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TOYAMA PREFECTURE  
Disabled Persons Program

2 August 1950

Applications taken	1,932
Applications approved	1,782
Investigations	116
Re-examination	25
Deferred	16
Not under law	17

(Under age institutionalized - aged)

Investigation Committee (sub-council)

Meeting - 31 June - 25 July.

Council met 1 August Recommendations:

- A. Increase in doctors to cover rural area  
85 already appointed - to be increased by  
18 - approved by governor.
- B. Circuit examinations. Second one now in progress.  
Complete 15 October - utilizing J.R.C. facilities  
and P.H. Centers. 10 areas designated for examina-  
tions.
- C. Rehabilitation - local offices to advise on need  
of individual. 20 persons established in vending  
concessions at ball park. Tailoring shop, employing  
30 in operation. Referrals by PESO.
- D. Repair of artificial limbs. Shop established in  
Toyama city. 15 handicapped persons employed.

Supervision of program Monthly meetings held in 2 city and  
local offices.

Budget has been submitted to assembly.

Council	¥ 59,980
Repair of art limbs	838,250
Estab. facilities	2,405,600
Personnel	611,839
Local offices - operation	3,013,181 (9)
Salary - Fukushi-shi	1,274,200
	¥ 8,203,050

Personnel for operation of the above program has not  
as yet been selected report on progress sent ministry 23 June.

## TOYAMA CHILD WELFARE

A Survey was made of the children in institution. Some interesting facts came to light as a result. Over 50% of the children have parents or a parent. While 22 have relatives who might supervise the child welfare, able to support or not. Contacts have been made by the institutions - with responsible relatives 55 within the past 30 days. How effective these contacts are in making arrangements for return of child is debatable.

Under the heading "reasons relatives cannot take children" the majority come under the grouping "decision of superintendent". This shows clearly the attitude of the managers the more children they can keep the greater their income. The institutions refuse to release the children - not for the child's good but for their own financial gain. 18 parents were receiving public assistance and refused to take their children. This is of course no reason.

Regarding the relatives sharing or assuming financial responsibility only 27 are contributing partial pay to the institution.

The length of time in the institutions extends to over 4 years - 9 are in this group and 8 in 3-4 year group. This shows poor attempt on the part of the center and officials to get the children into foster homes or adoptive homes.

Toyama has no concrete program or projects in the child welfare field. Mr. Koizumi child welfare officer shows no knowledge of the work and no interest. This is the only prefecture where the child welfare section has been completely eliminated and is only a sub-section under welfare. This may account for lack of interest and the weak program. Or it may be the completely negative attitude of the officer in charge.

Recording - no records are kept of work done by jido-in or jido-fukushi-shi.

In the Toyama city office there is a child welfare section headed by a person also named Koizumi. He is charged with administration and institutions.

There are 5 day nurseries 1 boshi-ryo and 1 orphanage. Two of the nurseries are municipally operated. They have a total capacity of 140 with enrollment of 178. Only 70% of the children are of working mothers. The total capacity of all nurseries is 460 and enrollment 491 tuition - ¥ 350 per month private, ¥300 for publicly operated.

Full pay	104 public	75 private
Partial pay	26 "	181 "
Free	48 "	235 "

## Budget for city child welfare section:

Operation of institutions	¥1,655,820
Jido-iin (¥250 each)	50,000
Jido-iin Meetings	3,900
Child Welfare Council	15,000
Printing	10,000
Child Welfare Federation	2,000
Play ground	50,000
Total	¥1,796,720

## Case statistics as of 15 June:

Jido-iin guidance	128
Jido-fukushi-shi	17
Day nursery placement	50
Medical aid	11
Total	206

## Child population in city:

Pre-school age	18,500
School age	29,000
Over school age	522
Total	48,022

The welfare official stated that child welfare was handled jointly by Social Education Section and Child Welfare. Apparently are planning of program and operation with the exception of actual accounting and institutional supervision is under Social Education. This was discussed at some length and it was pointed out that cooperation was essential but that the responsibility for enforcement of the Child Welfare Law was on the shoulders of welfare and not education.