

HEADQUARTERS  
U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY  
(PACIFIC)  
APO 234  
C/O POSTMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO

INTERROGATION NO. 244

PLACE: Rm 535, Meiji Building  
DATE: 3 November 1945

Division of Origin: Medical Division.

Subject: Housing.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Professor SATO, Institute of Public Health.  
Interview held 1330, October 30.

Where interviewed: Institute of Public Health.

Interrogator: Colonel RALPH E. TARBETT, Capt PAUL HOUSER,  
Capt BRADLEE

Interpreter: Lt. ROTH

Allied Officers Present: Col TARBETT & Capts HOUSER, BRADLEE.

Summary:

300,000 1-and -2-family units are planned as emergency housing for a five year period. They are being built as rapidly as materials become available, in downtown Tokyo in the Northeastern sector. There is a need for 800,000 units. Other cities have similar plans.

No plans are being considered for zoning or slum clearance for burned areas. For permanent construction, concrete, with heating, gas and electricity, is being used.

Greatest pre-war need was to relieve overcrowding. Burned out buildings were wooden or light reinforced cement and sand mortar construction. There was very little reinforced concrete.

The average family in urban area is 4 persons; in rural area, 6 persons.

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