esprit-de-corps springing from your consciousness of rendering an invaluable public service and from your desire to furnish a singular example of democracy-in-action for other public agencies to follow.

In the future, as in the past, I shall observe your steady progress with genuine interest, confident that you are constructing the National Diet Library not only as a conspicuous citadel of learning and knowledge but also as a concrete manifestation of the sovereighty of the Japanese people under the Constitution.

(Signature)

Justin Williams, Chief
Parliamentary & Political Division
GOVERNMENT SECTION

LIBRARY BULLETIN

(English Version)

No. 6

National Diet Library.

June 1, 1949.

Research & Legislative Reference Department

The following research materials have been distributed to the Standing Committees and the Legislative Bureaus of both Houses, each branch-library and within the Library.

1) The Organization and Administration of the Political Parties in Great Britain and the United States and the Raising of the Parties Fund.

2) On "Sterling Area" after the War

3) Special Account of U.S. Aid "Counterpart Fund"

4) Recent Economic Condition in the United States (No. 6)

The following research materials are under printing.

1) Present Problems on Electricity

2) History of the Finance of Fishing Industry and its Present Financial Conditions in Japan

3) Development of the Iron and Steel Production in Japan

4) Economic Rehabilitation and Unemployment Problems in Consequence of the End of Inflation.

Branch Libraries Division

The following data are the general survey of library work conducted by each branch-library of the executive and judicial branches of the Government in March.

1) Accessions (Unit-Volume)

	(Purchase)	(Donation)	(Exchange)	(Sub-total)
Oriental Books	6,856	1,595	136	8,587
European Books	503	73	36	612
(Total)	7,359	1,668	172	9,199

2) Number of Books classified (Unit-Volume)

(Kinds of Books)	(Oriental Books)	(European Books)	(Total)
Government Publications	868	329	1,197
Books in General	3,032	549	3,581
Periodicals	2,634	2,727	5,361
Materials unclassified	309	157	466
(Grand Total)	6,843	3,762	10,605

3) General Reference Condition

Number of Readers	10,145	Number of Books circulated	6,487
Number of Books loaned	7,611	Number of Books returned	4,797

International Exchange Service

International Exchange Service

International exchange service is one of the main services rendered by the International Exchange Service of the National Diet Library. With the object of "Promotion and diffusion of knowledge among mankind," this Service is taking charge of the exchange of government publications and scientific publications between Japan and foreign countries.

1) History of the International Exchange Service

This service was originated from the Convention for the International Exchange of Official Documents, Scientific and Literary Publications concluded at Brussels between the United States and other various foreign countries on March 15, 1886 (Japan was and is not yet a member of contracting parties of this Convention).

There exist International Exchange Agencies and Services which are taking charge of this work in principal countries of the world and the service in the Smithsonian Institution of the United States is distinguished for activities from those in other countries.

2) Development of International Exchange Service in Japan.

This service in Japan was originated as back as 1875 from the service of exchange of government publications between the

Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Smithsonian Institution.

In April, 1911, it was transferred to the Ueno Library (then, the Imperial Library) from the abovementioned Ministry.

Since then, it had been developed as far as to exchange not only with the United States, but also with various foreign countries.

However, this service had been obliged to be suspended because of the outbreak of the World War II in 1941, but in July, 1947, was resumed between the United States and Japan.

In August, 1948, the International Exchange Service, which was then under the jurisdiction of the Ueno Library, was transferred to the National Diet Library, and is now conducted by the International Exchange Service, a division of the Library.

3) Present Condition

a) Exchange of Government Publications

The Library of Congress sends through the Smithsonian Institution to Japan the full sets of American government publications which are kept in the National Diet Library

In exchange for the above publications, we send the full sets of the government publications deposited to this Library in accordance with Article 24 of the National Diet Library Law.

b) Intermediation Service of Exchanges of Scientific Publications

Exchange materials sent from various organizations and individuals of the United States through the Smithsonian Institution, addressed to various organizations and individuals of our country, are received at this Service for transmission to the recipients.

The number of the parcels handled during the period from August 1, 1948, to March 31, 1949, amounted to 22.506. It is expected that exchange materials of this kind will shortly arrive here from France.

This Service is also handling free transmission of the international exchanges consigned by various organizations and individuals in this country for U.S.A. and other foreign countries. Parcels forwarded during the aforementioned period are numbered as shown in the following table, and the number of such consignments has been rapidly increasing recently.

Countries	Parcels	Volumes	Countries	Parcels	Volumes
U.S.A.	1,358	12,851	Great Britain	200	1,114
Belgium	72	438	Sweden	53	681
Canada	39	297	Switzerland	36	114
Australia	29	205	Denmark	29	203
India	22	76	Holland	20	116
Norway	18	177	Argentina	13	73
France	12	52	Italy	10	41
Others	82	556	Total	1,993	16,994

Note: For those who desire to send their publications abroad through this Service, papers concerning its procedure are available on application.

This Service was requested from the following institutions abroad to effect exchange of scientific publications with Japanese institutions through our intermediary:

Kentucky University	(Chiefly publications in the field of agriculture written in European languages were desired)
Allan Hancock Foundation, Southern California Univ.	(Publications in the field of natural science written in European languages were desired)
New Zealand Government	(Publications in the field of natural science, especially geophysics were desired)
Australian Government	(Publications in the field of natural science were desired)
Indian Government	(Especially publications on fuels were desired)
Ministry of Agriculture & Fishery, Great Britain	(Publications in the fields of agriculture and live stock were desired)

Administration Division:

Partial Amendment to the Regulation of the National Diet Library.

The Regulation of the National Diet Library shall be amended as follow.

Item 4 of Article 4 shall be deleted and Item 5 of the same Article shall be put forward as Item 4. Thus, the following each number of the Items shall respectively be put forward.

Item 2 of Article 8 being made Item 3, the following Item will be added as Item 2 of Article 8.

Item 2. To conduct warks concerning maintenance and custody of the national property.

Supplementary Regulation.

This regulation shall be effective as of the date of promulgation.

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Chief Librarian

Sir:

I have the honour to submit for your perusal a copy of acquisition report of this Service for the month of April and May. In accordance with out recent decision to issue the quarterly reports starting from the first quarter of this year, in stead of monthly report, the monthly position will be hereafter recorded in this manner.

T. Ichikawa
Director
International Exchange Service

June 1?, 1949
National Diet Library

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Acquisitions of Overseas Materials (April 1949)

	Volumes
U.S. Government Publications sent by the Library of Congress, U.S.A.	1097
American Publications sent by C.I.E., Tokyo	638
American Publications by exchange through Mr. Tuttle	18
American Publications by Compliments of Mr. C.N. Brown	19
American Publications by Compliments of Mr. R. B. Downs	5
American Publications sent by World Peace Foundation, U.S.A.	5
American Periodicals sent by A.L.A. 5	5
American Periodicals sent by National Academy of Sciences	2
American Newspapers by Compliments of G.S., GHQ, SCAP.	876
American Magazines by Compliments of G.S., GHQ, SCAP.	25
Harvard-Yenching Institution's Publications	38
U.K. Government Publications sent by Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries	5
Chinese Publications sent by National Central Library, China	1
French Periodicals by Compliments of French Liaison Mission	7
United Nations' Publications	135
Total	2876

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Acquisitions of Overseas Materials (May 1949)

	Volumes
U.S. Government Publications sent by the Library of Congress, U.S.A.	1107
American Magazines sent by C.I.E., Tokyo.	670
American Periodicals by Compliments of Mr. C.H. Brown.	33
American Periodicals sent by A.L.A., U.S.A.	9
American Periodicals sent Northwestern University	7
American Periodicals gifted by Illinois University, U.S.A.	1432
American Periodicals gifted by Iowa State College, U.S.A.	726
American Newspapers by Compliments of G.S., GHQ, SCAP.	745
Philippine Newspapers by Compliments of G.S., GHQ, SCAP.	53
American Magazines by Compliments of G.S., GHQ, SCAP.	39
Governmental Publications sent by Smithsonian Institution.	3673
United Nations' Publications.	551
Chinese Publications by Compliments of Chinese Liaison Mission, Tokyo.	2
F.A.O. Publications, Italy.	5
Indian Publications by Compliments of Indian Liaison Mission, Tokyo.	3
French Publication by Compliments of French Liaison Mission, Tokyo.	1
English Newspapers by Compliments of UKLM, Tokyo.	24
Total	9080

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Acquisition Statistics of Government Publications from January to May, 1949

Publication of	Jan.	Fev.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Total	Monthly Mean
Diet	0	120	50	70	100	340	68
National Diet Library	108	130	82	147	160	627	125
Attorney General's Office	130	130	100	92	662	1114	223
Supreme Court	345	315	320	727	554	2261	452
Cabinet	22	5	0	21	61	109	22
Statistic Bureau	120	40	54	478	42	734	167
Economic Stabilization B.	21	10	81	22	45	179	36
Price Board	7	3	3	11	7	31	6
National Personal Authority	22	4	6	0	7	39	8
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	12	58	59	129	372	630	126
Min. of Finance	28	70	120	16	0	234	47
Printing Bureau	55	30	85	170	81	421	84
Min. of Education	10	23	15	110	36	194	39
Min. of Welfare	30	55	37	5	25	152	30
Min. of Agr. and Forestry	502	851	1505	388	1264	4510	902
Min. of Com. and Industry	29	102	80	109	108	428	86
Patent Agency	34	20	30	70	20	174	35
Min. of Transportation	1	245	118	22	39	425	85
Min. of Communications	398	203	398	434	344	1777	355
Min. of Labor	695	1366	940	786	668	4455	891
Min. of Construction	170	150	800	253	266	1639	328
Local Government	437	251	207	73	261	1229	246
TOTAL	3176	4181	5090	4133	5122	21702	4340

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2. From: SRS To: Govt Sec Maj. C. F. Byers, 26-5541

Date: 10 June 1949

Transmitted herewith is a complete set of Summations (1 - 35 inclusive) on the nonmilitary activities of Japan forwarded in compliance with recommendation contained in C/N 1.

35 Incls
As indicated

---C. H. U.---

Summaries received by mr. Ichikawa - 13 June 49

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Dr. Williams 26-6069

Request for Copies of "Summation of Non-Military Activities in Japan"

Govt Sec

SRS

9 June 1949

1. 1. Under date of 14 May, in a letter addressed to Government Section, the National Diet Library requested that a set of the "Summation of Non-Military Activities in Japan" be made available to the Library, if possible. The National Diet Library, established one year ago, is giving first priority to collection of materials on Japan.

2. It is recommended that a complete set of the Summations be made available to Government Section for presentation to the National Diet Library.

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NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY
Akasaka, Tokyo

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May 14, 1949

Dr. J. Williams, Chief
Parliamentary and Political Division
Government Section
GHQ, SCAP.

Dear Dr. Williams;

Very recently we have decided to give the first priority in the acquisition of library materials to the Japanology. Books and Non-governmental documents written in Japanese are to be the object of acquisition by other division of our Library. However, for collecting foreign materials through exchange and gift with this priority in mind the Division under my control should be responsible.

In this respect, it has come to our notice that the Scap has been gathering various valuable data for the Occupied Japan and these data are given compilation in the monthly report of Occupation by the Scap. We should be naturally interested to know if a complete set of these reports is available to this Library.

Your special consideration to this request of ours will be gratefully appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

T. Ichikawa
Director
International Exchange Service

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Maj. Mabie — any objection to this request — if the copies are available in S + R Section?

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NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY
Akasaka, Tokyo

June 6, 1949

Dr. J. Williams, Chief
Parliamentary & Political Division
Government Section
G.H.Q.

Dear Dr. Williams:

I wish to express my hearty thanks for a copy each of Constitution of 37 Federal States which you were so kindly sent to me by way of marking the commemoration of the first anniversary of founding this Library.

Further, in this connection, I shall be appreciated if you would be so kind enough to arrange one copy of Constitution of Western Germany which was promulgated lately to be supplied to this Library in English translation as well as in original text.

Your kind arrangement will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

T. Kanamori

T. Kanamori
Chief Librarian

I shall know ~~notified~~ 14 June 1949

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General Reference Division

Statistics (during April)

1) Number of readers:

Days open: 25

Total number of readers: 7,572

Average per day: 302

The highest peak of number of readers: 460 (on 23rd, Saturday)

The lowest peak of number of readers: 198 (on 11th, Monday)

(Occupation)	(Male)	(Female)	(Sub-total)
Diet-members	—	—	—
Public Employees	244	47	291
Educators, Missionaries & Priests	79	6	85
Reporters, Writers & Others Engaged in free occupations	138	12	150
Persons engaged in commerce and industry	47	0	47
Private Company Employees	341	32	373
Persons engaged in other occupations	26	2	28
Persons with no occupation	250	72	322
Persons with unknown occupations	164	50	214
Students	3,980	1,099	5,079
Children	461	430	891
Foreigners	22	23	45
(Total)	5,752	1,773	7,525
(Average per day)	230	71	301

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The National Diet Library

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(Note) The difference between the total number of readers and the number given in the breakdown is due to missing circulation slips.

Diet members' reading outside the Library by the use of books of the Library and in the Diet Building is excluded in the above statistics.

2) Circulation (Oriental & European Books):

(Subjects)	(Oriental Books)	(Subjects)	(European Books)
General Works	341	General Works	87
Philosophy, Religion	578	Philosophy	10
History, Geography	739	Religion	18
Social Sciences	1,608	Social Sciences	136
Natural Sciences	941	Languages	5
Technology	330	Pure Science	6
Industry	325	Useful Arts	35
Fine Arts	344	Fine Arts	66
Languages	289	Literature	27
Literature	2,347	History	60
Books for Children	1,551		
(Total)	9,393	(Total)	450
(Average per day)	376	(Average per day)	18

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3) Accessions (Oriental & European Books):

(Reading-Room)	(Oriental Books)	(European Books)	(Sub-Total)
General Reading Room	1,016	202	1,218
Social Sciences " "	270	32	302
Chinese Collection Room	33	0	33
Government Publications Reading Room	22	259	280
Children's " "	225	0	225
Book Store	613	2	615
KBS Library	0	6	6
(Total)	2,179	501	2,680

Reference Service (during April)

1) Number of references answered through:

(Reading Room)	(Oral)	(Telephone)	(Material)	(Sub-total)
General Reference Reading Room	95	2	1	98
Social Sciences " "	42	1	1	44
Chinese Collection " "	28	0	0	28
Government Publication " "	50	8	0	58
Periodicals & Newspapers " "	22	0	0	22
KBS " "	8	0	0	8
Office of the Division concerned	4	2	0	6
(Total)	249	13	2	264

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2) Number of persons with reference questions:

(Occupation)		(Number of Persons)	(Percentage)
Diet Circles			
	Diet Members	4	2
	Various Committees	7	3
	Research & Legislative Reference Department	21	8
	(Sub-total)	32	13
Executive & Judicial Branches of the Government			
	Executive	37	15
	Judicial	0	0
	(Sub-total)	37	15
General Public			
	Researchers & Educators	16	6
	Research Institutes	0	0
	Publishers	6	2
	Salary Earners	12	5
	Students	119	47
	Others	23	9
	(Sub-total)	176	69
Foreigners		10	4
	(Total)	255	100

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3) Main Reference Questions and Materials used for:

General Reference Reading Room

Research materials showing the present condition of Japan's foreign trade.

Research materials on the present condition of Japan's industry.

Merits of Mr. Yukio Ozaki

Research of books published recently on agriculture

Materials concerning forestry

Research materials on system of prostitution

Research of book catalogs in the States

Materials on bibliography in Japan

Social Sciences Reading Room

The Charter of the United Nations

Five Year Project of the Soviet Russia

Local administration and its finances

Materials written of Robert Owen

Military affairs of the United States

Chinese Collection Reading Room

Foreign trade affairs of the post-war China

The Constitution of China

Capitalism in China

Land System in China

Exploration in Middle Asia and Tibet

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Government Publications Reading Room

Records of the sessions of the Diet and of the committees' discussions

Research of the names of cultural organizations

Present conditions of industry in each prefecture

The charter of industry of the Conservative Party of England

Form of application made by purgees for re-deliberation to G.H.Q., SCAP

Periodical & Newspaper Reading Room

International conference of social parties

Colleges under the new educational system

Winners of the Asahi Prize

Number of dwelling houses throughout Japan

KBS Library

Compilation of the catalog of Japanese Buddhist pictures

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Acquisition & Technical Processing Division

Statistics regarding books and periodicals received and number of books classified (during April)

1) Number of books received

(Kinds of books)	(Deposit)	(Donation)	(Transfer)	(Sub-total)
Books in form, booklets	433	1,556	928	2,917
Government publications				
(Books in form, booklets	70	0	0	70
(Special publications	2	0	0	2
Special publications	33	46	0	79
(Total)	538	1,602	928	3,068

(Note) No books were purchased during April.

2) Number of books classified (April)

a) Oriental books

(Classified subjects)	(Number of books classified) Main Library	Detached Library (In the Diet Building)
General works	55	4
Philosophy, Religion	211	20
History, Geography	111	12
Social Sciences	420	61
Pure Science	230	9
Applied Science	171	7
Industry	125	14
Fine Arts	88	4
Languages	44	1

Literature	487	20
Children books	238	0
Miscellaneous	32	0
(Total)	2,212	152

b) European books

(Classified subjects)	(Number of books clasified)
General Works	19
Philosophy	4
Religion	2
Social Sciences	139
Languages	10
Pure Science	25
Useful Arts	113
Fine Arts	27
Literature	72
History	86
(Total)	497

c) Other materials

(Classified subjects)	(Number of materials classified)	
	For 1948	For April, 1949
Maps	70	87
Pictures	33	0
Music-books	58	1
Books in braille	41	8
Records	133	0
(Total)	335	96

Union Catalog

Number of union catalog cards made during April on the basis of the cards of the Libraries of Finance Ministry and the Statistic Bureau of Cabinet Board — 1,503

Total number accumulated — 5,420

Library Publication

Publishers Depository List — of Books, No. 4 (monthly)

Date of issue: April 7, 1949

Number of copies: 3,000

The List contains the government publications received through deposit during the period from February, 1948 to December of the same year, and the books published during last December.

(Contents)

Government publications	305 sets	5,364 copies
Books published by general publishers		323 copies

Printing Cards

The Library has proceeded to start making printing cards from this year onwards.

The business will be continued for some time by making printing cards only for the use of this Library including the Detached Library and Ueno Branch Library.

Provision of Micro-Filming Facilities

The National Diet Library started micro-filming work on January 13 this year, in conformity with the request made by the National Research Council of Japan.

This Council has taken charge of the custody of "Recordak" which was lent to this council by the kind favor of the Library of Congress. Thus, by utilizing this "Recordak," this Council assumes the leadership for the production of micro-films in order to meet the domestic demand.

However, there is provided a condition that a half of the time allocated for the production of micro-films must be shared to producing micro-films which the Library of Congress desires to produce from among Japanese literary works.

The National Diet Library was to collaborate in fulfilling this borrowing condition. For this purpose, the Library of Congress is supplying us with specially made films.

Technical parts of micro-film production such as photographing and its development are conducted by the Nippon micro-film company.

The National Diet Library, on the basis of the list sent from the Library of Congress, tries to find out the place where the desired literature is kept, and arranges so that the literature possessed by the National Library (now Ueno Library, Branch of the National Diet Library) and the Library attached to Tokyo University be micro-filmed in the respective library.

On the other hand, the National Diet Library provides photographing conveniences through borrowing other desired literary works from the owners, whereby the process from finding desired literature to micro-filming operation can be smoothly carried out and its results, therefore, will be reported in due course.

A series of these works has been continued up to now since the National Research Council was reorganized into the Science Council of Japan on January 20.

The output brought by micro-filming operation during the period from January to the end of March this year is outlined as follows:

	Days of operation	Materials (classified by kind)	Pages micro-filmed
Main Library (N.D.L.)	15	15	25,712
Ueno Library	9	12	21,792
Library of Tokyo University	6	3	9,818
	30	23+	57,322

+ A material micro-filmed at more than two Libraries will be calculated as one kind of materials.

The libraries and individuals from whom the National Diet Library borrowed materials in order to carry out micro-filming work outlined above are as follows:

Cabinet Library

Statistics Bureau of Prime Minister's Office

Agricultural Laboratory of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Apple Laboratory of Aomori Prefectural Government

Library of Waseda University

Library of Keio University

Mr. Shōzō Saito

Mr. Tarō Mariyama

Results brought from micro-filming operation during April of this year are mentioned below, and the list of materials not micro-filmed yet is now being circulated through branch libraries, Tokyo University of Industry, Tokyo University of Commerce and Tokyo University of Literature and Science, etc, so that the requested materials may be found out.

Place of operation	Ueno Library, Branch of N.D.L.
Days of operation	13 days
Materials (classified by kinds)	One ("Aravagi", poetic magazine)
Number of pages micro-filmed	36,581

International Exchange Service

Government publications

The government publications which the National Diet Library received through deposit during April in accordance with Article 24, the National Diet Library Law, and the rooms provided with them are as follows:

1) Publications concerning Diet proceedings (such as bulletins of both Houses, records of various meetings and conferences)

Shown in the Government Publications Reading Room and in the Detached Library in the Diet Building.

2) Official Gazette (written both in Japanese and English)

Shown in the same places as above.

3) Government publications shown in the same places as above.

4) Various publications issued by prefectures.

Shown in the Law Library attached to the Research & Legislative Reference Department in the Diet Building.

The other government publications which are not used as materials for reading and official business are served as exchange materials with foreign countries.

The main institutes and foreign countries which have hitherto received our publications are Library of Congress, the Libraries of the eleven American universities, main public libraries of U.S., and China, France, Canada, etc.

Administrative Division

Personnel Affairs Section

April 20, 1949

Appointment

MIYAKE Kijirō, Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
Ordered to be Director of Library of Foreign Affairs' Ministry,
Branch of National Diet Library.

Resignation

MAEKAWA Giichi, Director of Library of Foreign Affairs' Ministry:
Relieved of the above office.

Summary of Library Bulletin No. 4

The National Diet Library

Issue: April 15, 1949

Research & Legislative Reference Department

References made for the Diet during the period of six months from October to March are numbered as follows:

(Field of interest)	(Oct.-Dec.)	(Jan.-Mar.)	(Sub-total)
Legislation & administration	36	18	54
Foreign affairs	6	1	7
Mining & industry	4	1	5
Agriculture & forestry	7	4	11
Communication	1	0	1
Finance	17	7	24
Commerce & trade	3	2	5
Culture & education	7	7	14
Social affairs	4	1	5
Labor problems	1	4	5
others	9	1	10
(Total)	95	46	141

The following prints will be out soon:

1) System of political parties in Britain and the United States, their administration and the source of parties' expenditures.

2) Important directives and announcements of SCAP on financial affairs (No.1)

3) History on administrative adjustments in Japan. (since the beginning of the Shōwa-era)

General Reference Division

Statistics on readers, circulated books and increased books:
(during March)

1) Statistics on readers

Library opening days: 26

Total number of readers: 9,108

Average per day: 350

The highest peak of the number of readers: 527 (on 8th, Saturday)

The lowest peak of the number of readers: 247 (on 23rd, Wednesday)

(Occupation)	(Male)	(Female)	(Sub-total)
Diet members	?	?	50
Public employees	193	32	225
Persons engaged in commerce and industry	32	1	33
Private company employees	267	41	308
Educationalists & religionists	50	6	56
Writers & reporters	43	2	45
Persons engaged in other occupations	95	8	103
Non-occupation persons	432	97	529
Students	5,176	1,564	7,740
Children	517	287	804
Foreigners	43	7	50
(Total)	6,849	2,045	8,943
(Average per day)	263	79	342

(note) The difference in number between the whole readers and the readers shown in the statistics comes from the missing of, and the failure of collecting circulation slips.

2) Statistics on circulated books

(Classified subjects)	(Oriental books)	(European books)	(Sub-total)
General works	513	36	549
Philosophy, religion	839	22	861
History, geography	1,421	36	1,457
Social science	2,321	252	2,573
Pure science	1,555	4	1,559
Technology	447	—	447
Industry	432	48	480
Fine arts	481	54	535
Languages	440	1	441
Literature	2,330	50	2,380
(Total)	10,779	503	11,282
Books for children	1,381	19	1,400
(Total including the above item)	12,160	522	12,682
(Average per day)	468	20	488

(Note) No record made on newspapers and periodicals, for they can be read without a circulation slip.

3) Statistics on increased books

(Reading-room)	(Oriental books)	(European books)	(Sub-total)
Diet members reading-room	—	—	—
General reading-room	1,246	150	1,396
Social science " "	338	40	378
Law library	—	—	—
Chinese collection room	33	1	34
Government publications reading-room	38	333	371

KBS library (KBS means the Society for International Cultural Relations)	—	—	—
Children reading room	303	—	303
Book stores	824	—	824
	2,782	524	3,306

General survey of references made in each reading-room (During March)

(Reading-room)	(Number of references)
General reading-room	147
Social science reading-room	63
Chinese collection room	43
Government publications reading-room	30
KBS library	16
Newspapers & periodicals reading-room	24
(Total)	323

Acquisition & Technical Processing Division

Statistics on received books and periodicals and classified books (during March)

1) On the number of received books

(Kinds of books)	(Deposit)	(Presentation)	(Transfar)	(Sub-total)
Books in form	623	598	920	2,141
Government Publications	169	—	—	169
Special publications	37	—	8	45
(Total)	829	598	928	2,355

(Note) No book was purchased in March.

The Library sent letters to various publishers asking for the deposit of books to the Library last month, in consequence of which, it is quite noticeable that the number of depositary books was doubled in March as compared with that of the average month.

2) On the number of received periodicals

	(Purchase)	(Deposit & presentation)	(Total)
(Number of kinds of periodicals)	16	115	131

3) On the number of classified books (March)

a) Oriental books

(Classified subjects)	(Number of classified books)
General Works	44
Philosophy, Religion	277
History, Geography	144
Social Science	643
Pure Science	299
Applied Science	209
Industry	212
Fine Arts	130
Languages	87
Literature	682
Children's books	306
Miscellaneous	128
(Total)	3,161

b) European books

(Classified subjects)	(Number of classified books)
General Works	53
Philosophy	0
Religion	3
Social Science	272
Languages	5

Pure Science	
Useful Arts	11
Fine Arts	24
Literature	6
History	65
	85
(Total)	524

Library publications

1) Periodical Indexes (No.2, Volume 1)
   Issued on March 23, 1949,
   Price ¥170, obtainable from Printing Bureau of Finance Ministry.
2) Current Acquisitions (No.3), issued on March 5.

International Exchange Service

Recently arrived American publications

American government publications have hitherto been presented this Library by the Library of Congress through its kindness and the publications for Dec. 1948 have been recently arrived here.

To add to say, American publications have recently seen their increase in quantity.

It is expected that the latest American publications which came into our hands are now being listed and will come out about the middle of May in the form of "Bulletin of Current American Government Publications."

These publications will be shown as early as possible in the Government Publications Reading-Room of this Library.

American newspapers and magazines received through presentation.

Twenty-six kinds of American newspapers, such as New York Times, Washington Post and Chicago Tribune, together with four kinds of Philippine newspapers are now available to us through the presentation by Public Health & Walfare Section, SCAP.

As to the presented magazines, there are eight kinds such as Business Week, U.S. News & World Report, etc.

Comers here can have a free access to these newspapers and magazines in the Newspapers & Periodicals Reading-Room.

Administrative Division

Regulations on reading in the Central Library of the National Diet Library.

Article 1) Reading of books and other materials (called 'books' hereafter) except of books to which special regulations are applied shall be regulated according to these regulations.

Article 2) Any person of more than full fifteen years shall be admitted to enter the Library and read books there.

Persons of the age ranging from full ten years to full fifteen years shall be admitted to enter the Library and read books provided in the special reading room for children.

Article 3) Reading hours will be from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., but the hours will be altered for certain reasons.

Article 4) The Library will be regularly closed on Sundays and the National Holidays.

The days when the Library is irregularly closed, will be set each time.

Article 5) Readers will be free from any charge for reading books.

Article 6) Reading rooms are as follows:

General reading room

Books on general works, philosophy, religion, history, geography, natural science, technology, industry, fine arts, languages and literature.

Social science reading room

Books on politics, law, economics, public finance, statistics, social problems, education, manners and customs and military affairs.

Chinese collection reading room

Books on various subjects related to China.

Government publications reading room

Home and foreign government publications.

Periodicals & newspapers reading room

Home and foreign periodicals and newspapers.

KBS (Society for International Cultural Relations in English name) reading room

Books on things Japanese written in European languages in possession of the Society for Internal Cultural Relations.

Children reading room

Books, magazines and newspapers for children.

Article 7) Users of the Library are allowed to draw any books they wish to read through the bibliographical catalog or from the open shelves placed in each reading room.

The number of books to be borrowed at one time for people to read in the reading room will be three if the books are of European style or fifteen if they are of Oriental style. (in case when one borrows both European and Oriental books together, five books of Oriental style will be calculated as one book of European style.)

Any person who wishes to read books in the reading room will be required to offer a circulation slip to the official in charge after filling the blanks to be requested.

Persons will be required to read books in the appointed reading room.

They will be free to use dictionaries and other reference books placed in each reading room and magazines and newspapers provided in the Periodicals and Newspapers Reading Room.

Another regulation will be applied in case when one wishes to read the books in possession of the Society for International Cultural Relations in the KBS reading room.

Article 8) Persons who read books in each reading room will be free to make references to a referencer for the books they wish to read.

Article 9) Readers will not be permitted to take books out of the Library.

Article 10) On some occasions, the Library will suspend or prohibit from using the Library the persons who do not observe the Library's regulations or directions.

Persons who are apt to trouble others will be refused to enter the Library.

Article 11) Readers who have lost or torn the borrowed books ought to compensate for the lost or torn books in kind or in money. This regulation will be also applied to the losses caused by the loss of a circulation slip through the carelessness of a reader.

Article 12) Apart from these regulations, necessary details will be made on the practices of the above-mentioned regulations.

Appendix) These regulations shall be put into practice as of the announced day.

Appointment

KIMURA Natsuo, Secretary of the House of Representatives:
Appointed Secretary of the National Diet Library,
Ordered to be Chief of the Executive Section of the International Exchange Service.

(The End)

4/30/47

Tentative Draft

File - Diet Lit.

Bill for Partial Amendment of the
National Diet Library Law.

The National Diet Library Law (Law No. 5 of 1948) Shall be partially amended as follows.

Chapter X shall be amended as follows.

Chapter X. Acquisition of Publications issued by the Government, and Local Public Entities and others.

Article 24. 1. When the following publications mentioned in each number of this Paragraph (except confidential matter, blank forms, prescribed forms, and other simple ones) printed or otherwise reproduced by or for any agency of the Government for official use and for use in international exchange for the publications of other Governments and in other international exchanges, of such works reproduced in editions of more than five hundred (500) copies, a number of copies equivalent to thirty (30) and of such works reproduced in editions of less than five hundred (500) copies, a number of copies less than thirty (30) shall be furnished immediately to the National Diet Library. In the former case when some particular cases recognized by the Chief Librarian, a number of copies between less than fifty (50) and more than thirty (30) shall be requested to furnish. Moreover, under special circumstances, he may request to furnish a number of less than thirty (30) to the National Diet Library.

1. Book.
2. Pamphlet.
3. Periodicals.
4. Musical Note.
5. Map.
6. Works produced by technique of motion picture.
7. Sound recorder or other sounds contained in works done by mechanically reproducable machine
8. Works reproduced as documents, writing or drawing by printing arts, other mechanical and chemical measures except mentioned in the preceding number from 1 to 7.

2. The preceding paragraph shall be applicable to the second edition and reprint of the publications mentioned in each number preceding numbers.

However, in case when there is no addition, reduction, or change in the content of the said second edition and reprint therefor as compared with the first edition or the preceding edition; or the first edition or the preceding edition of the same had been deposited, donated or bequested under the provision of the National Diet Library Law, the regulations mentioned in the foregoing paragraph may not be applicable

Article 24-2

Of each works mentioned in the first paragraph of the preceding Article, printed or otherewise reproduced by or for any agency of the Local Public Entities shall be furnished immediately to the National Diet Library in applying correspondingly the provision mentioned in the preceding Article.

Chapter XI shall be amended as follows.

Chapter XI. Acquisition of Other Publications.

Article 25. As for publications other than those mentioned in the preceding two Articles, the Chief Librarian shall cause the publishers of the publications mentioned in each number of Para.1 of Article 24 to deposit one perfect copy of the best edition of each work in the National Diet Library within thirty days after the date of publication disregarding the number of its circulation.

However, in case when the publication was donated

or bequested by the publisher to the National Diet Library or when the Chief Librarian approved some special circumstance of publication, this regulation may not be applicable.

2. The regulation mentioned in Para. 2 of Article 24 may be correspondingly applicable to the preceding paragraph. In this case, the word " acquisition" mentioned in Para. 2, Article 24 shall be read as " Acquisition, Donation, or Bequest".

3. With regard to the publisher who deposited publication in accordance with the provision of the 1st paragraph of this Article, the Chief Librarian shall give compensation equivalent to the amount of charge for publication and expenses of delivery incurred therefor for such deposit to the competent publisher.

4. Under the proviso of the preceding paragraph, the Chief Librarian shall give the publisher (in the case of bequest, a heir or heiress) the issue of the periodically published catalog of all works published in Japan which lists the deposited work.

When/
Article 25 - 2. the person who should deposit the publication to the National Diet Library under the provision of Para.1 of the preceding Article , failed to deposit, he shall be penalized the amount equivalent to less than five times of retail price (should there be no fixed retail price, it will be fixed at the amount equivalent to the retail price) of the said publication.

Supplementary Provisions.

L. This law shall be effective on the date of promulgation.

However, as to amended regulations of Article 25 and Article 25-2, these may be applicable to publications published on and after the 1st June, 1949.

2. With regard to publications mentioned in 6, Paragraph 1 of Article 24, the Chief Librarian may make exeption for furnishing of these publications notwithstanding the existence of the/ provision of Article 24-2 and Article 25.

Proposal of Library

Recommendation on 4/26/49 —
From Coordinating Committee (Chm., HC+HL
Sub. Comm. Sup. Ct., + Educ. Min.)
To Library Mgmt. Comm. —

Matters concerning Repletion of Officials of Branch Library in the Executive and Judical Branches of the Government.

In branch libraries of the executive and judical branches of the Government where the posts of full-time officials are vacated or are organized by part-time officials, there exists some obstacles in the course of executing businesses of respective libraries. The improvement of the services of the branch libraries to the National Diet and the executive and judical branches of the Government is of urgent necessity for attaining the missions bestowed upon this Library. Accordingly, under the provision of Article 13 of the National Diet Library Law, the Cordinating Committee shall make the following recommendations.

1. Necessary legislative procedures shall be taken for the purpose of appointment of full-time officials exclusively for library works in each branch library of the executive and judical branches of the Government.

2. In confirmity of the coming administrative adjustment programme, adequate measures shall be taken by the competent authorities concerned in the course of reorganization and adjustment of the post of officials in the every branch and department of Ministries with a view to secure fixed number of officials and employees who shall exclusively engage in the works of each branch library.

S/r
Specific No. of employees in
each agency should be
stipulated. JW

Gist of the Bill concerning establishment of branch libraries of the executive branch of the Government and the officials therefor under the provision of Article 20 of the National Diet Library Law.

1) The following branch libraries of the National Diet Library (called "branch libraries", hereafter) shall be placed in the following administrative organs.

(Branch Libraries)	(Administrative Organs)
Cabinet Library, Branch of the National Diet Library	Prime Minister's Office
Library of Statistics Bureau of Prime Minister's Office, Branch of N. D. L.	Statistics Bureau of Prime Minister's Office
Library of Imperial Household Agency, Branch of N. D. L.	Imperial Household Agency
Library of Economic Stabilization Board, Branch of N. D. L.	Economic Stabilization Board
Library of Board of Prices, Branch of N. D. L.	Board of Prices
Library of Construction Ministry, Branch of N. D. L.	Ministry of Construction
Library of Attorney-General's Office Branch of N. D. L.	Attorney-General's Office
Library of Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Branch of N. D. L.	Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Library of Finance Ministry, Branch of N. D. L.	Finance Ministry
Library of Education Ministry, Branch of N. D. L.	Education Ministry
Library of Welfare Ministry, Branch of N. D. L.	Welfare Ministry
Library of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Branch of N. D. L.	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
Library of International Trade and Industry Ministry, Branch of N. D. L.	International Trade & Industry Ministry
Library of Patent Agency, Branch of N. D. L.	Patent Agency
Library of Transportation Ministry, Branch of N. D. L.	Transportation Ministry
Library of Postal Services Ministry, Branch of N. D. L.	Postal Services Ministry

Library of Telecommunications Ministry, Branch of N. D. L.	Telecommunications Ministry
Library of Labor Ministry, Branch of N. D. L.	Labor Ministry
Library of Board of Audit, Branch of N. D. L.	Board of Audit
Library of National Personnel Authority, Branch of N. D. L.	National Personnel Authority

2) Each branch library shall be an institution to render library service in accordance with the National Diet Library Law.

3) There shall be appointed one director to each branch library.

The director of a branch library shall supervise the administration of library.

4) Each branch library shall have full-time officials exclusively for library works.

The above-mentioned officials shall be appointed from among officials of the competent administrative organ concerned under the provision of Article 19 of the National Diet Library Law.

5) The fixed number of officials in each branch library provided in the above article should be fixed at reasonable number taking into consideration of the actual condition of works redered by each branch library.

6) Supplementary:

This law shall be effective as of _____.

ALLIED PERSONNEL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO VISIT THE SEIKA-DO LIBRARY,(NOW UNDER CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY) on

Saturday, 19 February

Tuesday, 22 February

Wednesday, 23 February

Added attraction: Plum blossoms will be in bloom.

Spring that visited this island country much earlier than usual has brought the plum-blossoms into full bloom in the premises of Seikado which is famous for its garden commanding the wonderful view of the River Tamagawa, as well as for the Library, which owns the unique collection of Eastern materials.

The Library was established early 1890's by the Baron Iwasakis, when the dispersal of valuable Eastern materials was threatened by the prevailing popular prejudice in favor of western things. Baron Iwasaki was moved by the ardeous desire to keep many such collections in safe and perfect condition and established to put the library under bibliographical direction and control of the then most prominent scholar Dr. Y. Shigeno, who happened to be his old teacher.

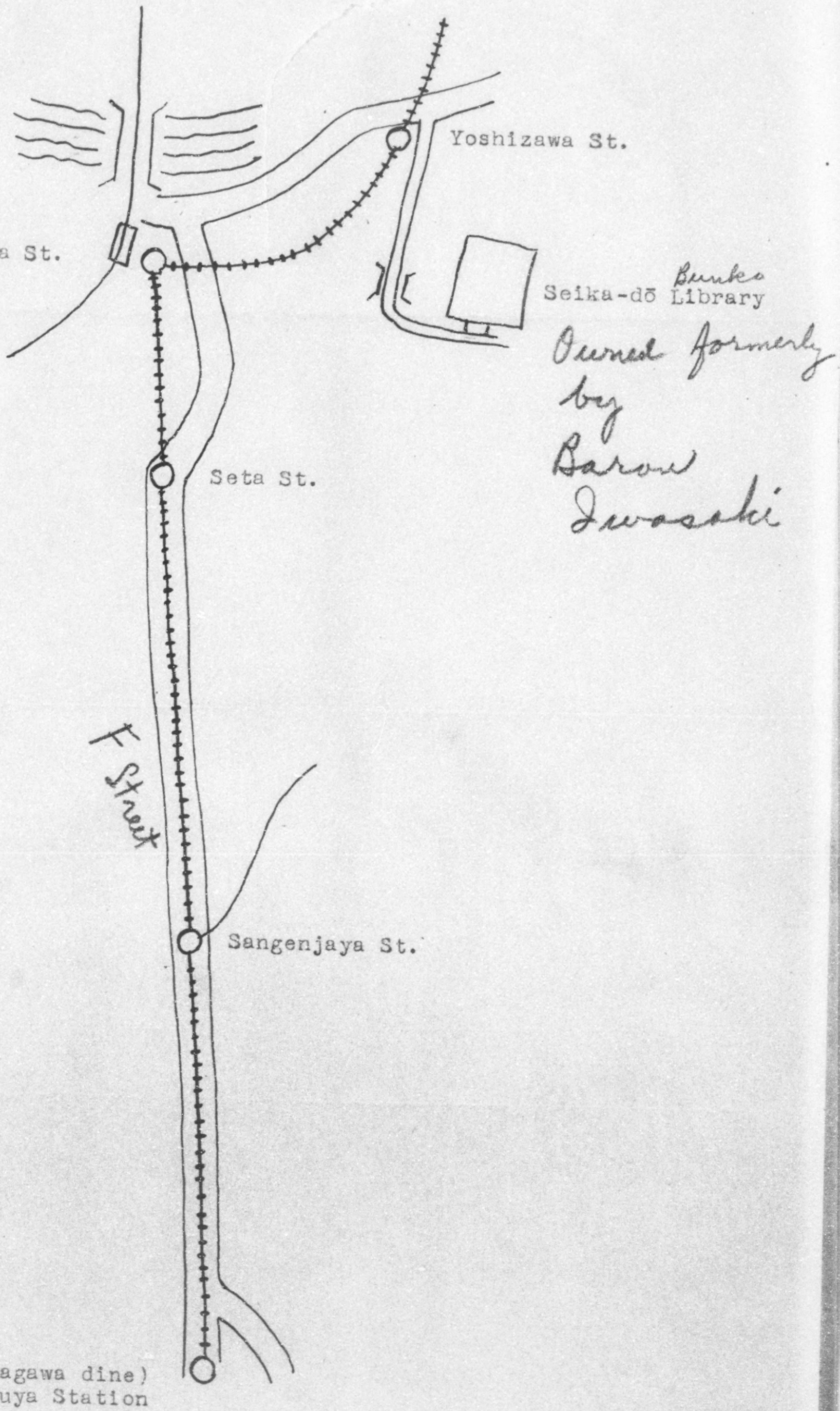
The single largest collection is the purchase in 1907 of some forty thousands volumes from the Collection of Lü Sin Yuan who was one of the four best Chinese book collectors of the time. At present the Seikado Library owns some 20,100 titles of totalling more than 138,000 volumes, including Japanese books about 11,000 titles and Chinese 9,000 titles. It can be safely compared with Ssu-ku chüan-shu, one of the most important libraries of Chinese materials.

The latter owns about 5,000 titles including some 300 titles which are yet to be collected by Seikado, but there are 177 titles which Seikado owns, but lacked in Ssu-ku chüan-shu.

The Library was first kept in a building near Iwasakis' house in Surugadai, Tokyo, but after acquisition of Lü collection moved to a new building in Takanawa, and afterwards to the present place where iron-reinforced concrete building was built specially for the purpose in 1914. It is located about 40 minutes' drive from the centre of the metropolis.

It is now under the control of the National Diet Library, as the latter's branch library.

For three days of February 19th (Saturday), 22nd (~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday) and 23rd (Wednesday), the premises are released open to the allied personnels. People can escape from noisy daily business and give a rest to themselves by the beautiful Japanese spring scenery surrounding the wold famous collections of classics.


Yoshizawa St.
Futago-tamagawa St.
Seika-dō Bunka Library
Owned formerly by Baron Iwasaki
Seta St.
A Street
Sangenjaya St.
(Tamagawa dine)
Shibuya Station

Selection of the Site for the National Diet Library

On December 9, 1948, a meeting of the National Diet Library Construction Committee was held. Chairman Kanamori, Committee-Members Kaneko, Kishida, Matsutani, and Mizutani attended the meeting and deliberated on the following matters:

1. Decision of a city-construction plan with the Diet building as its center.

A throughgoing city-planning work should be enforced in the area around the Diet building which symbolizes the political and cultural ideals of our country. (Vide the attached "Plan").

2. Selection of the site for building of the National Diet Library.

In view of the mission of the National Diet Library, a close contact should constantly be maintained between the Diet and the Diet Library. Therefore, it is necessary that the site of the Library should be selected in some area adjoining the Diet building. Fortunately there are several lots of vacant land around the Diet building which will serve this purpose, such as the sites of the former General Staff Office, the former Kasumigaseki Detached Palace. However, taking into consideration various circumstances, we consider the Area "A" shown in the "Plan" as the most suitable one. (Vide the attached "Plan".)

As a reference material for the deliberation of the above-mentioned matters, the annexed papers were submitted by the Architectural Department of National Diet Library. After deliberation on these matters in the light of the said reference materials, we, the Committee members, unanimously agreed to adopt the afore-mentioned two projects and to exert effort for their realization.

Reference Data concerning Building
Site for the National Diet Library

(Drafted in October, 1948.)

1. Basic conditions.

It is absolutely necessary for the National Diet Library to select its building plot in the neighborhood of the Diet building, because it has to maintain a close relationship with the National Diet in accomplishing its objects. Fortunately, there is plenty of vacant ground around the Diet building, and those buildings which now exist there are in no way permanent and important ones. It is, therefore, very convenient for the Library to select its building plot in the said area.

In the next place, the building plot for the National Diet Library must be selected in such a place as enables the Library building, after its completion, to display its grandeur in keeping with that of the Diet building. The National Diet Library building must not only maintain its own beautiful appearance but also contribute to the enhancement of the beauty of the Diet building. The construction of the Library building must not end in injuring or destroying the beauty of the Diet building. For this purpose, it is unquestionably necessary to pay utmost attention to such matters as floor space, number of stories and shape of the Library building. Besides, meticulous care must be taken in selecting its position.

2. Direction of the Diet building and Government Office building group.

The Diet building is situated at Nagata-cho No. 1, Chiyoda Ward, almost facing east, while a number of buildings of Government Offices, such as the Law-court, the former Home Ministry, the Finance Ministry and others located along the Kasumigaseki tramway street, face almost south-east, thus leaving a gap of an angle of 40° between the former and the latter. Thus, the ground of the Diet building is narrowed to form a triangle by roads running in two directions, and its front garden presents a very poor spectacle out of keeping with its grandiose building. The ground of the Military Survey Department and that of the former Kasumigaseki Detached Palace, both of which are adjacent to the Diet building, are situated around the top of this triangle.

This unfair direction of the Diet building is an important factor which makes difficult the formulation of a building program in this area.

3. Sites proposed for the National Diet Library building (cf. attached map).

The following three sites are proposed for the construction of the National Diet building:

A. Ground of the former Military General Staff building Nagata-cho, Chiyoda Ward.

B. Ground of the former Detached Palace, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda Ward.

C. Official building of the House Committees and the ground of the Hostel for the House of Representatives members, Nagata-cho, Chiyoda Ward.

These three places, which are adjacent to the Diet build-

ing, deserve consideration as sites suitable for the Library building.

Hereunder follow the details thereof.

4. The Site of the former General Staff Office (Vide, Map No.1, A.)

It is situated on the height inclined south-east ward and faces the stone walls and evergreens on the bank of the inner moat of the Imperial Palace. If we construct a lofty and graceful building there, it will be no doubt befitting the place from the scenic point of view.

This site is comprised of an area of 19.3 acres. If a five-story building of 24,000,000 cub. ft. is to be constructed there, the ground space will cover 7.35 acres so that the site will be large enough for the prospective Library.

According to the project acopted by Tokyo Metropolis, however, the area will be divided by a new road in which event it will contain:

(a) Main part 10 acres

(b) Detached part on the side of the moat -- 0.6 acres

(c) Detached part on the side of the Diet building -- 1.6 acres

Total - 12.5 acres

But even then, the site will do for the library building.

Thus, the area under consideration is unequalled as a site for the Diet Library so far as its location is concerned.

But it is too close to the apex of the triangle in front of the Diet building. If a bulky library building is constructed there, the latter will be relegated to a secondary position facing its back. That is a fatal defect, precluding the con-

struction of so large a building in this area.

If we are to choose the said area, nevertheless, it should include the site "A" in order to erect the library building there. This will enable us to convert the former to a greenery for the purpose of making it the front yard of both the Diet and the Library buildings.

5. A proposed site at the former Kasumigaseki Detached Palace. (Cf. attached Map No. 1. B)

This site is situated on the opposite side of "A" to the Diet building, being about 10 feet below the ground on which the House stands. It has a space of 11 acres which is large enough, and the lowness of its level has a less unfavorable effect upon the House than "A". It has, however, the same defect as "A", so the place had better be reserved as a green belt, and Area B' adjacent to it may instead be used for the purpose.

6. A proposed site used for the Office of the Diet Operation Committee. (Cf. attached Map No. 1, C)

This site is a narrow and long strip of land located along the road across the back-lane of the House. It has a width of 180 feet to 300 feet and its end forms a precipice leading to a low-level land, being so situated as to command a view of the Hie Shrine and the hill of the Metropolitan First Upper Secondary School on the opposite side. The space of its higher part is 7.84 acres. If the Diet Library building is constructed here, it will greatly facilitate liaison business with the House. The short distance will make easy an access to both Houses. And the place is situated behind the House, so

if a building with no projections at its roof is constructed, it will look quite like an attached one to the House, marring in no way the beautiful appearance of the Diet building. In this case, it may be more effective to lower the ground of the entire site by the height of one story of the House, level down the precipice and make the roof of that building low in order to widen the space as far as possible.

The defect of this site, if anything, is that it is too much secluded for people to utilize the library and that the existing buildings thereon must be removed before the commencement of construction work.

Plan Formed by the Architectural
Department (National Diet Library)
concerning Sites

1. Basic Idea.

The new National Diet Library Building must be such as will make the Diet Building appear to advantage, while the new structure must itself possess beauty and dignity. The Diet Building, the Library, and the Members' Hall (planned for the future) should form a trinity, rendering this area symbolic of the glory of the country. The site for the Library cannot, therefore, be fixed by itself; a much wider area, that is, with the Diet Building at the center, must be considered, with the avenues, green zones, building sites, etc., properly arranged. Only after this, the site for the Library may suitably be fixed.

2. Green Area before the Diet Building. (See map No. 2)

A great structure like the Diet Building must have an extensive area as its foreground. The old Akasaka Detached Palace (where the National Diet Library is now housed) is a fine three-storied structure, with a total cubage of 2,500,000 c.f. and a green foreground comprising 35 acres. It would be highly satisfactory, if the foreground of the Diet Building as against the total cubage of the structure was of that proportion. The Diet Building will have a green area of 38 acres, if no structure is erected in the four "g" spaces. This Building has a total cubage of 8,100,000 c.f. From these figures, it is seen that in the case of the Diet Building, the extent of the foreground as against the total cubage

of the Building will be no more than one-third of the proportion for the old Akasaka Detached Palace, but still 38 acres will not be very unsatisfactory as the green area before the Diet Building.

3. Roads and Green Spaces. (See map No. 2)

A longitudinal road, OPQ, will be constructed, with O (Sakuradamon Tram Stop) as the starting point. The PQ section of this road will be a green avenue with the width of 150 meters. From Y (Miyakezaka Tram Stop) a lateral road will be built to Q (over T); this road will be prolonged, through the center of the old Kasumigaseki Detached Palace, to R at the back of the Finance Building. P and R will be connected by a road, which will be prolonged to S (Tameike Tram Stop). The existing road running from V to Q will terminate at W, point of intersection with the road PR, while WQ will be incorporated into the green area. The present two diagonal roads passing before the Diet grounds will be scrapped altogether, and the TU and the RX road be built instead, so that the site of the Diet may be rectangular in shape.

The four G spaces, in which no structure will be erected, will be turned into a park.

4. Prospective sites for the construction of the National Diet Library.

If the land is classified as above, there will be four sites respectively marked "A," "B," "C," and "D," for the construction of the National Diet Library. The areas covered by these sites are roughly as follows:--

"A"	12.3 acres
"B"	12.7 acres
"C"	7.8 acres
"D"	4.1 acres

Of these, the site "D" is out of question as its area is too small for our purpose. So, we will have to choose one from among the three sites marked "A," "B," and "C."

The site "A," which faces the tram-car road running from Miyakezaka to Akasaka-Mitsuke, is the most suitable of the three, considering the convenience of the general public making use of the Library.

The site "B," containing a number of unevenly levelled lots and being situated at some distance from the main thoroughfare, is the most unsuitable of the three for the construction of the Library. About the site "C," mention has already been made in the preceding chapter.

Thus, in the order of their suitability, the above sites may be listed as follows:--

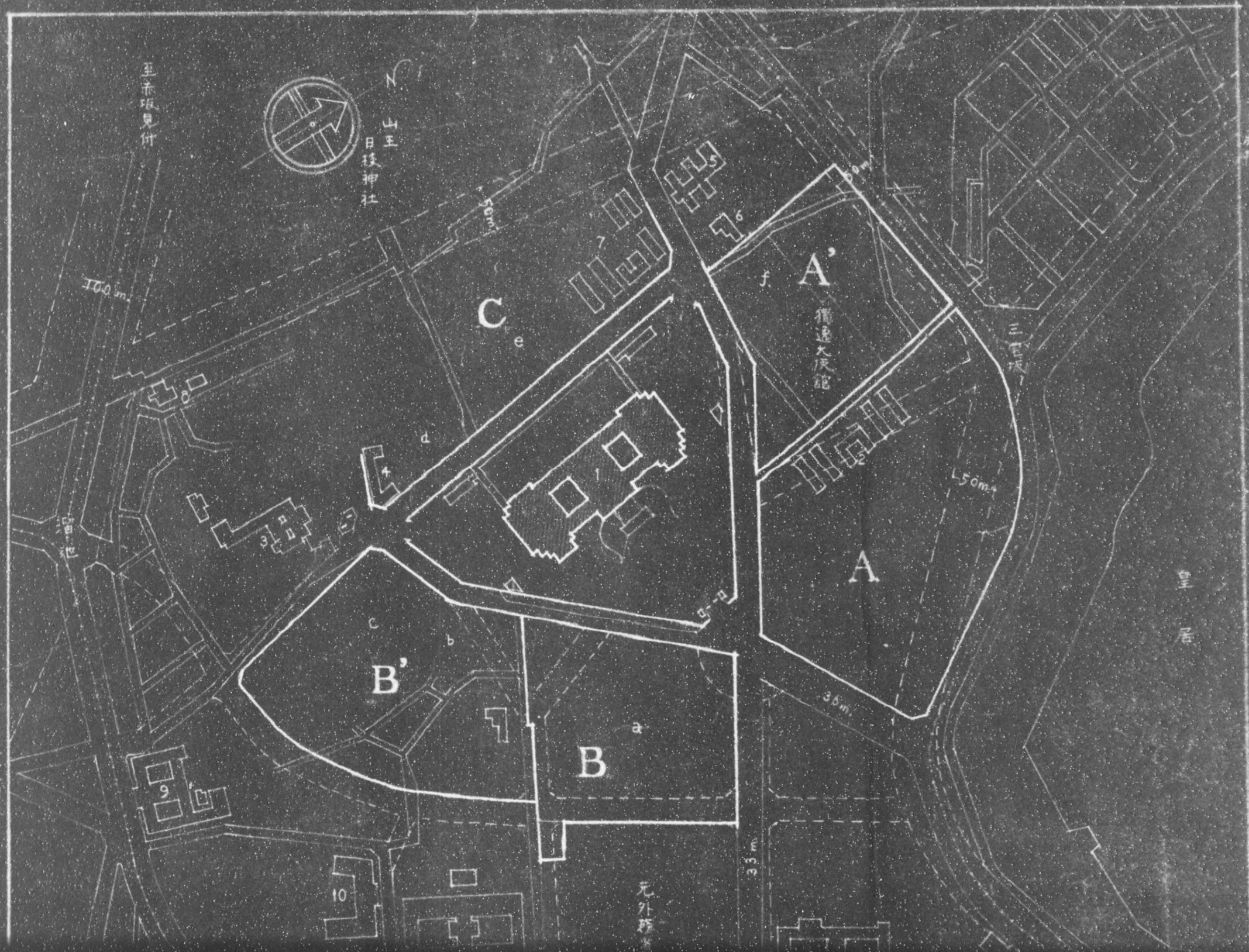
First, the site "A."

Second, the site "B."

Third, the site "C."

In this connection, the difficulties are how to procure the site "A" which constitutes the premises of the former German Embassy, or the site "B" which also comprises the Portuguese Legation premises. There is, however, no such difficulty with respect to the site "C."

附圖第一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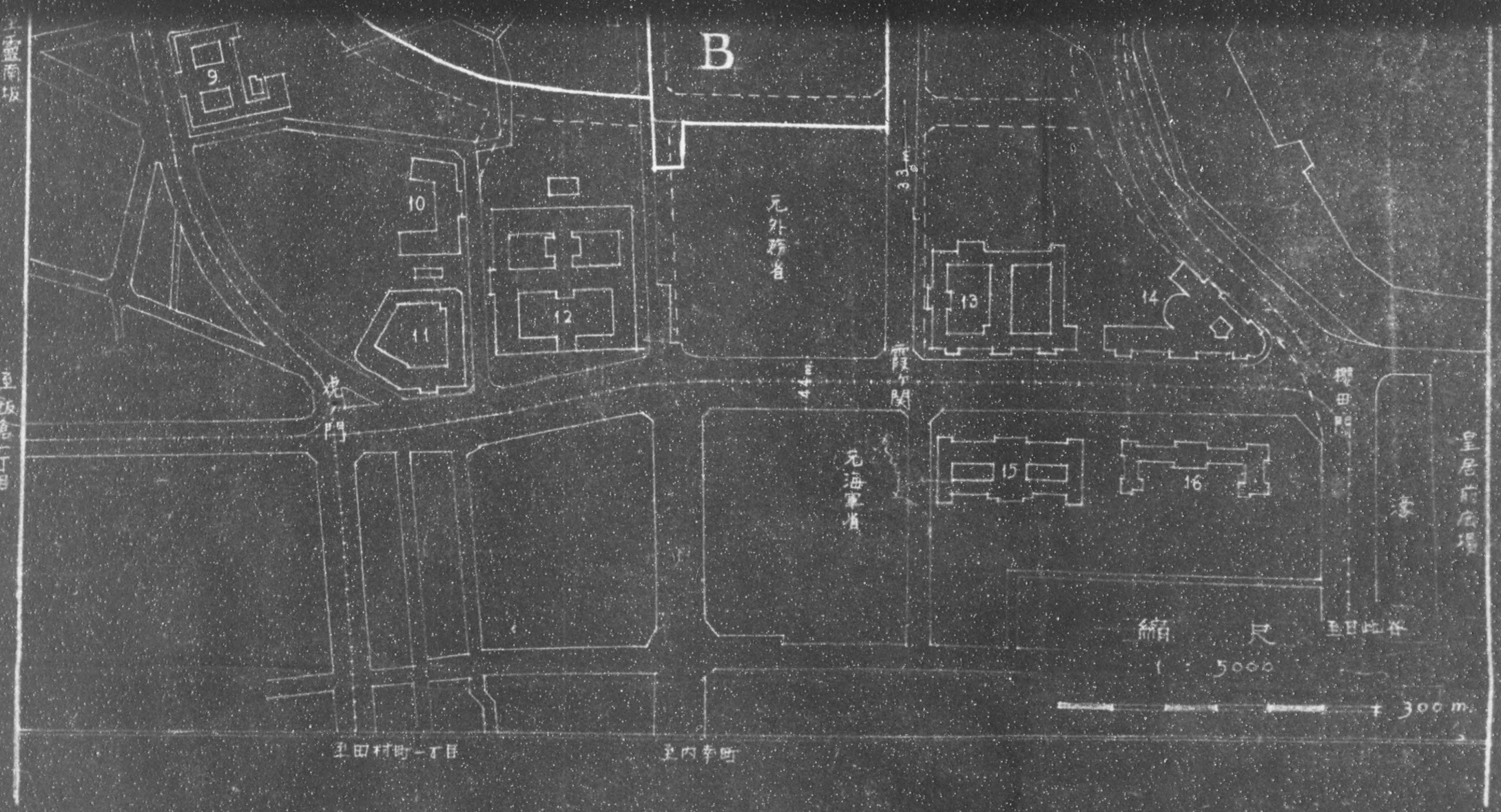
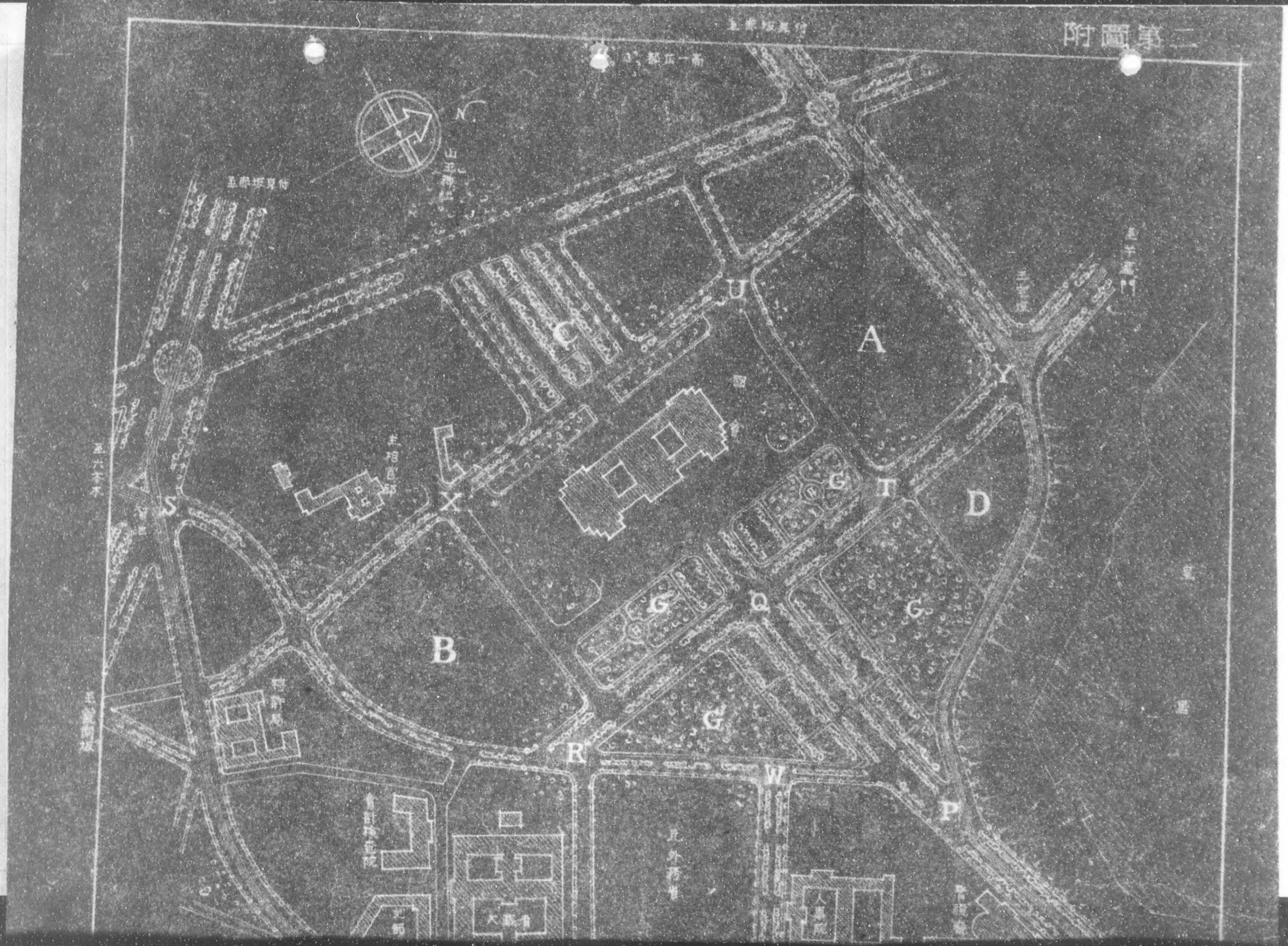


1～16……現存建築

a～f……豫定建築地

1. 國會議事堂
2. 參議院議員會館
3. 總理大臣官邸
4. 内閣廳舍跡
5. 參議院宿舍
6. 〃事務總長官舍
7. 〃委員會廳舍
8. 東京鑛山監督局
9. 特許局
10. 會計検査院
11. 文部省
12. 大藏省
13. 元内務省
14. 警視廳
15. 裁判所
16. 法務廳

a. 衆參議員會館
b. 新聞記者會館
c. 衆院議長官舍
d. 〃委員會廳舍
e. 〃議員會館
f. 參院議長官舍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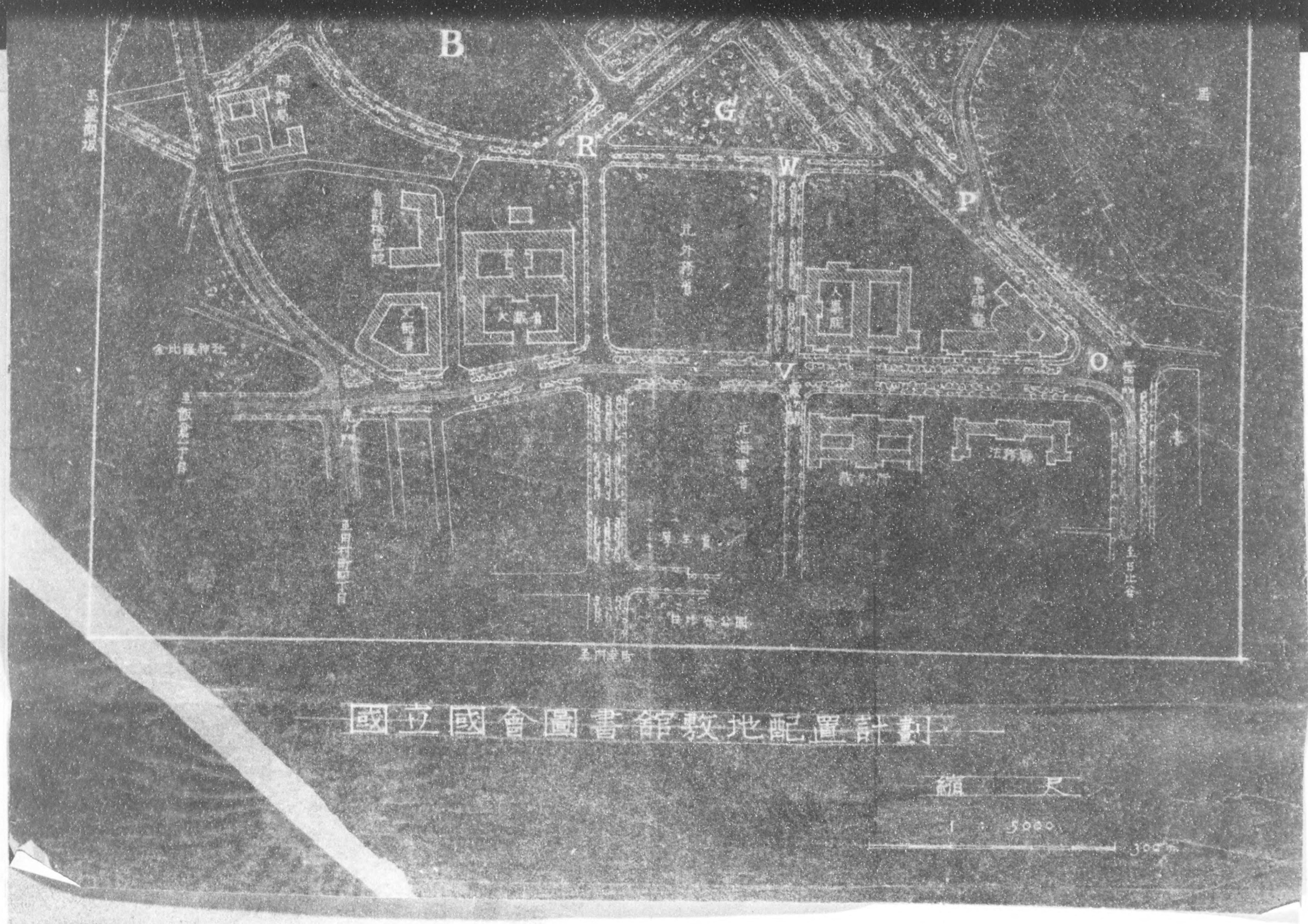
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