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Hour: 1330
Date: 30 June 1948

SUBJECT: Strikes and Demonstrations Planned for 1 July 1948

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, 1600 hours 25 June 1948, subject as above, reporting plans for "abandonment of workshops" in connection with nation-wide labor demonstrations scheduled for 1 July 1948.

b. Civil Censorship Detachment has subsequently reported that the National Congress of Industrial Unions has sent messages to its regional branches stating that "more than 100,000 persons" will attend mass meetings in Tokyo on 1 July 1948.

c. In connection with the above, CIC has learned from a usually reliable source that the "Joint Struggle Committee in Opposition to Price Increases", sponsored by the Japan Communist Party, has resolved to carry out a "national general strike" on 1 July 1948. Informed sources believe that such a "national general strike" will probably take the form of "abandonment of workshops" for a few hours by some Government workers and NCIU-affiliated unions, in order to participate in the demonstrations. An all-out general strike of any magnitude is held unlikely.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS, GS, CPM, CTS, CCS.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1120
Date: 30 June 1948

SUBJECT: Earthquake Casualty Figures

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the most recent estimates as to the number of casualties which occurred in the Fukui earthquake disaster total 3,000 persons either dead or missing throughout Fukui-ken. Of this number, 1,000 represents the number dead and missing in Fukui-shi. Subject figures were released earlier today by the Military Government Team located in Fukui-shi and are considered to be reasonably accurate. Military Government officials advised CIC that the previous figures appearing in Japanese press reports were largely wild guesses made by correspondents.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, PH&W, GS, ESS, CPM, CCS, CTS, and G-4 Transportation.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1500
Date: 29 June 1948

SUBJECT: Earthquake, Fukui Area

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. The following information with respect to the earthquake disaster in the Fukui area has been reported by CIC:

(1) Fukui-ken:

(a) Casualties in Fukui-shi are reported to be especially high but no reliable statistics have yet been compiled. 70% of the buildings in Fukui-shi have collapsed and approximately 30% of these have burned. The fire in subject city is still reported to be out of control. A single line communications system has been opened between Fukui-shi and Kyoto and is being restricted to emergency and military use. It is believed that this line was established by Maj Gen Swing's party. The commercial radio station in Fukui-shi is not operating due to lack of power but the local police radio is in operation. All Occupation Forces dependent personnel are in process of evacuation to Kyoto.

(b) All public and private railroad systems throughout Fukui-ken are out of operation although one train approached within 15 miles of Fukui-shi earlier today carrying Gen Swing's party. Air reconnaissance missions are surveying the entire earthquake area on regular schedule. Casualties and damage to buildings was especially high in Saki-gun, Yoshida-gun, and Ashiba-gun in Fukui-ken but statistics are not yet available. All wire communications throughout the prefecture with the exception of the line from Fukui-shi to Kyoto are out of operation. All steel bridges have either collapsed or have been declared unserviceable for passage.

(2) Ishikawa-ken:

(a) Very reliable sources indicate that 20 have died, 197 have been injured, and 15 remain missing in subject prefecture, while 363 buildings have collapsed with 1673 buildings damaged to the extent where they must be demolished. The main railway line through Ishikawa-ken has been blocked by earth fissures between the stations of Sakumi and Ihuri.

(b) An as yet unconfirmed report indicates that 350 persons were killed in Daishoji-machi, Ishikawa-ken, and that at Katoyamacu-machi, 50 houses were destroyed with an unknown number of casualties as a result of a tidal wave.

(3) Gifu-ken: Minor damage was suffered throughout this prefecture and one large steel highway bridge was damaged.

(4) Shiga-ken: Minor damage was experienced in this prefecture and one major building collapsed.

(5) Mie-ken: Minor damage was suffered in various points in this prefecture and one large factory chimney toppled during the quake.

b. Following military relief assistance has been dispatched to the stricken areas: Company I of the 35th Inf located at Mizuru, Kyoto-ken, has sent 2 2-1/2 ton trucks with all available medical supplies. The 35th Inf Regiment located at Otsu, Saga-ken, has dispatched a patrol to Ishikawa-ken. The 24th Inf located at Gifu-ken has dispatched a patrol to Toyama-ken. The 36th Medical

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

29 June 1948

Earthquake, Fukui Area (Continued)

Collecting Company has departed from its base to Fukui-shi. The 25th Division has dispatched a company of relief trucks, including Signal Corp personnel, Military Police, and a medical battalion.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, Public Health and Welfare Section, Government Section, ESS, CPM, CCS, CTS, and G-4 Transportation Section.

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Hour: 1930

Date: 25 June 1948

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Disturbances in Osaka by the Leftist and Rightist Koreans

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CCD reports that in a monitored telephone call from the Korean International Labor Association to an unidentified individual, the representative of the Korean International Labor Association stated as follows:

"Last night about midnight a group from the League of Koreans in Osaka attacked a group of the Youth Organization for the Reconstruction of Korean in Amagasaki-shi and destroyed their offices.

"This morning twelve (12) persons of the Amagasaki Branch Office of the League of Koreans and one (1) policeman were killed in an incident in that town.

"I think these incidents will continue to increase in seriousness. The Korean Youth Organization has come into the city of Osaka. Branch offices of the League of Koreans have been alerted. The office and the factory of the Assistant Leader (of the Youth Organization in Amagasaki) were destroyed."

b. Several other telephone calls were monitored in which varying amounts of damage and injuries were described.

2. Comment:

It is possible that the inter-Korean disturbances may develop into a serious situation due to the fact that the leftist elements may call upon the Communist Party and satellite organizations for assistance.

3. Action:

a. CIC has been instructed to report any further details. Provost Marshal (Osaka), G-2 25th Division, have been notified.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, G-2, Eighth Army, and GS.

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Hour: 1600
 Date: 25 June 1948

SUBJECT: Strikes and Demonstrations Planned for 1 July 1948

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Civil Censorship Detachment reported on 24 July 1948 telephone call from WADA (otherwise unidentified) to Japan Communist Party Headquarters which states in part:

"On 1 July the nation-wide opposition will begin by abandonment of workshops. The Shimbashi, Ueno, and Hachioji Branches (all in the Tokyo area) of the Government Railway Workers Union will participate in this abandonment of workshops. Persons attending the rally (in Tokyo on 1 July 1948) will assemble at 0930 hours, and the demonstration march will start at 1330 hours, to pass in front of the Premier's residence and disperse at the Hibiya Music Hall. Slogans are to be: 'Absolute opposition to price increases'; 'Opposition to discharge of employees and unjust oppression'; 'Opposition to substitution of sugar for rice ration'; 'Immediate unification of labor front'; 'Opposition to unjust interference by police'."

b. The term "abandonment of workshops" (SHOKUBA HOKI) has not previously been seen in connection with labor disputes; it has probably been coined to avoid use of the word "strike".

c. Civil Censorship Detachment has also reported communications from national headquarters of the Japan Teachers' Union and the All-Communications Workers' Union, addressed to regional branches, calling for nation-wide rallies on 1 July 1948, to launch a struggle by All Government Workers' Unions, NCIU Unions, and independent labor federations in order to bring about the ¥5,200 wage base and to oppose price increases and "oppression". Each local branch union is urged to act on its own initiative "without waiting for instructions from headquarters".

d. Information in the files of CIS, G-2, reveals that the Japan Communist Party is giving its full support to the proposed nation-wide labor struggle in July 1948, in conjunction with the intensified Communist campaign for overthrow of the Ashida Cabinet and opposition to foreign economic aid.

2. Action:

a. CIC has been instructed to observe and report details of proposed rallies and strikes.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS, CTS, CCS, and Provost Marshal, and Government Section.

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Hour: 1440
 Date: 25 June 1948

SUBJECT: Demonstration by Tokyo District Joint Action Committee in Tokyo
 Imperial Palace Plaza

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, subject as above, dated 1445 hours, 25 June 48, which reported that the demonstration being held in the Imperial Palace Plaza today began at 1020 hours, and was attended by approximately 10,000 people.

b. CIC reports the following:

(1) Program of the meeting consisted of report of progress of the Joint Action Committee, report of the Kanagawa Inflation Countermeasure Strife Committee, congratulations to union members of Mita Branch of Japan Typewriter Company Workers' Union on their temporary release, and general speeches on the subjects of the slogans listed below.

(2) The slogans of the meeting were: 'Opposition to increase of railway and postal rates'; 'Opposition to increase in prices of commodities'; 'Opposition to unfair dismissal of employees'; 'Opposition to rationing of sugar and plums as staple foods'; 'Opposition to police officers discharge of duty law'; and 'Immediate unification of labor front'.

(3) Petitions, based on slogans, were sent to Prime Minister and House of Representatives. Petition demanding dissolution of Diet was sent to House of Councillors. Petition objecting to "unfair oppression" of workers was sent to Procurator's office. Petitions objecting to increase in prices of commodities are to be sent to Transportation Ministry, Commerce and Industry Ministry, Education Ministry, Communications Ministry and Labor Ministry.

(4) The demonstration with approximately 5,000 people marching, started at 1330 hours as scheduled, and at 1350 hours the head of the column reached the Diet Building where delegates delivered the petitions cited above.

2. Action:

a. CIC will continue to observe and report any significant developments.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), CTS, G-4 Transportation Section, GS, CCS, NRS, CI&E, and Provost Marshal, FEC.

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Hour: 1145
Date: 25 June 48

SUBJECT: Demonstration by Tokyo District Joint Action Committee in
Tokyo Imperial Palace Plaza

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, subject as above, dated 1030 hours, 24 June 48, which reported a demonstration to be held in the Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo, today from 0930 hours to 1600 hours.

b. CIC reports the following information:

(1) The demonstration began at 1020 hours with the singing of the Red Flag Song.

(2) At 1030 hours an estimated 10,000 people had arrived at the Plaza, and a few stragglers are still arriving.

(3) The demonstration is progressing in an orderly manner.

2. Action:

a. CIC will continue to observe and report any significant developments.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff FEC and SCAP, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), CTS, G-4 Transportation, GS, CCS, NRS, CIME, and Provost Marshal, FEC.

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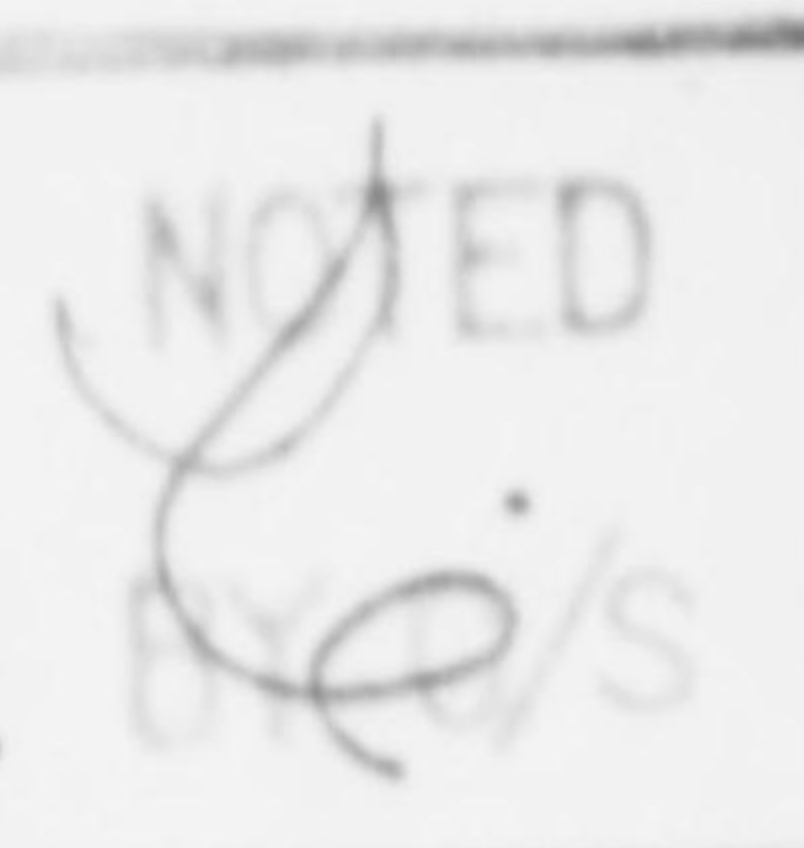
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Hour: 1030
 Date: 24 June 1948

SUBJECT: Demonstration by Tokyo District Joint Action Committee in
 Tokyo Imperial Palace Plaza

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports the following information as obtained from the Metropolitan Police Board:

(1) The Tokyo District Joint Action Committee will hold a demonstration at the Imperial Palace Plaza, 0930 to 1600 hours, 25 June 48, "to protest inflation of prices". Sponsors estimate attendance at 75,000. *

(2) The members are to assemble at 0930 hours and speeches will be given at 1000 hours. Speakers have not yet been decided.

(3) The demonstration march will start at 1330 hours and will disperse at 1600 hours. The route of march will be from the Imperial Palace Plaza to the front of the Metropolitan Police Board, around the Diet Building, past the former Foreign Office, to the small Music Hall in Hibiya Park where the participants will disperse.

(4) The following organizations will participate:

Government Railway Workers Union
 All-Japan Communications Workers Union
 Electrical Industry Workers Union
 All-Japan Tax Collectors Union
 Coal Distribution Workers Union
 All-Japan Life Insurance Workers Union
 All-Japan Ship Building Workers Union
 Metropolitan Teachers Union
 Newspaper Workers Union
 All-Japan Coal Miners Union
 All-Japan Government and Public Office Workers Union
 Japan Printers Union

2. Action:

a. Tactical units have been notified. CIC will observe and report any significant developments.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), CTS, G-4 Transportation Section, GS, CCS, NRS, and CIEE.

* CIC estimate: 25,000 to 30,000.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1800
Date: 18 June 1948

SUBJECT: Strikes of Private Railways

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that as a result of last-minute negotiations, several of the unions of private railway workers which had scheduled a 24-hour strike on 18 June 1948 cancelled their strike plans. Unions which did not reach agreements with management commenced 24-hour strike at 0001 hours, 18 June 1948 as scheduled.

(1) The striking unions are: (a) Five of the six lines operated by the Tokyo Rapid Transit Co. (Toyoko, Mekama, Oi, Ikegami and Kanagawa Lines). (b) Keio Teito RR. (c) Sagami RR.

(2) Unions which cancelled strike plans were: (a) Tokyu RR. (b) Keihin RR. (c) Odawara Kyuko RR. (d) Hakone-Kozan RR. (e) Enoshima RR. (f) Tokyo Subway.

b. All Striking unions are expected to resume full operations on 19 June 1948.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, Civil Transportation Section, Transportation Section (G-4), Government Section, and ESS.

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Hour: 1745
Date: 17 June 1948

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SUBJECT: Strikes on Private Railways

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports the following information concerning the 24-hour strike by the Kanto Regional Federation of Private Railway Workers, scheduled for 18 June and 20 June 1948:

(1) The following private railway lines in the Kanto Region are scheduled to be on strike 18 June 1948: Tokyo Express Electric Railways, Odawara Express Electric Railways, Keio Teito Railways, Keihin Railways, Eidan Railways, Sagami Railways, Hakone-Kozan Railways, Enoshima Electric Railway, Shizuoka Electric Railway.

(2) Another 24-hour strike is scheduled for 20 June 1948, involving the lines listed above, plus the following additional lines in the Kanto Region: Keisei, Shin-Keisei, Kujukuri-Hitachi, Joso-Tsukuba, Kashima-Sangu, Ibaraki-Kotsu, Kusakari, Onahama.

(3) Although strike orders were issued on 16 June 1948 by the Regional Headquarters of the Federation, negotiations between the union and management were continuing as of 1600 hours 17 June 1948, and there is still a possibility of peaceful settlement of the dispute without strike. Negotiations are to continue even if strike is called, and arrangements have been made by the union for immediate resumption of private rail services if agreement is reached before expiration of the scheduled 24-hour strike period.

(4) The Central Strike Policy Committee of the union has directed that all possible precautions are to be taken not to interfere with Occupation Forces transportation.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff FEC and SCAP, ESS, Government Section, CTS, G-4 Transportation Section.

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RSB
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Hour: 1700
Date: 15 June 1948

SUBJECT: Mass Rally and Demonstration Scheduled for Imperial Palace
Plaza, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that mass rally and demonstration will be held in the Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo, between 1000 and 1600 hours, 16 Jun 48, under the sponsorship of the Tokyo Regional Joint Dispute Preparatory Committee. Sponsors estimate that approximately 100,000 people will participate in the meeting and demonstration, but this figure is believed to be considerably inflated and it is not anticipated that more than 10,000 to 20,000 people will actually attend the gathering.

b. The following organizations will participate:

- Government Railway Workers' Union
- All-Japan Communications Workers' Union
- All-Japan Finance Bureau Workers' Union
- Charcoal Distributing Corporation Employees' Union
- National Life Insurance Employees' Union
- All-Japan Shipbuilding Workers' Union
- Metropolitan Teachers' Union
- Tokyo Traffic Employees' Union
- Tokyo Gas Workers' Union
- Newspaper and Transportation Workers' Union and 26 other organizations.

c. A demonstration with a route of march to the Diet Building and thence to Hibiya Park for dispersal will be held following the meeting in the Plaza.

2. Action:

a. CIC will cover both the meeting and demonstration and any incidents of consequence will be promptly reported.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff FEC and SCAP, CTS, G-4 Transportation Section, CCS, GS, ESS and CIE.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 0945
Date: 11 June 1948

SUBJECT: Yokohama Government Railway Workers' Union Strike

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the entire Yokohama Branch of the Government Railway Workers' Union commenced a 24-hour strike at 0001 hours, 11 Jun 48, as scheduled. The strike began following the failure of efforts by the Kanagawa Prefectural Labor Relations Board and the Central Labor Relations Board to present a mediation plan satisfactory to both the Union and the Government. Negotiations continued through 2400 hours, 10 June 48, in a last minute effort to avert the strike, but to no avail.

b. Prior to today's strike of the entire Yokohama Branch, the Tsurumi Sub-branch conducted a 24-hour strike on 7 Jun 48, and the Nambu Sub-branch a 24-hour strike on 9 Jun 48, closing down service on the Tsurumi and Nambu lines respectively on those dates. The present strike is the first instance of an entire chapter of the Government Railway Workers' Union actually conducting an all-out strike, though such strikes have been threatened before on numerous occasions.

c. According to the previously announced strike plans, through trains passing through the area under the Yokohama Chapter will be allowed to continue operation, though no passengers other than those holding passes and season tickets will be allowed to board such trains since no tickets will be sold. However, branch lines operating entirely within the Yokohama area, namely the Tsurumi Line (Tsurumi-Kurihama), Nambu Line (Kawasaki-Shukugawara) and the Yokosuka Line (Ofuna-Kurihama) are reported to have completely suspended service, with the exception of cars for Occupation Forces. In addition, it is reported that freight and passenger service on the Keihin Line (Tokyo-Yokohama) is suspended between Kawasaki and Sakuragicho Stations, the part of the Keihin Line being within the jurisdiction of the Yokohama Branch. Prior to the strike, it was reported by CIC that plans called for occasional power stoppages of from five to ten minutes' duration on Government Railway lines throughout the Yokohama area, which will seriously disrupt the schedules of such trains as may be operating.

d. Service for the Occupation Forces is scheduled to be maintained as usual; however, if power stoppages are carried out as planned, these will affect the operation of Occupation Forces' trains to some extent.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff FEC and SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Transportation Section G-4, ESS, and Government Section.

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Hour: 1900
Date: 8 June 1948

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SUBJECT: Strike by Inowashiro Branch of Electric Power Workers

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has learned that at 1530, 8 June 1948, workers at Inowashiro Power Plant #1, Inowashiro-machi, Fukushima-ken, members of the All Japan Electrical Industry Workers Union, pulled switches on generators, cutting off power output completely.

b. Duration of this tactic is unknown.

c. According to CIC, Occupation Forces in Fukushima Prefecture probably will not be affected by these tactics, but, since power plants in this region help supply power for Tokyo, Occupation Forces in Tokyo might be affected.

d. Information in CIS, G-2, indicates that the Inowashiro Branch of the All-Japan Electric Workers Union is notably radical and completely controlled by Communists. In the past few months, this Branch has frequently threatened to conduct sympathy strikes to support disputes of other labor unions in Fukushima Area. CIC reports indicate that Inowashiro Branch is a hotbed of Communist activity, willing to resort to strikes over any issue.

2. Action:

Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS, CCS and GS.

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Hour: 1800
Date: 8 June 1948

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JUN 8 1948

SUBJECT: Further Strikes Scheduled by Japan Express Co. Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the Central Struggle Committee of the All Japan Express Company Workers' Union has issued an order calling for various regional chapters of the union to conduct 24-hour strikes as follows:

- 9 June 1948--Kanto, Chubu and Kyushu Regions
- 10 June 1948--Kansai, Chugoku and Shikoku Regions
- 11 June 1948--Hokkaido, Tohoku and Niigata Regions

Union members have also been ordered not to work overtime on 7 and 8 June 1948, as a preliminary to the series of strikes to begin on 9 June 1948.

b. The All-Japan Express Company Workers' Union conducted a nationwide 24-hour strike on 5 June 1948. Early reports indicate that as a result of this strike normal freight movements have been considerably delayed. Although the 5 June 1948 strike was not supposed to affect Occupation Forces' transportation, Civil Transportation Section reports that shortage of empty cars due to the strike occasioned some delay to the movement of Occupation Forces' freight.

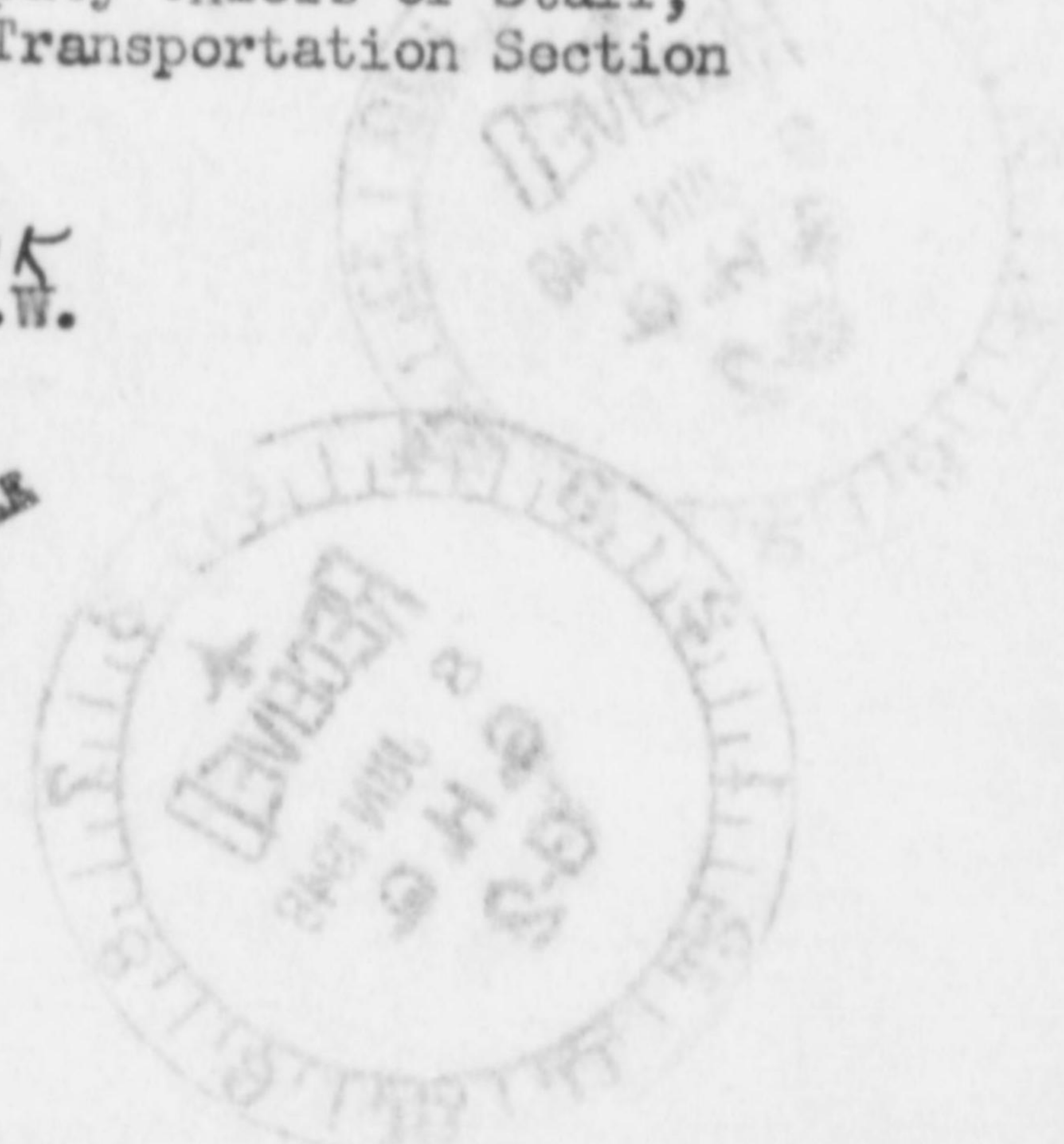
c. The Japan Express Company has a virtual monopoly on freight forwarding other than that moving by rail, and according to information from CTS, handles unloading of approximately 70% of the rail freight cars in Japan. Total or partial strikes by this union can seriously affect freight movements throughout Japan.

d. Information in CIS files reveals no indication that Communist elements are presently in control of the national headquarters of the Japan Express Company Workers' Union, although some local branches of the union are known to be Communist dominated.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS, Civil Transportation Section, Transportation Section (G-4), Government Section.

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Hour: 1630
Date: 8 June 1948

SUBJECT: Fukushima Electric Power Workers Threaten Strikes

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has learned that members of the Inawashiro Branch of the All-Japan Electric Industry Workers' Union, with members in 17 power plants in Fukushima Prefecture, has threatened to hold a series of one-hour work stoppages on 8 or 9 June 1948, if the Governor of Fukushima Prefecture does not agree to place certain union members on the Fukushima Prefectural Labor Relations Board. This threat was advanced in connection with a meeting held on 8 June 48, between the Fukushima Congress of Labor Unions and the Governor of Fukushima Prefecture to discuss the selection of members for the Prefectural Labor Relations Board.

b. It is not known whether the strikes, if called, would involve power stoppages, nor whether Occupation Forces service would be affected.

c. Information in CIS, G-2, indicates that the Inawashiro Branch of the All-Japan Electric Industry Workers' Union is one of the most radical in the union, and is completely controlled by Communists. During the past few months, this Branch has on several occasions threatened to conduct strikes in sympathy with the disputes of other labor unions in the Fukushima area. All reports from CIC indicate that the Inawashiro Branch is a hotbed of Communist activity, willing to resort to strike tactics over any issue available.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS, CCS, and GS.

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Hour: 1745
 Date: 7 June 1948

SUBJECT: Government Railway Workers Strike in Yokohama Area

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the Tsurumi Sub-branch of the Yokohama chapter, Government Railway Workers' Union, began a 24-hour strike at 0001 hours, 7 June 1948. All trains in the area under the jurisdiction of the Tsurumi Sub-branch have been stopped, with the exception of those handling Occupation Forces personnel and freight.

b. The strike of the Tsurumi Sub-branch is the first of a series of strikes scheduled by the Yokohama Branch of the Government Railway Workers' Union as follows:

- 7 June 1948 - Tsurumi Sub-branch
- 9 June 1948 - Nambu Sub-branch (Lines running south from Yokohama)
- 11 June 1948 - Entire Yokohama Branch

Strikes are claimed to be in protest against the refusal of the Tokyo Railway Bureau to accept the recommendations of the Kanagawa Prefectural Labor Relations Board regarding the demands of the Government Railway workers in the Yokohama Area. It is reported that the strikes scheduled for 9 and 11 June 1948 will be carried out as planned unless these recommendations are accepted by the Tokyo Railway Bureau.

c. Yokohama Branch of the Government Railway Workers' Union has approximately 11,000 members throughout Kanagawa Prefecture. A large portion of the work of the Government Railways in the Yokohama Area consists of handling Occupation Forces' freight, with which the strikes will not interfere.

d. Information from CIC regarding the composition of the Struggle Committee of the Yokohama Branch of the GRWU reveals that at least half of the members of the Committee are Communist Party members or sympathizers. Communist influence is reported to be particularly heavy in the Tsurumi Sub-branch.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, Civil Transportation Section, Transportation Section-G-4, ESS.

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CAW/RSB/HFP/MKS/lgd

Hour: 1330
Date: 6 June 48

SUBJECT: Disturbance at Greek Orthodox Church, Kanda
TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Information:

a. At 1245 this date, General Beiderlinden called CIS and made the following telephonic report:

"At the Greek Orthodox Church, Kanda, today, during services, the son of one Manabe (Japanese) assaulted and threw to the ground, Bishop Benjamin. The Bishop was rescued from harm by a White Russian (no name given) who was a member of the congregation. Bishop Benjamin is an American. The Russians wanted to place a Russian Bishop in the church but we put Bishop Benjamin in. Manabe is the leader of a faction that objects violently to Benjamin's bishopry ... and it was his son who attacked Benjamin".

b. General Beiderlinden, after making the above report instructed the CIS Duty Officer to take no action because he intended to make report to General Willoughby.

2. Action:

- a. No action taken by CIS pending directions from G-2 Duty Officer.
- b. Recommend CIC and CID be notified and make investigation.
- c. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP, and FEC, G-1, T/Int and CIS.

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Hour: 0915
Date: 6 June 1948

SUBJECT: Young Men and Women Mass Meeting and Demonstration at
Kamonyama Park, Yokohama

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports the following:

(1) Approximately 1200 Young Men and Women representing 23 organizations in Kanagawa Prefecture gathered at the Kamanoyama Park, Nishi-ku, Yokohama City, from 1030, 5 June 1948, for the purpose of aiding the proposed government railway strike. Speakers expressed their opposition to the introduction of foreign capital and the alleged oppression of the government. The dissolution of the Ashida Cabinet and the Diet was also played up.

(2) TANAKA Masaji, communist guest speaker, assailed the presence of the large number of Japanese Police on the meeting ground and banned it as a move to suppress the labor activities.

(3) TEI Haku Un, representing the League of Koreans residing in Japan stated that the people of the world can realize freedom only when they have converted their government along the pattern of the new Soviet government.

(4) A letter of encouragement was sent to the Office of GRWU, Yokohama Branch and one representative from each participating organization was dispatched to Tokyo to submit a resolution to the Railway Ministry.

(5) Parade was dissolved at the Yokohama Central Station at 1400, 5 June 1948, without any noticeable disorder.

2. Action:

a. Kanagawa Military Government Team notified by CIC.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), GS, CTS and G-4 Transportation Section.

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HOUR: 12:30
DATE: 5 June 48

SUBJECT: Accidental Dropping of Bomb.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Information:

- a. A Fifth Air Force Aircraft piloted by Lt Roberts accidentally released a 100 pound bomb shortly after takeoff at 32°43'N, 131°20'E.
- b. Time of incident was 1230, 4 June 1948.
- c. The bomb was unarmed and no damage to life or property resulted.

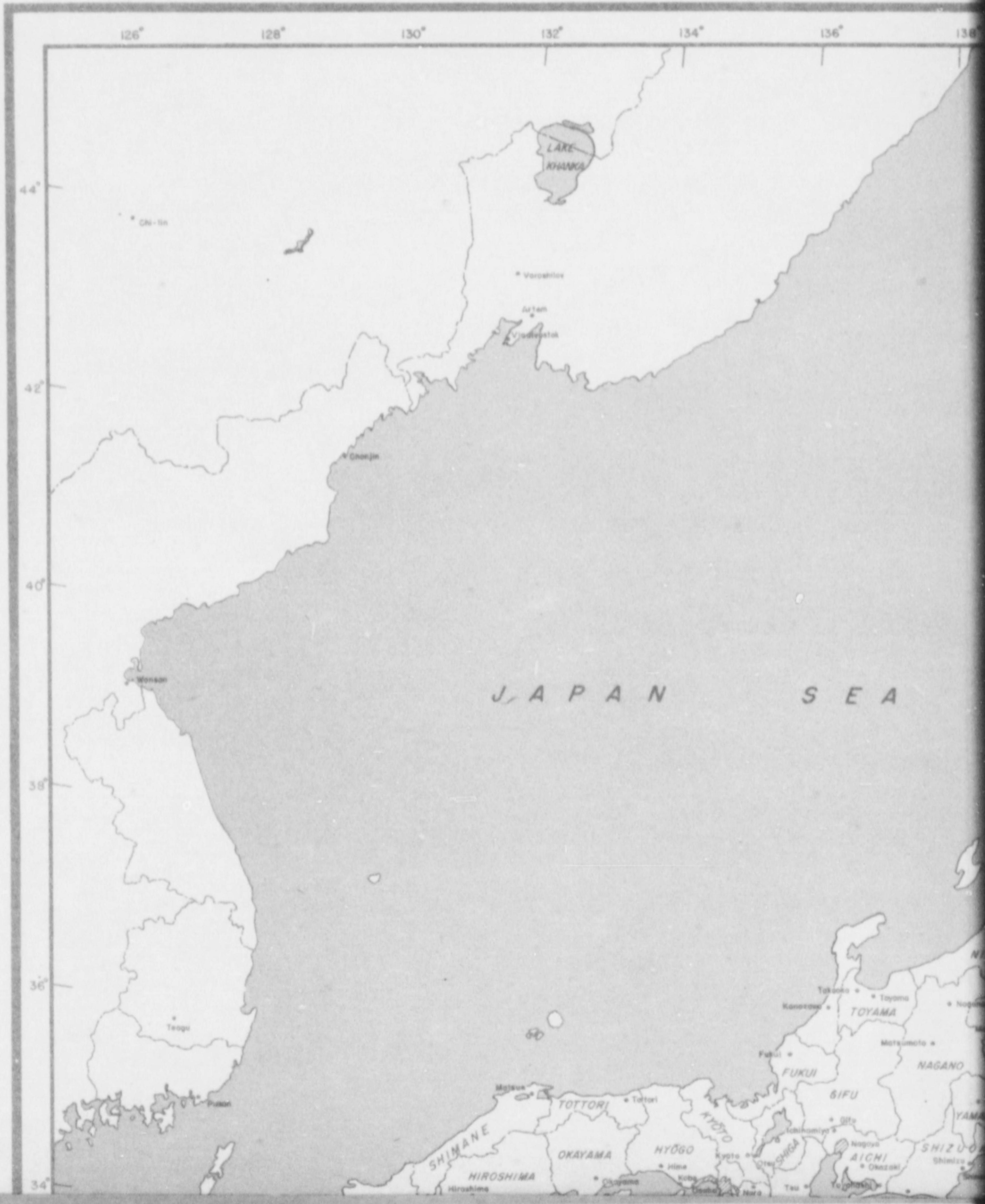
2. Action taken:

- a. Following Agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, G-3, JSPOG and Eighth Army.

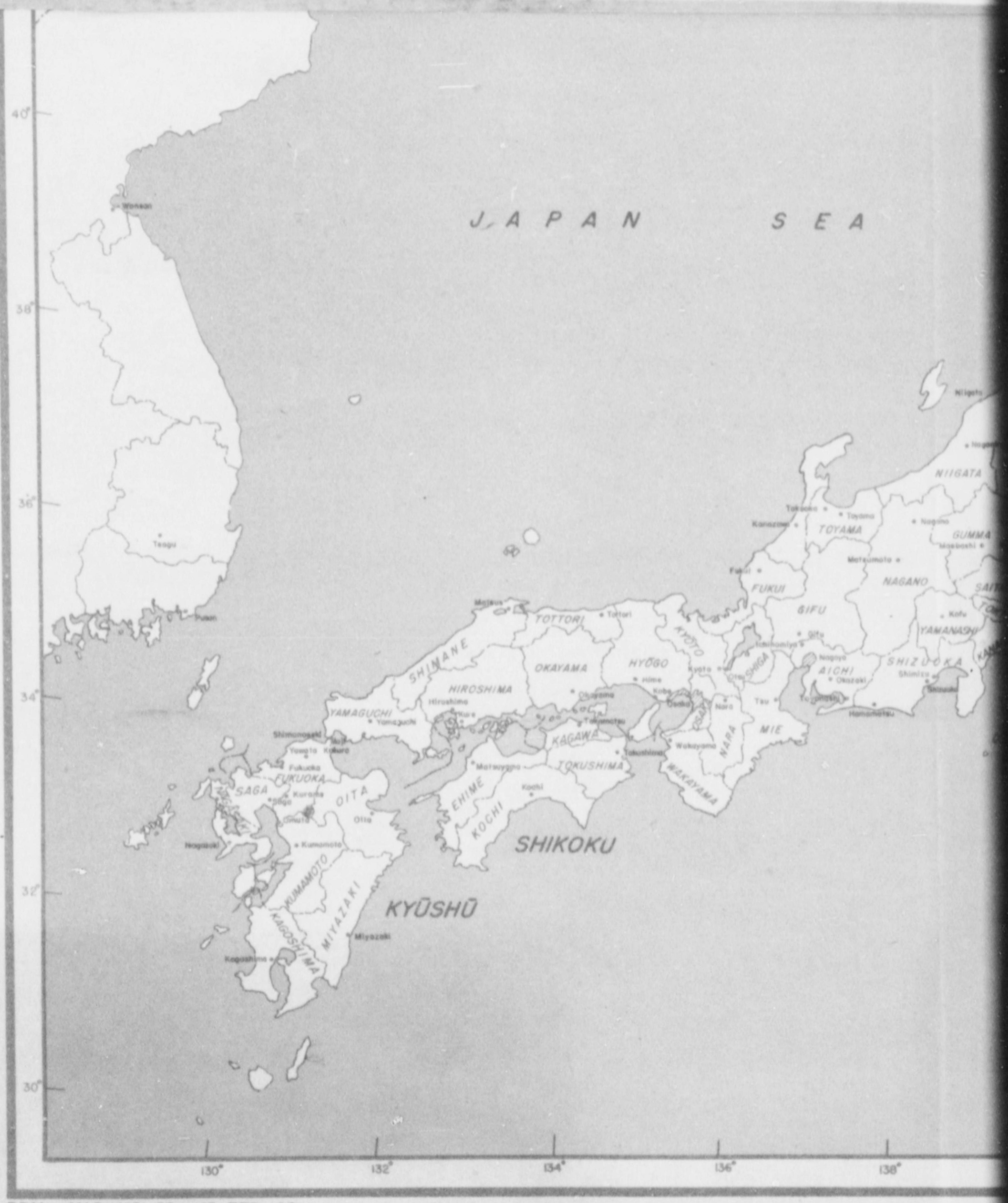
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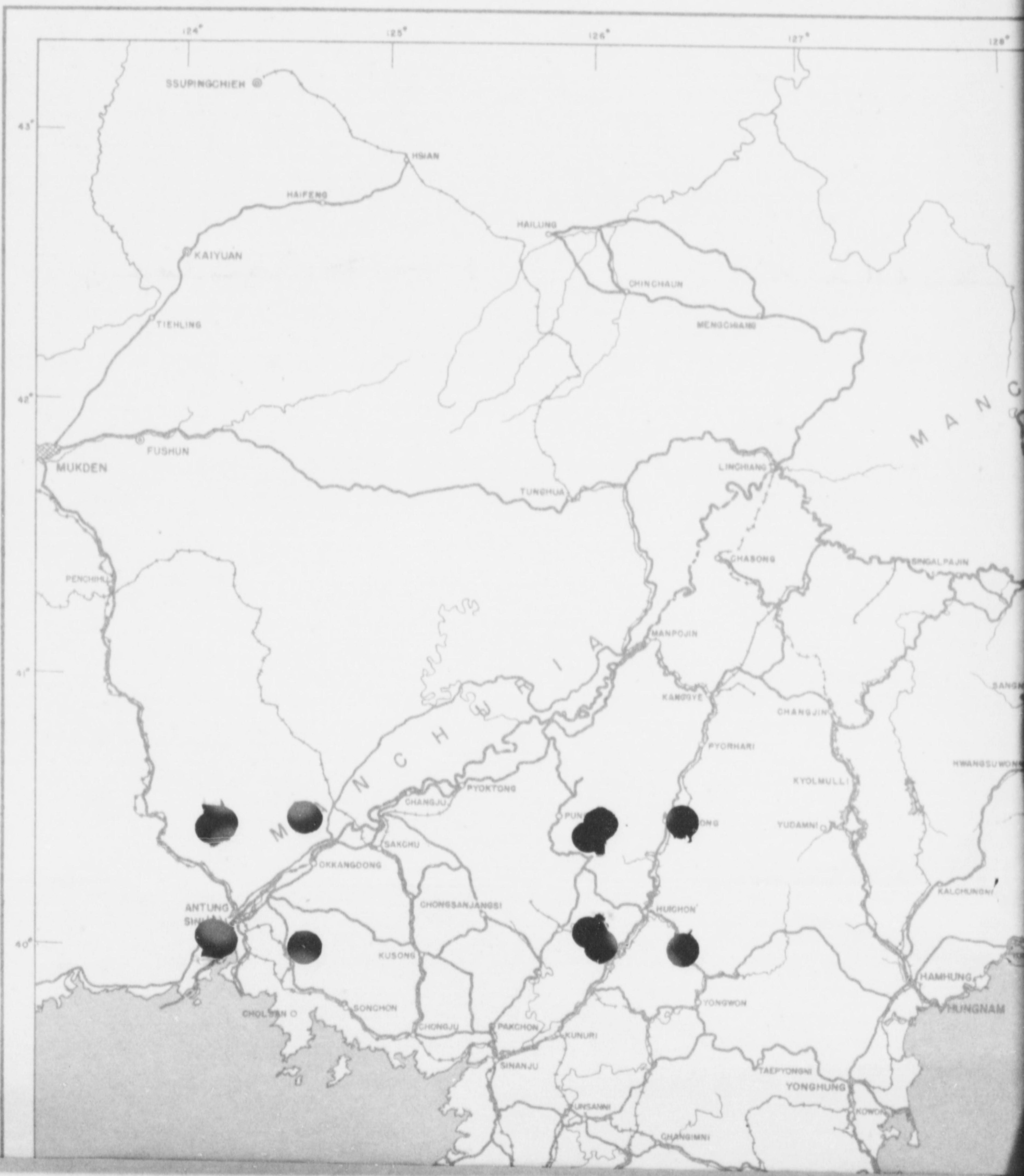
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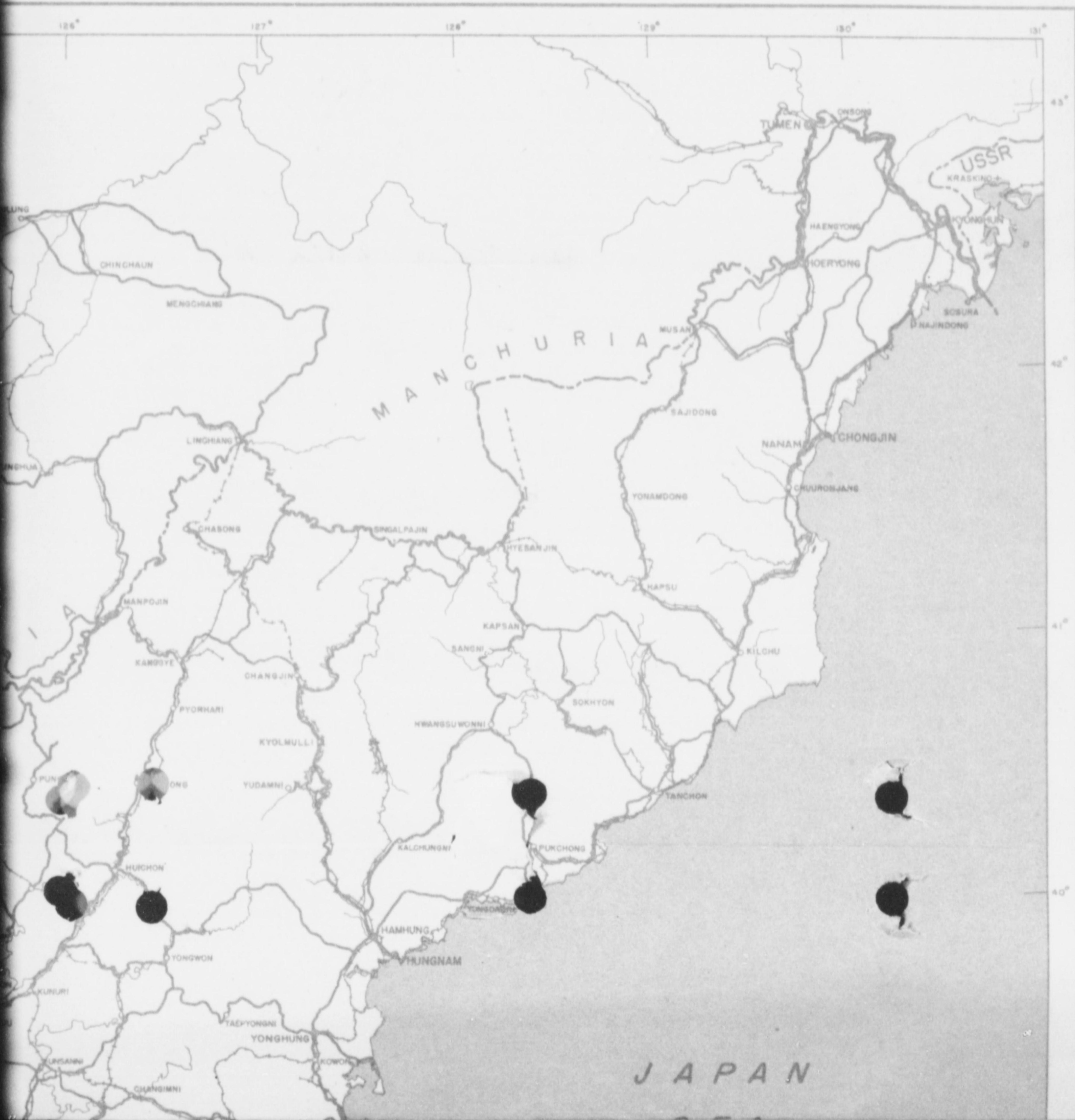
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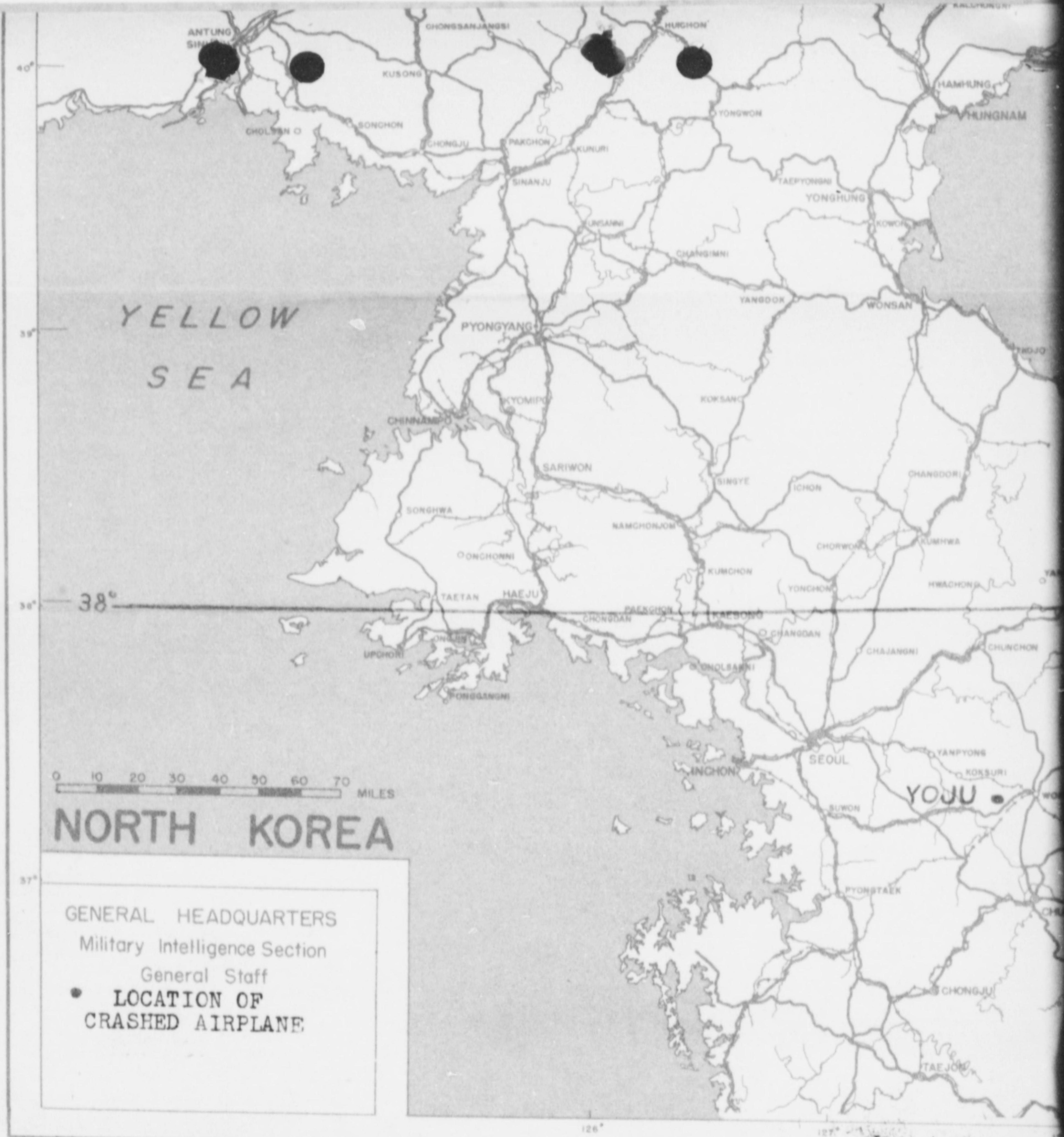
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Hour: 1700
 Date: 1 June 1948

SUBJECT: Summary of Labor Situation

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. The following are the highlights of the current labor situation, based upon reports from CIC:

(1) The All-Japan Electrical Industry Workers' Union concluded its national convention on 30 May 48 with a resolution to make full use of strike tactics if necessary to achieve the union's demands. Communist KAWAGUCHI Koji was re-elected chairman of the union, and Communists were elected to hold two of the three vice-chairmanships. Results of the convention indicate that Communists have gained the upper hand in the union's leadership.

(2) The Government Railway Workers' Union concludes its national convention today. The convention has from the beginning been the scene of heated verbal clashes between the union's left and right-wing factions. Election of new officials resulted in re-election of KATO Etsuo, anti-Communist, to the chairmanship; SUZUKI Ichizo, Communist fraction leader in the Railway Workers' Union, was elected vice-chairman; KANEMASA Daishiro, Communist sympathizer, gained the secretary-general post. The left-wing faction, which consistently follows the Communist Party line, gained ascendancy in both the new Central Committee and the Central Executive Committee. Early reports on the proceedings of the convention indicate that the union's Communists and fellow-travelers, over-riding the anti-Communist opposition, will be able to secure approval of strike activity in opposition to the basic wage program presently being advocated by the Government.

(3) The All-Japan Express Co. Workers' Union has called a nation-wide 24-hour strike for 5 June 48, during which period it will halt all operations with the exception of transportation of critical foodstuffs, coal and Occupation Forces' goods. The strike will involve most of the union's 130,000 members.

(4) Following its rejection of the Central Labor Relations Board's mediation plan on 31 May 48, the Federation of Private Railway Workers' Unions announced that it will launch a series of regional strikes beginning on 8 Jun 48. Details of the strikes are not yet known.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe. Tactical troops and MG teams notified.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), GS, CTS, and G-4 Transportation Section.

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Hour: 1200
 Date: 29 May 48

SUBJECT: Communist Directive Inciting Railway Workers' Dispute

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has obtained from a reliable source text of Japan Communist Party Central Committee Directive #268, dtd 13 May 48, titled: "Domination of Government Railway Workers' Union". Text is as follows:

"To all Prefectural Committees: In the recent April attacks, aimed at the establishment of a 'people's control' system, we were successful in gaining control of the All Communications Workers' Union and other major labor organizations in this country. However, we failed to gain control of the Government Railway Workers' Union which equals the All Communications Workers' Union in power and strength. This failure was due to anti-Communist movements and to the conservatism of the delegates. The Government Railway Workers' Union is indispensable if we are to make our labor attacks more effective. This problem must be given top priority. The following instructions are to be complied with in order to gain control of the Government Railway Workers' Union:

1. Make efforts to select convention delegates from among radical elements.
2. Increase the Communist Party strength among the delegates.
3. Take advantage of opportunities to organize conflicts between the neutral members and the anti-Communist members of the union in order to provoke antipathy toward the anti-Communists.
4. Map out plans to transfer conservatives and anti-Communists to remote localities.

"In order to increase the disputes among the Government Railway Workers, you are expected to incite disputes among the workers of private railways for wages higher than the Government Railway Workers are receiving. This information can be propagated among the Government Railway Workers in order to create an atmosphere favorable for further disputes. Primarily, your actions will be to spur the Government Railway Workers into disputes, but you are also expected to increase the number of Communist Party members among the private railway workers and lead them in 'labor control of management' to the best of your ability. The foregoing is an order."

b. The annual national convention of the Government Railway Workers' Union is to open in Nara Prefecture on 30 May 48. Communist and anti-Communist factions are about equally matched, and control of the union is expected to be hotly contested between these two at the convention.

2. Action:

a. CIC will observe railways workers' convention and report significant developments as information becomes available.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor Division) and Civil Transportation Section.

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Hour: 0930
Date: 20 May 1948

SUBJECT: Russian Fighter Plane Crashes South of 38th Parallel

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

- a. A Russian fighter plane crashed at Yoju (37°18'N-127°38'E) 1730, 19 May. The Soviet pilot is in the custody of G-2, XXIV Corps.
- b. The airplane is under Military Police Guard.

2. Action Taken:

- a. G-2, XXIV Corps contacted at 0750, 20 May. Will report all information as it becomes available. No details other than those listed.
- b. FEAF is sending representative for technical intelligence exploitation.
- c. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, G-3, JSPOG.

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Hour: 1300
 Date: 19 May 1948

SUBJECT: Strike of Private Railway Workers
 TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports the following information concerning the strike by members of the Federation of Private Railway Workers Unions which commenced 18 May 1948.

(1) Complete stoppage of rail traffic on affected lines has not occurred. Private railways reportedly are operating at 30 to 50 percent of normal during the strike series in order to accommodate Occupation Forces and other vital transportation.

(2) The schedule of strikes for the various local unions for 19, 20, and 21 May 1948 is as follows: 19 May 48: (a) Hankai Railway Labor Union; serving Osaka and Wakayama. (b) Hankai Bus Labor Union; serving Osaka and Wakayama. (c) Wakayama Railway Labor Union; Serving Wakayama. (d) Gobo Railway Labor Union; serving Wakayama. (e) Arita Railway Labor Union; serving Wakayama. (f) Nogami Electric Railway Labor Union; serving Wakayama. (g) Sanyo Electric Railway Labor Union; serving Kobe and Himeji. 20 May 48: (a) Keihanshin Electric Railway Labor Union; serving Kyoto, Osaka and Kobe. (b) Nose Electric Railway Labor Union; serving Osaka. (c) Hankyu Bus Labor Union; serving Osaka Area. (d) Keihan Bus Labor Union; serving Kyoto and Osaka. (e) Keihoku Railway Labor Union; serving Kyoto. (f) Koyaki Railway Labor Union; serving Otsu. (g) Taiko Kisen, Lake Biwa Ferry Boat. 21 May 48: (a) Kinki Railway Labor Union; serving Osaka and Nagoya. (b) Nara Railway Labor Union; serving Kyoto and Nara. (c) Shinki Electric Railway Labor Union; serving Osaka. (d) Ikoma Electric Railway Labor Union; serving Osaka.

2. Action:

- a. Tactical Troops and MG teams notified. CIC continues to observe.
 b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS, Civil Transportation Section, Government Section, G-2, 8th Army.

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Hour: 1800

Date: 18 May 1948

SUBJECT: Strike of Private Railway Workers

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports the following information concerning strike activities of the Federation of Private Railway Workers Unions:

(1) Last minute mediation attempts in the dispute between the Federation and the Private Railway Operators League broke down at 2200, 17 May 1948, resulting in a decision by the unions to carry out previously laid plans for a series of strikes commencing 18 May 1948.

(2) Schedule calls for 24-hour strikes in various areas throughout Japan, as follows: 18 May 1948, parts of central and southern Honshu; 19 May 1948, Shikoku and parts of central Honshu; 20 May 1948, Hokkaido, northern Honshu, and parts of central Honshu; 21 May 1948, Kyushu and parts of central and southern Honshu.

(3) In accordance with the above schedule, at 0001, 18 May 1948, employees of private rail and bus lines walked out on strike in Chiba, Aichi, Miye, and Osaka Prefectures. Reports from other areas not yet available.

(4) Occupation Forces and transportation of perishable freight has not been affected.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe. Local MG and tactical units notified.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, Civil Transportation Section, G-4 (Transportation Section), and ESS.

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Hour: 1700
Date: 17 May 1948

SUBJECT: Rumored World-Wide Strike of Communications Workers

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, dated 1445 hours, 22 April 1948, subject as above, which reported information to the effect that preparations were being made for a world-wide strike of communications workers at an undisclosed date "some time after the Italian elections of 18 April 1948".

b. Additional information was obtained by CIC on 15 May 48, from a usually reliable source in Shikoku, to the effect that the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union will take part in a world-wide strike in support of the following:

- (1) Opposition to the execution of the Marshall Plan
- (2) Maintenance of world peace

c. It was reported by the same source that the signal to begin the strike will come from Korea some time between June and October 1948.

d. The accuracy of the information cannot be judged at present, but the source is known to be usually reliable. Some substantiation is offered by the fact that the previous report of 22 April 1948 was obtained from an entirely separate source in Nagano Prefecture at some distance from the present source in Shikoku.

2. Action:

a. CIC detachments in all areas are attempting to gain further information; additional reports to follow as information becomes available.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS, CCS, and Government Section.

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Hour: 1645
Date: 16 May 1948

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SUBJECT: Suicide of Japanese Ex-Major General

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has reported the following information concerning the suicide of a Japanese ex-Major General:

(1) SHINANO Narushige, Yokoe, Oyama-machi, Nakamikawa-gun, Toyama Prefecture, Japanese ex-Major General, after having been notified on 15 May 48 by local police to appear at CIC Hq for an interview, committed suicide by hanging at 2400 hrs, 15 May 48.

2. Action:

a. CIC is investigating and further information will be forwarded as it becomes available.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC.

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Hour: 1430
Date: 15 May 1948

SUBJECT: Communists meet Repatriate Trains

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. This is additional to information submitted at 1230 Hours today, Subject: Japanese Communist Party.

b. Repatriates transferring to Chiba train at Tokyo Central Station at 1100 Hours, 14 May were harangued by a CP member who, however, was interfered with by members of Students' League (who customarily meet repatriate trains) declaring that this was not the time or place to spread Communist propaganda. No violence ensued.

c. A similar incident took place at Ueno Station around noon when several communists attempted to propagandize and pass out booklets to repatriates awaiting a train. Arguments were engaged in but CP members finally left, leaving two red flags at the station.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC.

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Hour 1230
Date: 15 May 1948

SUBJECT: Japanese Communist Party

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has reported the following information concerning Communist demonstrations during arrival of repatriate trains.

(1) When Siberian repatriates arrived at Shinagawa Station, Tokyo, 12 May 48, Communists told the repatriates that "you were detained in Siberia for a long time because the Japanese Government did nothing to hasten your repatriation. We Communists are the ones who have enabled you to return to your homeland."

(2) Communist demonstrators also circulated a handbill charging that the Japanese authorities have made poor preparations for receiving repatriates. The handbill further stated that the Communist Party "is struggling against every possible obstacle to establish a peaceful and completely independent Japan" and urged repatriates to join the Party in setting up "a democratic peoples' government".

b. Civil Censorship Detachment intercepted a telephone call from Communist Party headquarters reporting that TOKUDA Kyuichi, Secretary General of the Japan Communist Party, visited the Soviet Embassy and was told to have Communists present to meet repatriate trains.

c. Information in the files of CIS, G-2 reveals that the present activity among repatriates from Soviet areas is being carried out on the basis of plans made by the Central Committee of the Japan Communist Party in March and April 1948.

2. Action

a. Following agencies notified ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC.

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Hour: 0930
Date: 15 May 1948

SUBJECT: Activity of Australian Destroyer Believed off Coast of Shimane Prefecture

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that an Australian destroyer located in waters off the coast of Shimane Prefecture was believed to be engaged in target practice on 14 May 1948. The activity gave rise to a number of rumors in that area to the effect that two vessels were engaged in armed combat forty miles off the coast.

b. COMNAVFE advised CIS at 0915 hours, today, an Australian destroyer, HMAS Quiberon, is listed as being on an inspection patrol in the coastal area of Shimane Prefecture. COMNAVFE cited the possibility that in stopping some vessels for inspection, the Australian might have fired a few rounds over the bows of such vessels.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, COMNAFE and CG, FEAF.

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G-2 Comment: The above incident was first reported when the following information was furnished by General White, CG, Fifth Air Force, to General Weikert, Chief of Staff, FEAF, at 2025, 14 May. Mil Govt at Miho (near Sakai, in BCOF Area), reported that at 1400 an armed surface vessel, 30 to 50 miles offshore, at a bearing of 270°, was firing at an unarmed vessel. Upon receiving this information Fifth Air Force dispatched 8 airplanes to conduct a search at 1845. Results of this search during daylight hours were negative. Results of a subsequent search made by a plane armed with technical equipment have not been received by FEAF as of 0900, 15 May.

Further positive information will be reported.

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Date: 14 May 1948
 Hour: 1800

SUBJECT: Power Shut-Off in Korea

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Culminating months of wrangling over payment for electric power supplied by North Korea to South Korea, all electric power to South Korea was shut off at noon today.

b. The following information was broadcast by North Korea People's Committee to South Korea on 7 May and was repeated several times on 10 May:

- (1) The Soviet Army turned over electric plants to Korean people.
- (2) The Americans settled only 20% of contract for power.
- (3) If US authorities do not fulfill contract, the North Korea

People's Committee states, "we will be unable to supply them with electric current any more".

2. The situation in South Korea is quiet, there is no panic, South Korea generates about 40% of its needs; a conference is in progress between North and South Korea representatives.

3. Action taken:

a. XXIV Corps has been contacted by telephone and will notify G-2, FEC of developments.

b. Following agencies notified: D/C/S's FEC and SCAP, G-3, G-4, JSPOG, KORYU and Government Section.

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Hour: 1230
Date: 13 May 1948

SUBJECT: Background of Civil Disturbances on Cheju Island

TO : Chief of Staff

1. References: CG, USAFIK radio ZGCT 637, 11 May re reports from Military Governor, Cheju Do.
2. Minor civil disturbances have occurred on Cheju Island since beginning of U.S. occupation. Most disturbances reflected Korean Communist inspired resentment of U.S. occupation policies. The number of incidents have been increasing from the latter part of March to present time. There were approximately 22 incidents in April, all believed to be Communist organized. Attacks are mainly on policemen, election officials, on Rightists, particularly members of the Dai Dong Youth Corps and United Young Men's Party. Only one attack against U.S. forces has been reported when a U.S. plane was fired upon as it took off from Cheju air strip 24 April, no damage. The attacks have generally occurred in villages located on the main road from Kumnyong to Taejong on the north and west coast of Cheju Island. Korean Communists were reported to have been landed on the north coast of Cheju during April probably with instructions to continue civil disturbances with emphasis on anti-election incidents such as burning polling booths and attacking election candidates and officials.
3. ETA of USS Craig, DD 885 at Cheju is 120600/I.
4. FEAF fighter aircraft not sent.
5. Phone call to XXIV Corps reveals that the disturbances are minor and situation has not worsened. Measures being taken are for purpose of ending a situation which has been a headache for some time.

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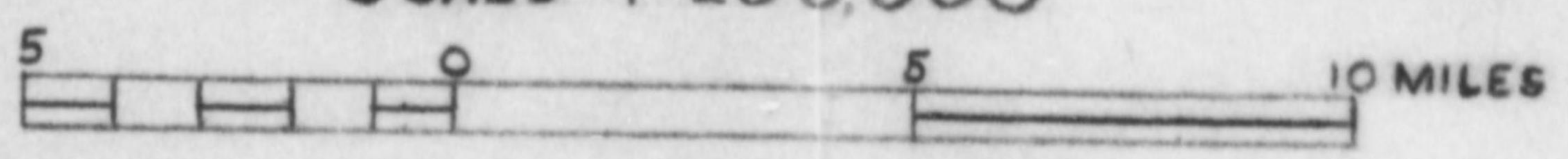
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Hour: 0845

Date: 11 May 1948

SUBJECT: Meeting and Demonstration in Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that beginning at 1200 hours, today, a meeting and demonstration will be held in the Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo, under the sponsorship of the Japan Auto Industrial Supporters Association for the purpose of promoting the recovery of the automobile industry. Attendance will approximate 500 members.

b. The meeting will be concluded at 1330 hours, following which a demonstration will be organized with a route of march through the streets of central Tokyo. Demonstrators will ride in seventy automobiles which will form the procession.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS, Government Section and CPM.

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Hour: 1830
Date: 10 May 1948

SUBJECT: Korean Elections

TO: Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. A telephone call to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, XXIV Corps, at 1820, 10 May 1948, revealed that it had been unusually quiet in Seoul today. All incidents which have been reported have been minor; however, reports have not as yet come in from the outlying provinces. As indicated in this evening's Stars and Stripes, there have been several minor incidents of railroad sabotage, telephone line cutting and indiscriminate firing of weapons in the air. The reported death toll as of 1820 was 6 killed and 4 wounded, Communist inspired. Up to date there have been no reports of involvement of United States troops stationed in Korea. There have been no serious incidents of any nature. Today has been no different in Korea in general insofar as incidents are concerned than has been the past 2 weeks.

b. G-2 comment of XXIV Corps: Although it has been quiet to date, the day is not over yet.

c. At 1700 XXIV Corps filed a highlighting radio.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, and CIS.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCEHour: 1730
Date: 9 May 48

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Soviet Troops.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. A TASS dispatch announced by Radio Moscow at 0630 hrs, 8 May 48, (2030 hrs, 8 May 48, Japan time) indicates that last paragraph of reply sent by Lt Gen Koratkov states that "The Government of the USSR still is prepared to withdraw its troops promptly from Korea if the USA withdraws its troops from Korea simultaneously." However, Radio Pyongyang in Soviet controlled North Korea repeated the text of the message still saying: "In order to make US troops withdraw from Korea simultaneously."

2. Comment: The USSR may have intentionally issued the message with two different last paragraphs, one for world news, and the other for affect on the South Koreans in their voting on 10 May 48. The USSR has previously used similar tactics. Pyongyang Radio has been their primary means of confusing the South Koreans to influence the elections. The conference of North-South Korean political leaders at Pyongyang was obviously Soviet inspired and controlled. The demands that were submitted by letter to the US and USSR Governments are believed to have originated in Moscow. Thus, the Soviet reply to the demands is a part of the over-all scheme.


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Hour: 1645
Date: 8 May 1948

SUBJECT: Koreans Plan Mass Meeting and Demonstration in Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo, on 10 May 1948, Cancelled

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, subject as above, dated 1600 hours, 6 May 1948, reporting proposed meetings and demonstrations to be held by the League of Koreans Residing in Japan, in the Imperial Palace Plaza, between 0900 hours and 1600 hours, 10 May 1948.

b. CIC reports that the League of Koreans Residing in Japan have cancelled their proposed meeting. Reason for the cancellation is unknown at the present time.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, CPM, Government Section, Tokyo Provost Marshal, and G-2 Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1500
Date: 8 May 1948

SUBJECT: FBIB Reported Broadcast From Pyongyang, North Korea, 7 May 1948

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. FBIB reported a broadcast from Pyongyang, North Korea which carried the announcement that a letter was delivered by Lieut. Gen. P.G. Korotkov, in the name of the Government of Soviet Union to Kim Doo Bong, Chairman of the recent South and North Korea Political Conference which was held 2200 7 April. The letter purported to state in part:

"The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialists Republic has had the necessary arrangements made for the immediate withdrawal of its troops from Korea in order to make the American troops withdraw from Korea simultaneously."

"Lt. Gen. P.C. Korotkov"

2. Action:

a. G-2 24th Corps was notified and asked to report new developments as they occurred.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, CIS, and G-3.

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Hour: 1215
Date: 8 May 1948

SUBJECT: 24-Hour Coal Mine Strike, Hokkaido

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports the following information concerning a 24-hour strike by members of the All-Japan Coal Industry Workers Union in Hokkaido:

- (1) Walkout, scheduled to last 24 hours, commenced at 0700, 7 May 1948, at 12 coal mines owned by the Hokkaido Colliery & Steamship Company, all located in Hokkaido. Approximately 27,000 miners and office workers are involved.
- (2) The following mines are involved: Yubari, Shin Yubari, Heiwa, Mayochi, Noborikawa, Kakuta, Horonai, Akama, Sorachi, Kamoi, Teshio, and Miruto.
- (3) Union demands are: (a) 15 percent increase in pay until new pay scale agreement is reached, (b) 4,000 yen lump sum allowance for each new-born child, (c) 1,000 yen per month allowance for one year for each new-born child.
- (4) Officials of the Japan Coal Industry Operators League, to which the mining company belongs, estimate that the 24-hour strike will result in a loss of about 16,000 tons of coal. It has not yet been determined if any of this coal was to have been for use of Occupation Forces.

b. Information in the files of CIS, G-2 reveals that all local chapters involved in the strike are affiliated with the Hokkaido Regional Council of the All-Japan Coal Industry Workers Union, and that virtually all key positions in this Regional Council are held by Communist Party members or sympathizers.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe. Local MG teams and tactical troops notified. Labor Division, ESS, is cognizant.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS, NRS, and Government Section.

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Hour: 1600
Date: 6 May 1948

SUBJECT: Koreans Plan Mass Meeting and Demonstration in Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo, on 10 May 1948

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the League of Koreans Residing in Japan is sponsoring a mass meeting and demonstration in the Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo, between 0900 hours and 1600 hours, 10 May 1948. The purpose of the meeting will be "to accelerate establishment of a unified Government and to oppose Military Government and individual elections in South Korea".

b. Sponsors of the meeting predict attendance of approximately 20,000 people.

c. Following the meeting, the demonstration will be organized with a route of march to the Metropolitan Police Bureau Building, to the Diet Building, the Premier's official residence, and thence to Hibiya Park for dispersal.

2. Action:

a. CIC will cover both the meeting and demonstration, and any developments will be promptly reported.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, CPM, Government Section, Tokyo Provost Marshal, and G-2, Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1600
 Date: 5 May 1948

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SUBJECT: Korean Activities

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that from 1900 to 2100 hours, 1 May 1948, the Fukuoka Federation of League of Koreans Residing in Japan held meeting in Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka Prefecture. The following resolutions were adopted:

- (1) In Fukuoka rally on 6 May 1948, League of Koreans Residing in Japan will take same attitude as that taken by Koreans in Osaka and Kobe incidents.
- (2) All Koreans will vote Communist in forthcoming elections.
- (3) Those Koreans who do not participate in the 6 May 48 rally will be considered enemies and reactionaries and, therefore, will be killed.
- (4) Henceforth Koreans will no longer obey boss elements but each Korean will observe right to take any sort of independent action.
- (5) At 6 May 48 rally only Korean language will be used.

b. Members of League of Koreans Residing in Japan and Korean Democratic Youth League will hold demonstration at Hyogo Prefectural Building, Kobe-shi, on 7 May 1948. Members will surround building and continue circling march around building. According to source, purpose of demonstration is to force Prefectural officials to release those Koreans who are now under arrest.

c. Meetings and/or demonstrations are planned in at least nine (9) other prefectures during the period 5 through 8 May to protest independent elections in South Korea and to demand unified Korean government. A nation-wide rally will be held in Tokyo on 10 May 1948.

2. Action:

a. CIC will cover demonstrations. Local MG Teams and tactical units notified.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, Government Section, CPM, G-3, JSPOG and Diplomatic Section.

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Hour: 1545
Date: 3 May 1948NOTE
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SUBJECT: Summary Information re Emergency Landing Soviet Boat, Nemuro, Hokkaido

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that a small cargo vessel of Soviet registry landed at Nemuro, Hokkaido, on 22 Apr 48, with a captain and three crew members aboard. Interrogation revealed vessel was proceeding from one Kurile Island to another when it was lost in fog and exhausted its fuel. 200 kilograms of oil and some minor repairs were requested.

b. Radio from CG, 11th AB Div, dtd 27 Apr, indicated that, in addition to aforementioned facts, CIC interrogation revealed "much valuable information" might be gained if sufficient delay were possible to allow "exhaustive interrogation" of the four men. Radio also stated "subjects desire to remain in Japanese or territory other than Russian" and had asked CIC to arrange "safe-haven" for them. The crew stressed such would be practicable only if Soviet authorities were not notified of their landing.

c. Immediate investigation revealed no possibility of carrying out such a plan because, apparently unbeknown to writer of above cited AB radio, other offices of that command had notified the U.S. Maritime Commission of vessel's arrival. The Maritime Commission advised Sharp Steamship Company, Yokohama, on 23 Apr, which agency is the official shipping agency for the Soviet Mission. Sharp Co. notified Soviet Mission at 0900 hrs, 23 April.

d. G-2 Foreign Liaison received query re subject vessel from Soviet Mission at 1500 hrs, 23 Apr. Soviets asked for additional details. At 1100 hrs, 27 Apr, G-2 Foreign Liaison reported to Soviets that the boat required minor repairs and refueling. Soviet Mission then forwarded written request to GHQ, dtd 27 Apr, guaranteeing repayment for necessary charges incurred. No indication whatever was given Soviet Mission that vessel's crew had attempted to defect.

e. On 29 Apr, the captain of the vessel disappeared, leaving a note indicating suicidal attempt. On 1 May, 2 Japanese fishermen found a cap and jacket on the Nemuro waterfront which had belonged to the captain who was believed to have drowned himself.

f. On 2 May, subject vessel departed Nemuro with three remaining Russians aboard. The senior member stated he was convinced the captain was dead and saw no purpose in delaying the boat's departure.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, DS, and G-4.

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Hour: 1830
Date: 1 May 1948

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SUBJECT: May Day Demonstration, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Demonstrators commenced leaving Plaza Grounds at 1257 hours. Participants had formed into five columns to march to the following dispersal points:

- (1) Ueno Park
- (2) Korakuen Stadium
- (3) Meiji Park
- (4) Hamamachi Onshi Park
- (5) Shiba Park

b. At 1445 hours, heads of all five marching columns had reached their dispersal points.

c. Demonstrators completed dispersal at times indicated below:

- (1) Ueno Park - 1545 hours
- (2) Korakuen Stadium - 1605 hours
- (3) Meiji Park - 1520 hours
- (4) Hamamachi Onshi Park - 1520 hours
- (5) Shiba Park - 1540 hours

d. There were no incidents during the march; all columns proceeded in orderly manner.

e. At 1515 hours, a 3/4 ton truck with three Russian Officers in the back drove along column, waving and encouraging the demonstrators. When Russians noted the U.S. jeep (CIC Jeep) approaching, the truck turned off into a side street.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, Government Section, CPM, and ESS.

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Hour: 1800

Date: 1 May 1948

SUBJECT: Speeches, Slogans, and Petitions at Tokyo May Day Celebration

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Among speeches, slogans and petitions delivered at the Tokyo May Day Celebration, two significant Communist propaganda lines stand out: (1) Oppression of the labor movement by "reactionary" Japanese government officials and capitalists, and (2) Condemnation of government interference with the Korean schools.

(1). KAN Makoto, representing the National Congress of Industrial Unions declared that labor will fight with strong determination against oppression being exercised by government officials and capitalists.

(2). DORASHI Kazuyoshi, also representing the NICU and a known Communist sympathizer, charged that various labor unions are being oppressed unjustifiably.

(3). Another speaker, ASANO Takuya called for "absolute opposition to unjust suppression" and "absolute opposition to unjust interference with the independent education of Koreans in Japan." ASANO is Secretary of the 19th May Day Executive Committee in charge of the Imperial Plaza celebration.

(4). A representative of the Japan Democratic Cultural League (Communist Front Group) bitterly criticized the Government for forcibly closing Korean schools and arresting Koreans. "Who can say that the same oppression may be applied to the rest of the schools in Japan?" he asked.

(5). KIN Kun of the League of Koreans Residing in Japan, charged racial discrimination in the Korean school issue, urged Korean and Japanese workers to unite against reactionary officials and capitalists, and declared that "in North Korea, all schools are government owned and managed; there is no racial discrimination nor any restriction whatsoever."

(6). Finally, TOKUDA Kyuichi, Secretary-General of the Japan Communist Party in the closing address stated: "You are all aware of who is actually running the present Cabinet. War rumors are fanned by capitalists to stir unrest among working masses, thus hampering reconstruction of Japan. All working men must unite and keep on fighting to oppose the present Cabinet which is a cabinet in name only."

(7). Communist leaflets and handbills were circulated in the crowd calling for the establishment of a Democratic Racial Front, opposition to suppression of strikes and "infringement of peoples' rights".

b. A formal protest to the Public Procurator's Office was approved and delivered by SAGA Zempai, known Communist of the NCIU, which strongly protested against "the recent unjust suppression of the labor movement", the suspension of production control, use of injunctions and arrest of workers involved in disputes. Coupled with this protest to the Public Procurator, a formal petition was also delivered to SCAP. This document charged that "the capitalistic class and judicial officials .. have been found acting contrary" to SCAP's policies with regard to labor and are attempting "an anti-labor drive that will be inimical to the freedom and welfare of laborers." SCAP was asked "to tell the government to reconsider its reactionary policies."

2. Action:

a. CIC continuing to collect information on speeches and handbills distributed.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FECS, Government Section, CPM, and ESS.

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Hour: 1730
Date: 1 May 1948

SUBJECT: Communist Handbill Distributed at May Day Rally

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. The following is a full translation of a handbill prepared by the Japan Communist Party and distributed to participants in the May Day rally held at the Palace Plaza, Tokyo, 1 May 1948:

"The Japan Communist Party

Protectors of the People's Independence and Peace.

For the stabilization of the working man's livelihood and a higher standard living.

Down with the traitor ASHIDA Cabinet!
Dissolve the Diet!
A Government by the Democratic Racial Front!

For the People's Independence and Peace.

Rumors of a U.S. - Soviet war are again rampant. But the people of the world do not want another war. The U.S.S.R. has cut down her armaments budget and has returned to a peace-time military force. In America, Wallace and his anti-war supporters are gaining popularity. Then where and how do these war rumors start? War provocators, in the hope of saving the deadlock facing the capitalists, are inventing these rumors. They scheme to get rich by gambling on another war and armaments expansion.

The present sufferings of the people were all caused by war. We must not have another war.

The ASHIDA Cabinet, the Democratic, Socialist, and the Democratic-Liberal parties are all supporting the plan for introduction of capital from one certain foreign country. They are scheming to sell the country in order that the capitalists may be saved. If these policies are put into effect, the country will be dragged into another war. Corrupt politics will be revived and the working people will become slaves. We must not permit this to happen.

Such war-provoking policies and treacherous governments can only be overcome by the full-hearted cooperation of the laborers, farmers, citizens, and the small scale industrialists and merchants.

Our party has fearlessly and continuously fought for the liberation of the people. It has opposed the reactionary governments and war. We will continue to fight for these aims fearlessly.

Join the Communist Party for the sake of peace and the people's complete independence."

2. Action:

a. The following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, Government Section, CPM, and ESS.

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Hour: 1230
Date: 1 May 1948

SUBJECT: Reported Plans by CP to take over Kyoto Prefectural Building

TO : Chief, CIS

1. Information:

a. CIC Area 10 learned from G-2, 25th Inf Div, that 25th Inf Div had intercepted CP Directive stating that Kyoto Japan Communist Party members are to attempt to take over Kyoto Prefectural Building during afternoon of 1 May 48. Substance of directive, according to source, is as follows:

- (1) Form a Defense Corps for CP to prevent or interfere with police who attempt to arrest CP members.
- (2) Hold a cell committee meeting in Kyoto.
- (3) Occupy the Kyoto Prefectural Building.

b. CIC Area 10 further reports that 25th Inf Div reports that 50 Communist Party members left Nara at 1015, 1 May 48, by electric train for Kyoto. Source says group left to help attempt to take over Kyoto Prefectural Police Station.

2. Action:

- a. CIC is observing and any developments will be promptly reported.
- b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, and Chief Provost Marshal.

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Hour: 1015
Date: 1 May 1948

SUBJECT: May Day Demonstration

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that as of 1015 hours, today, approximately 200,000 people had assembled in the Imperial Palace Plaza to take part in the May Day mass meeting and demonstration with additional groups still continuing to arrive. The crowd is orderly and nothing derogatory to the interests of the Occupation has been observed to date.

b. The program scheduled to begin at 1000 hours has not yet started.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, Government Section, CPM, and ESS.

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Hour: 0940

Date: 1 May 1948

SUBJECT: May Day Demonstration

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that as of 0930 hours, today, approximately 130,000 participants in the May Day meeting had assembled in the Imperial Palace Plaza with large columns still moving into the Plaza from all points. Numerous placards have been observed by CIC but none expressed anything derogatory to the interests of the Occupation.

b. Some confusion exists with respect to locating the various participating elements. The Government Railway Workers' Union appears to be the most enthusiastic of the group to date with an especially large number of placards and flags being displayed by its members.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, Government Section, CPM, and ESS.

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Hour: 0900
Date: 1 May 1948

SUBJECT: May Day Demonstration

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that as of 0900 hours, today, approximately 7,000 participants in the scheduled May Day mass meeting had assembled in the Imperial Plaza, Tokyo, and other groups were arriving periodically. Large numbers of individuals are assembling in various points throughout the city and are beginning to march to the Plaza where the meeting is scheduled to begin at 1000 hours. Numerous labor flags are being displayed and the groups appear very enthusiastic.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe the meeting and the demonstration scheduled to follow, and any incident of consequence will be promptly reported.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, Government Section, CHM, and ESS.

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Hour: 1900
Date: 30 Apr 48

SUBJECT: Koreans Reportedly Ordered to Bring Knives on May Day
TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has learned from a very reliable source that the League of Koreans Residing in Japan have notified all Koreans employed by Occupation Forces to join in demonstration on May Day "aimed at headquarters" (believed to mean GHQ) for release of all Koreans detained in connection with closure of Korean schools.

b. Source of information state that KIN Sho Sei, age 38, member of Korean League, Itabashi Chapter, 2877, 10 chome, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo, sent following instructions, in substance, to all chapter members: All members of Korean League are to take part in May Day demonstration. We will petition Premier Ashida to release those persons held in connection with closure of Korean schools. Everyone is asked to bring hunting knife or short sword about three inches long.

2. Action:

a. CIC Area 25 is sending agent to contact KIN and is taking action to determine if he issued order above. If it is determined he did issue order, Tokyo PM will be asked to apprehend KIN. Tokyo PM, G-2, Eighth Army, notified. G-2, 1st Cav Div, will be notified. Further reports as information becomes available.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS, CTS, GS, NRS, CCS, CPM.

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Hour: 1810
 Date: 30 April 1948

SUBJECT: May Day 1948, Central Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports following concerning May Day Meeting to be held in Imperial Plaza on 1 May 1948:

(1) Schedule of events is as follows: (a) 0900--Start assembling. (b) 1000--Speeches start. (c) 1300--Demonstrations start. (d) 1630--Final dispersal.

(2) Plaza will be cleared by 1530.

(3) Meeting is sponsored by Nineteenth May-Day Practicing Committee. About 60 organizations will participate; partial list follows: Japan Federation of Labor, Nat'l Congress of Industrial Unions, Gov't Railway Workers' Union, All Japan Gov't and Public Office Workers' Union, Tokyo Metropolitan Labor Unions' League, All Japan Finance Ministry Workers' Union, All Japan Teachers' Union, All Japan Seamen's Union, All Japan Automobile Workers' Union, All Japan Metal Mines Labor Union Federation, All Japan Electrical Industry Workers' Union, All Japan Shipbuilding Workers' Union, Federation of Japan Private Railway Workers' Unions, Cultural League, League of Cooperative Unions, Japan Farmers' Union, League of Koreans Residing in Japan, Repatriates' Union, Japan Federation of Coal Miners' Unions, All Japan Coal Industry Labor Union, All Japan Freight Labor Union, Broadcasting Corporation, Japan Congress of Labor Union, Cement Labor Union, Self-Governing Labor Federation.

(4) Sponsors estimate attendance will be 600,000. Police estimate it will be 400,000. *G-2 Estimate: 300,000.*

(5) Demonstrators will leave plaza in five columns. Routes of these columns are as follows: (a) To Ueno Park: from Plaza to NYK Building to Tokyo Central Station to Tokyo Central Postoffice to Kaji-bashi to Kyo-bashi to Nihon-bashi to Suda-cho Intersection to Ueno Park. (b) To Korakuen: from Plaza to Teito Hotel to Ote-machi Intersection to Jimbo-cho Intersection via Ave "O" to Korakuen. (c) To Meiji Park: from Plaza to Iwaida-bashi to MPB to GHQ Chapel Center to Diet Building to Jefferson Heights to Akasaka Intersection via "F" Ave to Meiji Park. (d) To Hamamachi Onshi Park: from Plaza via Ave "Y" via 5th Street to Shimbashi Station to Ginza to GHQ Motor Pool to Hamamachi Onshi Park. (e) To Shiba Park: from Plaza to Iwaida-bashi in rear of Hibiya Park to Hibiya Hall via Ave "A" to Shiba Park.

2. Action:

a. Following Agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS, CTS, GS, NRS, CCS, CPM.

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Hour: 1430

Date: 30 April 1948

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Inflammatory Instructions to Youth and Women's Construction Corps

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Civil Censorship Detachment reports interception of the following telegram dated 27 April 48, sent from the Headquarters of the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union by the Chairman of the Union's Youth and Women's Construction Corps to the Youth and Women's Construction Corps of the Hokkaido Regional Branch of the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union:

"Instruction No. 11. Construction Corps of the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union: As a result of struggles, unjust oppression has taken place openly and successive arrests are taking place at a number of places. Hereafter, in case such arrests occur anywhere, in or outside our organization, the Construction Corps is ordered to crush the enemy's violence by mobilizing our entire organization."

b. Information in the files of CIS, G-2 reveals that the Youth and Women's Construction Corps of the Communications Workers represents a revival of the old "Youth Action Corps" of this Union, which was nominally disbanded after the threatened strike of 1 Feb 48. Construction Corps are one of several types of youth groups formed as adjuncts to labor organizations.

c. That the activities and organization of the Youth and Women's Construction Corps are being instigated and supported by the Communist Party is clearly shown in Directive No. 66, issued by the Headquarters of the Young Communist League, intercepted by CCD on 29 Apr 48, which includes the following statements regarding the Corps:

"The Young Communist League must urge the awakening of the youths of each working place and youth organizations, and by forming Youth Construction Corps, start a joint struggle of the All-Japan Government and Public Office Workers' Union.....Youth Construction Corps are being formed in the Communications Workers, the Government Railway Workers, and other unions throughout the country. These groups are engaged in anti-oppression struggles, organized propaganda activities, and petition movements.....Establish Youth Construction Corps and maneuver the members into participating in joint struggles and anti-oppression struggles."

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS and CCS, and Legal Section.

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Date: 29 April 1948SUBJECT: Tokyo Branch of All-Japan Machine and Tool Workers' Union
Orders Strike

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC obtained from a reliable source the following strike directive issued by the Tokyo Branch of the All-Japan Machine and Tool Workers' Union:

BRANCH DIRECTIVE #12 - 27 April 1948

In protest of illegal oppressions, all members of the Tokyo Branch are directed to conduct a one hour strike commencing at 1000 hours, 30 April 1948.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

It goes without saying that our aim is to oppose oppression methods. Chapter members must unite and prepare for the next strike.

For this purpose, we shall dispatch help to members of the Japan Typewriter Chapter on this day.

Nearby factories and the people will be notified that the strike has been entered by intermittent blowing of sirens by individual factories.

b. The Tokyo Branch of the All-Japan Machine and Tool Workers' Union is heavily Communist influenced, many of its individual chapters being completely dominated by Communists. The All-Japan Machine and Tool Workers' Union is one of the most active affiliates of the Communist dominated National Congress of Industrial Unions.

c. The Japan Typewriter Company chapter of the All-Japan Machine and Tool Workers' Union has recently engaged in clashes with the Japanese police who were attempting to serve court order for the chapter to release the company's plants from production control. It is believed that the above directive indicates possibility of further violence by the Japan Typewriter Company chapter of the union, assisted by other chapters of the Tokyo Branch, All-Japan Machine and Tool Workers' Union.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), GS, and CPM.

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 Hour: 1630
 Date: 29 April 1948

SUBJECT: Mass Rally and Demonstration by National Youngmen's Council, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence, dated 0900 hours, 27 Apr 48, subject, "Mass Meeting and Demonstration in Tokyo on 28 April 1948."

b. Subject meeting commenced at 1245 hours, 28 April 1948, with approximately 4,000 persons present, according to CIC reports. Participants were mostly young workers and college students. Chairman of the meeting was UCHINO Takechiyo, Vice-chairman of the Youth Department of All-Communications Workers' Union. In addition to the Unions reported in the aforementioned Spot Intelligence, CIC reports that the following groups participated: (1) League of Koreans Residing in Japan, (2) Japan Young Communist League and (3) Democratic Students' League.

c. It was reported by CIC that the following were included among the slogans and placards noted at the meeting: (1) Complete independence of the Japanese race, (2) Opposition to unjustified interference with education of Koreans in Japan, (3) Opposition to oppression of production control, (4) Immediate unification of the Democratic Racial Front, (5) Immediate execution of the Potsdam Declaration, (6) Opposition to racial discrimination, (7) Opposition to militarism, (8) Opposition to oppression being exercised by Japanese Government under name of Occupation Forces, (9) Dissolve present Cabinet immediately, (10) Immediate withdrawal of the Americans and Soviets from Korea, (11) Establishment of joint struggle of Japanese and Koreans.

d. According to CIC reports, content of most of the speeches bordered on anti-Occupational trends. Following are excerpts:

(1) YAMADA (fnu), Communist Party member: "Oppression is being exercised by the Japanese Government...this oppression is contrary to the Potsdam Declaration and is illegal and unjustified."

(2) YAMASHITA Yoshiaki, representing Cultural Association (political affiliation unknown): "Several labor leaders were arrested by police in recent weeks. They were victims of oppression by police. They were arrested while trying to mediate labor disputes. We must help them, even if they are tried by Provost Court and sent to prison."

(3) DOBASHI Kazuyoshi, Chairman of the All-Communications Workers' Union, and suspected Communist Party member: "Three communications workers were recently tried and sentenced by Provost Court. They received severe sentences. This was too severe punishment for such a small offense. We will petition General MacArthur."

(4) KAMEDA Togo, Vice-chairman of National Congress of Industrial Unions and Communist Party member: "The Government is controlling us severely to keep us from joining the world movement toward democratic (Communist) government."

e. CIC reports that demonstration was conducted and dispersed in an orderly manner.

2. Action:

a. Investigation continuing.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS, Government Section, CPM, CCS, CTS, G-4 (Transportation Section), CIE, NRS, and Legal Section.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCEHour: 1705
Date: 28 April 1948

SUBJECT: Communist Handbill Urges May Day Strike

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CCD reports distribution at about 0830 hours today of a handbill dated 24 April 1948, issued by the KANTO Regional Committee of the Japan Communist Party (NIPPON KYOSANTO KANTO CHIHO IINKAI) urging a 24-hour strike on May Day.

b. Translation of salient portions and slogans are as follows:

"Appeal to All Laborers on the 19th May Day"

"On the joint struggle day of the entire world, i.e., May Day, let us struggle for the sake of promoting peace and democracy, and for realization of racial independence. Let us struggle in order to carry out our demands by a 24-hour strike and a demonstration."

Some of the slogans on the bill are condensed as follows:

"Oppose the rise in price of goods"; "Salaries sufficient for sustenance"; "Oppose the discharge of employees and low wages which are caused by the introduction of foreign capital"; "Abolish the income tax which hinders production and oppose mass taxation"; "Freedom to undertake production control and freedom to strike"; "Oppose distribution of sugar as a staple food"; "Price rice according to production costs"; "Complete distribution of fertilizer and farm implements"; "Down with the ASHIDA Cabinet, establish a democratic people's government"; "Unify the labor front and establish a democratic racial front"; "Accelerate the movement to join the WFTU".

"Fight for May Day with a 24-hour Strike!"

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor Div), GS, and CPM.

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Hour: 1800
Date: 27 April 1948

SUBJECT: New Worldwide Communist Labor Organization.

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has received the following information from a reliable source:

(1) The COMINFORM is sponsoring the formation of a new organization which is to induce labor unions throughout the world to join. The new organization is to be patterned after the pre-war PROFINTERN (Red International Labor Union) which had its headquarters in Moscow. The name and location of headquarters of the new organization have not yet been determined.

(2) The existence of the new organization is known to Communist labor leaders in Japan, who are to take orders from the organization and influence their unions to follow these orders.

(3) Leaders of the All-Japan Communications Workers Union reportedly discussed joining the organization at the Central Committee meeting of the union held in Fukushima City, 14 April 1948. National conferences of the Government Railway Workers' Union and of All-Japan Communications Workers' Union, to be held in June and July 1948, are to determine whether or not these unions are to take orders from the new organization.

(4) The labor struggle in Japan is scheduled to reach its peak by July 1948. The success of this struggle reportedly will depend to a great extent on the success of Communist Party members in inducing Japanese unions to join the new organization.

b. There is no documentary evidence supporting the above information, nor have any specific reports been received regarding the existence of a new Communist international organization, other than the already established COMINFORM. There is, however, ample evidence to show that co-ordinated "labor offensives" are being promoted by Communists throughout the world on an increasingly large scale; the formation of an international Communist labor body to direct these activities is considered to be a logical step.

2. Action:

a. CIC is attempting to obtain confirming information.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor Division).

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Hour: 1530
Date: 27 April 1948

SUBJECT: Train Wreck as Result of Sabotage, Fukushima Prefecture

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that at 2304 hours, 26 Apr 48, a Japanese passenger train on route between Akaiwa and Niwasaka (main line of Government Railway in Fukushima Prefecture) was partially derailed with the locomotive and two cars leaving the rails. The engineer, assistant engineer, and a mechanic who was riding in the locomotive cab, were killed. A fourth individual whose identity has not been determined was also killed, according to information received from the Civil Transportation Section.

b. CIC reports that positive evidence exists at the scene of the accident of sabotage action. Tie plates and spikes had been removed at several points in and around the immediate area of the derailment.

2. Action:

a. CIC agents are on the scene of the accident and are conducting an investigation. As further developments arise, they will be promptly reported.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, CTS, G-4 (Transportation Section), ESS, GS, and CPM.

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Hour: 1430
Date: 27 April 1948

SUBJECT: Government Railway Workers' Union, Fukushima Prefecture

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, subject as above, dated 1030 hours, 26 April 48, which reported that the Conductors' Section, Fukushima Prefecture Branch of the Government Railway Workers' Union planned to stop working on freight and passenger trains, including Occupational Forces trains, passing through Fukushima Prefecture.

b. CIC reports that subject strike action has been cancelled. Reason for the cancellation is unknown at the present time.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, CTS, G-4 (Transportation Section), and ESS.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1115
Date: 27 April 1948

SUBJECT: Apprehension of Korean Leaders in Tokyo Area

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the Japanese police conducted raids beginning at 0530 hours, today, throughout the Tokyo area which resulted in the arrest of 15 Koreans who are said to be the responsible persons for the continued occupation of 13 Korean schools in Tokyo. It is alleged that these individuals have ignored the orders of the Japanese Government to evacuate subject school buildings.

b. CIC reports that there are still two Korean schools in Tokyo, responsible individuals for which have not yet been apprehended. These persons were not found when raids were conducted this morning. Japanese police are continuing their search for them and their arrests are expected during the day.

c. Japanese police expressed concern to CIC representatives, and stated that there probably would be some Korean disturbances in the Tokyo area in protest to the arrests which have been effected. The 15 Koreans arrested to date are being held in the M.P.B. Jail.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, JSPOG, G-3, and GS.

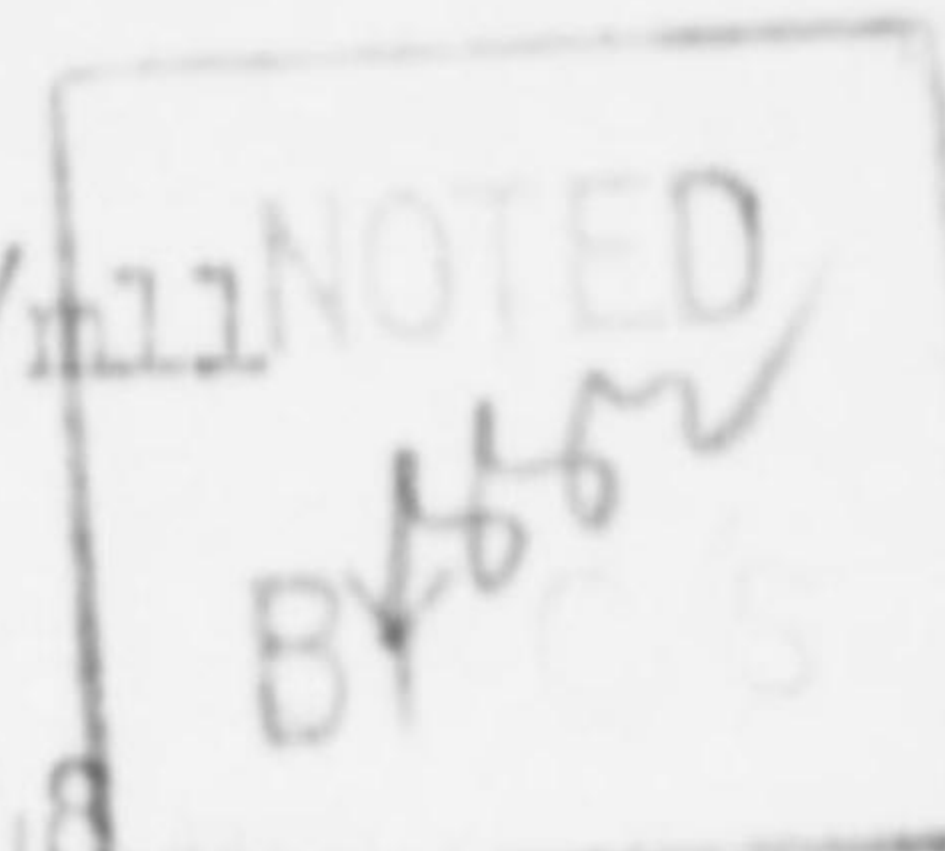
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Hour: 1015
 Date: 27 April 1948



SUBJECT: Resume of Incidents regarding Korean Disturbance in Osaka, 26 Apr 48

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Following is a recapitulation of incidents in the Korean disturbance in Osaka on 26 Apr 48, as reported by CIC:

(1) Approximately 10,000 Koreans assembled at Higashinari-ku, Osaka-fu, and 500 at Asahi-ku at about 1200, 26 Apr 48. The two groups paraded to Otemae Park to hold assembly. They were joined by about 20,000 other Koreans of whom 60 were from Wakayama.

(2) At Higashinari-ku, Chief of Public Safety Section and policeman of Foreign Affairs Section were kidnapped at 1040 hours and released at 1130 hours. Police at Ikuno were threatened with injury to their families if Korean rally on 26 Apr 48 failed. Two Koreans were picked up in the possession of daggers, and a number of Koreans participating in the rally were believed to be in possession of pistols.

(3) While rally was in progress at Otemae Park, five representatives of Koreans met with Osaka Governor to discuss closing of Korean schools. The Governor advised the Koreans that the reopening of Korean schools was not in his province and that he could not issue an order effecting reopening of the schools. Finally, Koreans were asked to leave and, after some delay, they were ushered out. Meeting ended at 1610 hours, 26 Apr 48, following which the Governor returned to his home. While in conference with some Japanese, four Japanese Communists and one Korean called on him seeking release of Koreans who had been arrested. They were refused admission to the Governor's home and upon leaving, cried out to the Governor, "Okay, we will go, but we will see you 1 May".

(4) At 1605 hours, Col CRAIG (Osaka MG Team) went into conference with Governor and stated that the assemblies would be dispersed by order of Gen SWING (CG, I Corps). Orders were given to Koreans to disperse. Rally became disorderly and crowd started to disperse slowly. Koreans were ordered to disperse once more and crowd moved out faster.

(5) A few of younger Koreans attacked police who in turn fought back with night sticks. A fire hose which had been set up was turned on and Koreans withdrew. Koreans again attacked police with sticks and stones and police retaliated with night sticks and pistol fire. Koreans then moved out of park which was cleared by 1745, 26 Apr 48.

(6) Of eight Koreans injured and hospitalized, four were hit with night sticks, two with pistol butts, and two were shot. One of the two shot received two bullets in head and was not expected to live. (This man, identified as KIN Kai Ich, Korean, age 16, died at 2340, 26 Apr 48). One policeman was seriously injured and three hospitalized with slight injuries.

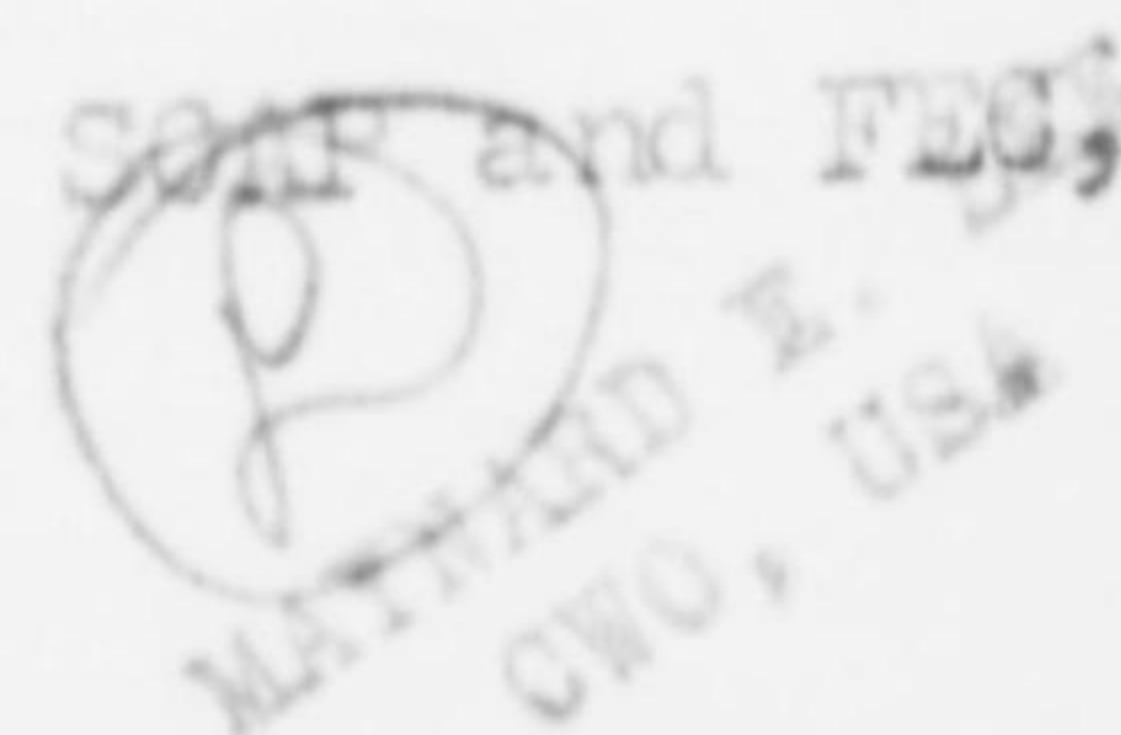
(7) At 1800, 26 Apr 48, Gen EICHELBERGER and Gen SWING drove past prefectural building.

(8) TO Jun-To, Korean League, Branch Economics Dept Chief, was arrested by order of G-2, 25th Inf Div. It is believed that he issued directives to attack Ikuno Police Station.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff *CPJ/B* and *FEG*, JSPOG, G-3, and Government Section.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 0900

Date: 27 April 1948

SUBJECT: Mass Meeting and Demonstration in Tokyo on 28 April 1948

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that a meeting and demonstration will be held between 1100 and 1630 hours on 28 April 48 in Hibiya Park, Tokyo, under the sponsorship of the National Council of Youngmen. The sponsoring agency estimates attendance to reach 30,000 persons. Purpose of the meeting has been announced as "a protest against the Government illegal ban". The illegal ban referred to is believed to be the prohibition against the use of production control of industry as a strike action.

b. The following organizations will participate in the affair:

National Communications Workers' Union
 National Government Railways Workers' Union
 National Government and Public Service Workers' Union
 Electric Industrial Workers' Union
 All-Japan Wheels Workers' Union
 National Motion Picture and Theatrical Workers' Union
 All-Japan Life Insurance Employees' Union
 National Coal Mine Workers' Union and several small organizations

c. Following the meeting a demonstration will be organized with a route of march past the Premier's official residence thence to the Central Labor Relations Board building area for dispersal.

2. Action:

a. CIC will observe the meeting and any developments of consequence will be reported.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS, CFM, GS, CCS, CTS, G-4 (Transportation Section), CIAE, and NRS.

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION, GENERAL STAFF**SPOT INTELLIGENCE**Hour: 1745
Date: 26 April 1948

SUBJECT: Communist Plans for Renewed Labor Offensive

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC received the following information from a confidential source:

(1) Plans have been outlined by the Organizational Activities Department of the Japan Communist Party for a series of strikes beginning on May Day 1948. These strikes are to lead up to a climax of strike coinciding with general elections which are expected by the Communists to take place in late May or June 1948. Emphasis is to be placed on strikes of coal miners and communications workers, who are to initiate the activity by slow-down and "vacation" tactics.

(2) Communist Party leaders have decided that, even though union leaders may be arrested, continued strike activity can be carried on by alternate leaders. In line with this decision, the Hokkaido Regional Communist Committee has been instructed to continue agitation of local strikes in that area. (The All-Japan Communications Workers Union commenced formation of alternate executive committees in early April 1948).

b. Although there is no documentary evidence supporting the above information, substantiation is provided by other recent reports obtained by CIC from various reliable and separate sources, which indicate that the Japan Communist Party considers May and June 1948 to be critical months and is doing its utmost to promote an intensive "labor offensive" during that period. Recent reports also show that such an offensive is to take the form of apparently unrelated local strikes, especially of communications workers, coal miners, and railway workers.

2. Action:

a. CIC is observing in all areas, and will report further developments as information becomes available. Labor Division, ESS, is cognizant.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, NRS, CTS, G-4 (Transportation Section), CCS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions).

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1445
 Date: 26 April 1948

SUBJECT: All-Japan Electric Industry Workers' Union, Fukushima Prefecture
 TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, dated 1030 hours, 26 Apr 48, subject, "Government Railway Workers' Union, Fukushima Prefecture", reporting proposed work stoppage on 27 Apr 48 by the Conductors' Section of the Government Railway Workers Union in Fukushima Prefecture.

b. In connection with the above, CIC has learned from a usually reliable source that on 24 April 48, employees of the Inawashiro, Fukushima Prefecture, Branch of the Japan Electric Generation Company (members of the All-Japan Electric Industry Workers' Union) held a meeting with the above mentioned Conductors' Section of the railway workers. It was reportedly agreed at this meeting that if GHQ should take any punitive action against leaders of the local railway workers because of their strike activity, the electric power workers would cut off electric power supplied to Tokyo by the Inawashiro generation plants.

c. The electric power generation plants at Inawashiro, Fukushima Prefecture, are reported to supply approximately 10 to 15 percent of the total electric power supplied to the Tokyo metropolitan area.

d. Information in the files of CIS, G-2 reveals that the electric power workers in Fukushima Prefecture are under strong Communist Party influence.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe. MG and G-2, IX Corps, and local MG teams notified. Labor Division, ESS, and Gas and Electric Branch, Industrial Division, ESS, are cognizant.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, FEC and SCAP, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), Civil Transportation Section and Government Section.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1245

Date: 26 April 1948

SUBJECT: Disturbance at Japan Typewriter Company, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, subject as above, dated 1900 hours, 22 April 48, which reported resistance by workers of the Mita Branch of the Japan Typewriter Company, Minato-ku, Tokyo, to the Japanese police when the latter attempted to serve a court order directing the company union to cease production control of the plant.

b. CIC reports that further trouble is expected between police and members of the Japan Typewriter Company Labor Union when police make new attempts on 27 Apr 48 to serve a court order for ejection of Union members from the Company's Chofu plant. At present there are approximately 600 workers of the Company who have barricaded themselves in the Chofu plant and are defying efforts of the police to oust them. The workers are reported to be practicing defense tactics to forstall their ejection. It was learned that Chofu plant workers have constructed a small moat near the main entrance to the plant, presumably for defense purposes, and that they are constructing wire entanglements at the rear of the plant.

c. Police first attempted to serve the court ejection order at the Chofu plant on 22 April 48, at which time the workers refused to accept the order. Police were outnumbered and made no attempt to force acceptance. Due to the conflict which took place on 23 April 48 between police and Union members at the Mita Plant of the Company, no effort was made to serve the order at the Chofu plant on that day.

d. CIC learned that on 24 April 1948, IWATA Eiichi, Communist Party member, visited the Chofu plant to encourage the workers. IWATA is a Communist agitator who participated in an illegal raid on the Itabashi Arsenal in January 1946, for which he was brought to trial and received an eight month sentence with two years' stay of execution. He is a member of the Tokyo Prefectural Assembly and of the Communist Party Central Committee Candidate Pool.

e. The Japan Typewriter Company Labor Union is affiliated with the Communist-dominated All-Japan Machine and Tool Workers' Union and with the National Congress of Industrial Unions, a Communist-front labor organization. CIC has reported that the Union's officials are mostly Communists and that there are numerous Communist Party members among the rank-and-file union members.

2. Action:

- a. CIC continues to observe. ESS (Labor Division) is cognizant.
 b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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Hour: 1115
 Date: 26 April 48

SUBJECT: Korean Disturbances, Osaka

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that at approximately 1000 hours, 25 Apr 48, approximately 250 Koreans, led by ITANAMI Takeo, Communist members of Osaka Municipal Assembly, and MOTOYAMA Sueo, chief secretary of Asahi Branch of Japan Communist Party, appeared at Asahi Police Station, Asahi-ku, Osaka-fu, and demanded immediate release of 15 persons who had been arrested on 23 Apr 48 for participating in disturbance at Osaka Prefectural Building. About 10 persons, who were negotiating for group, stated that, if prisoners were not released, Koreans would force their way into police station and free them. TADA Nobuyasu, Chief of Asahi Police Station, told negotiators that 5 prisoners had been released after being investigated and that remaining prisoners had been transferred to Osaka City Police Station. Crowd then dispersed in orderly manner.

b. At approximately 1100, 25 Apr 48, approximately 3,000 Koreans gathered in Ikuno-ku, and proceeded in small groups to various police stations in Osaka to demand release of those who were arrested for participating in disturbance on 23 Apr 48. Representatives of Osaka MG and G-2, 25th Div, were dispatched to all police stations. Observers and Military Police were dispatched to aid Japanese police force. Osaka Prefectural Building and Governor's home were guarded by approximately 1,000 Japanese police. At 1300, Military Police dispersed about 300 Koreans at Minami Police Station and at 1415, Military Police dispersed about 400 Koreans at Higashi Police Station. Koreans at nine other police stations were dispersed by Japanese police by 1600, 25 Apr.

c. At approximately 1800, 25 Apr 48, Japanese Police from Oyodo Police Station ordered approximately 400 Koreans to vacate Toyosaki Honyo Primary School, Oyodo-ku, Osaka. Koreans evacuated school and left vicinity but small groups of Koreans returned until, at 1930, 25 Apr 48, there were about 400 Koreans in front of school and police were unable to disperse them. At 2100, Military Police arrived, and at 2115, officer of Osaka Military Government Team ordered Koreans to disperse. At 2120, crowd dispersed in orderly manner.

d. At 1930, 25 Apr 48, large group of Koreans gathered in front of Fukushima Police Station and police arrested 7 Koreans. Group of approximately 150 Koreans gathered at Asahi Police Station.

e. As of 0900 hours, today, the situation in Osaka was quiet but trouble in that area is anticipated later in the day as the Koreans plan to stage a demonstration.

2. Action:

a. CIC is observing and reports will be forwarded as situation develops.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, JSPOG, G-3, and Government Section.

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Hour: 1045
Date: 26 April 1948

SUBJECT: Korean Riots in Kobe and Osaka Areas

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that as of 0900 hours, today, 795 Koreans had been taken into custody by the Provost Marshal in the Kobe Area as a result of the rioting there during the past 72 hours. One hundred of this number have been released and the balance of 695 are being held for interrogation to determine the identity of instigators of the riots. Subject persons are being held in the Occupational Forces Stockade, Kobe.

b. CIC reports that as of 0900 hours, today, 177 Koreans and 3 Japanese have been arrested by the Japanese police in Osaka on charges of instigating riots. Of this group, 123 have been released with a balance of 54 Koreans and 3 Japanese still in custody.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, G-3, JSPOG, and Diplomatic Section.

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Hour: 1030
Date: 26 April 1948

SUBJECT: Government Railway Workers' Union, Fukushima Prefecture

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has obtained the following information from a reliable source:


(1) As a result of "vacation" strike tactics carried out by members of the conductors' section, Fukushima Prefecture Branch of the Government Railway Workers' Union, two Occupation Forces' freight trains, numbers 163 and 193, were delayed from 24 April 1948 to 25 April 1948. These trains ran between Tokyo and Aomori.

(2) On 27 April 1948, the conductors' section of the Fukushima Prefecture Branch of the GRWU plans to stop work on freight and passenger trains including Occupation Forces' trains passing through Fukushima Prefecture.

b. Information in the files of CIS, G-2 reveals that the Fukushima Branch of the Government Railway Workers' Union is completely dominated by Communist Party members and fellow-travelers. This branch is considered one of the most radical in the union.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff FEC and SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, and ESS.

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Hour: 0830
Date: 26 Apr 48

SUBJECT: Korean Riot

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Eighth Army reports that at about 1950 hours, 25 April 1948, 7 Koreans were arrested at FUKUSHIMA Police Station. 150 Koreans at Asahi were dispersed by Japanese Police; 300 Koreans at a Korean Grammar School at OYODA in Osaka district were preparing to march on OYODA Police Station; they were dispersed by Japanese Police.

2. Action:

Following agencies notified: Deputy Chiefs of Staff, FEC and SCAP, ADC, G -3, JSPOG.

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Hour: 1650
Date: 25 April 48

SUBJECT: Korean Riot in Osaka

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, Subject: "Korean Riot in Osaka", dated 1615 hours, 25 April 48, which reported the Koreans who had been assembled in front of the police stations were being dispersed.

b. CIC reports that the Military Police dispersed the large crowd in front of the Prefectural Building, while the Japanese police dispersed the smaller crowds. At the present time all crowds have been dispersed.

2. Action:

a. MG, G-2 (believed to be from 25th Div.) and CIC all have representatives at all police stations.

b. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ADC, G-3, JSPOG and GS.

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Hour: 1615
Date: 25 Apr 48

SUBJECT: Korean Riot in Osaka

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, Subject: "Korean Riot in Osaka", dated 1430 hours, 25 April 48, which reported that crowds were beginning to gather in front of 2 police stations in Osaka.

b. CIC reports that by 1300 hours 25 April 48, groups consisting of approximately 100 Koreans in each group, had assembled in front of 11 police stations in Osaka. These groups were dispersed. The crowd of 300 Koreans which had assembled in front of the Minami Police Station is being dispersed.

c. Approximately 600 Koreans are heading for Prefectural Building, Osaka City. Japanese police, who have been handling the situation, so far, by themselves, have told Koreans that they are not to assemble in front of public buildings. However, Koreans were told that they could assemble in parks as long as assemblies were orderly.

d. Communist Party members have been seen in the various groups throughout the city.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe. Gen. Beasley, Gen. Eichelberger, and Col. Jones, all of Hqs 8th Army, will arrive by aircraft at Itami Airfield, Hyogo Prefecture, on the morning of 26 April 48 to visit Kobe and Osaka.

b. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ADC, G-3, JSPOG and GS.

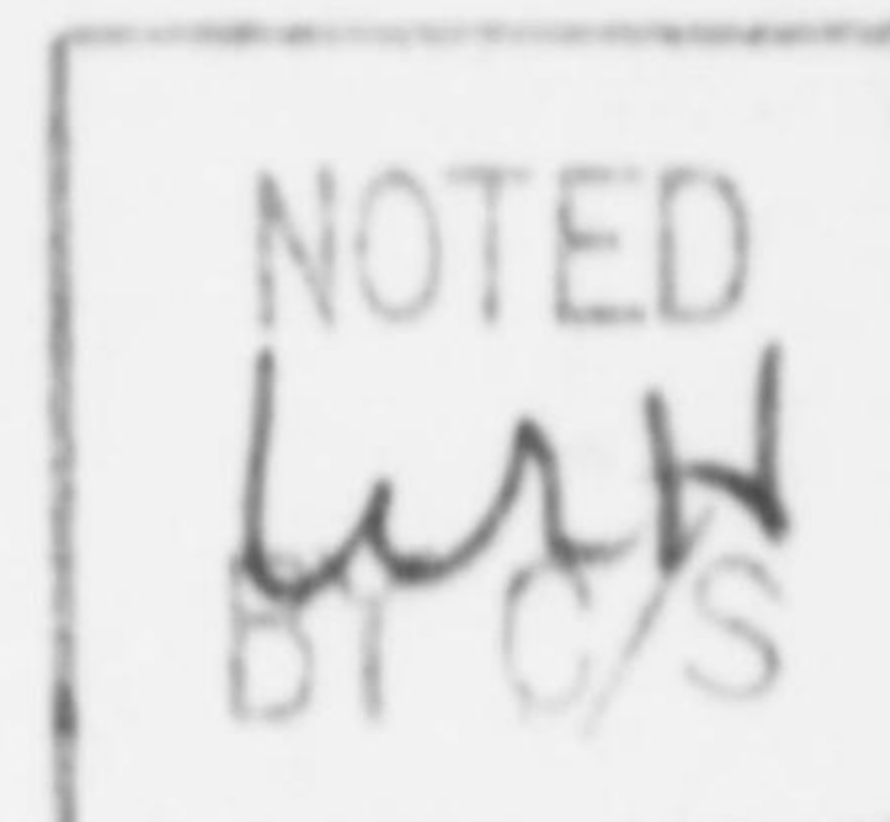
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Hour: 1430
 Date: 25 Apr 48

SUBJECT: Korean Riot in Osaka

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, Subject: "Korean Riot in Osaka", dated 24 April 1948, which reported that approximately 7,000 Koreans engaged in a riot in Osaka.

b. CIC reports that at 1540 hours, 24 April 1948, approximately 200 Koreans who are members of branches of the "League of Koreans Residing in Japan", demanded release of the Korean prisoners being held in the Minami Police Station in Osaka. This demand caused a disturbance and as the result of the disturbance and violence, 12 police were injured and 5 Koreans arrested. Of the original prisoners, 3 were released at 1900 hours, 24 April 1948 and the crowd began to disperse.

c. It is believed that approximately 20 Communist Party members were involved in the incident.

d. CIC also reports that at 1200 hours, 25 April 1948, approximately 3,000 Koreans of the Ikano District, Osaka, were assembled and supposedly heading for the Fucho District, Osaka. Exact purpose of the demonstration is unknown.

e. 100 Koreans were gathered at the Minami Police Station and a similar group were also gathered at the Higashi Police Station, Osaka. Both groups were demonstrating and milling about.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe.

b. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ADC, G-3, JSPOG and GS.

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SUBJECT :
TO : Col Bunker

Reference recent Korean disturbances
in the Osaka and Kobe Areas.
For your information, reference:

- (a) Spot Intelligence, 1300 hours,
25 April 1948 (Incl #1)
- (b) Periodic Intelligence Summary,
Internal Factors as Security
Problems, with special reference
to TABS A and B. (Incl #2)

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Hour: 1300
Date: 25 Apr 48

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SUBJECT: Koreans Riot in Kobe
TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. References: (1) Spot Intelligence Report Subject: "Koreans Riot in Kobe", dated 2000 hours, 24 April 48, which reported that the Prefectural Governor and other officials were being held prisoner in the Governor's office, by 300 Koreans. (2) Plates 2 and 5, MIS, FEC, P & E Branch, Periodic Intelligence Summary Subject: "Internal Factors as Security Problems for the Occupation Forces", TAB A & B respectively. (3) Pages 7 & 8, MIS, FEC Daily Intelligence Summary #2071, dated 2 April 1948, appended here to as TAB C. (4) Paragraphs d & e, page 9, MIS, FEC, Daily Intelligence Summary #2078, dated 12 Apr 1948, TAB D. (5) Paragraph 3b, page 9, MIS, FEC, Daily Intelligence Summary #2080, dated 14 April 1948, appended hereto as TAB E. (6) Paragraph 3b, page 10, MIS, FEC, Daily Intelligence Summary #2087, dated 22 April 1948, TAB F. (7) Paragraph 3, page 11, MIS, FEC, Daily Intelligence Summary #2090, dated 26 April 48, TAB G.

b. CIC and G-2 Kobe Base report the Prefectural Officials were held prisoner until 1730 hours, 24 April 48, at which time they signed under duress, a written release for the 70 Koreans held in the Kobe Detention House for trespassing in the government offices on 14 & 15 April 48. The written release also provided for the reopening of the Korean Schools. None of the officials received bodily harm.

c. Following the signing of the statement and release of the officials, the Koreans left the government offices and displayed the "release" to the crowd outside. The crowd dispersed at approximately 1845 hours. The Koreans plan to parade on 26 April 48, in protest of the trials of the Koreans.

d. MG and FM officials witnessed the disturbances but did not participate. MG anticipated some action by the Koreans in Osaka. CG Kobe Base has cancelled authorization for parade and has assumed command of all troops in Kobe Area in accordance with Plan A of alert plans.

e. 136 Koreans suspected of having been implicated, have been arrested.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe and is in liaison with G-2 I Corps.

b. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chiefs of Staff, FEC and SCAP, ADC, G-3, JSPOG.

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HOUR: 1245
DATE: 25 April 1948

SUBJECT: Japanese Train Accident

TO: Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. A Japanese train accident occurred 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Aomoi city at 2324, 24 April 1948. Wreck occurred when a Japanese train consisting of locomotive and 28 cars of Japanese freight were crossing bridge over a small stream. Locomotive plunged into stream and approximately 5 or 6 freight cars followed. 2 Japanese men in locomotive were killed. Occupation force service will be partially disturbed for about 5 days. However, service will be continued by a shuttle system.

b. 4 of the 7 spans of the bridge collapsed as a result of the accident. MG and 3rd MRS will shuttle passengers, mail and baggage by truck and bus from southern most tip of scene of the accident to Aomoi city.

2. Action taken:

a. Investigation is under way by 3rd MRS officials and CIC to determine whether or not accident was a result of sabotage.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, CTS, CCS.

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Hour: 2000
Date: 24 Apr 48

SUBJECT: Koreans Riot in Kobe

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, Subject: Korean Riot in Osaka, dated 1600 hours, 24 Apr 48, which made reference to the riot in Osaka and reported a riot by 900 Koreans in Kobe.

b. CIC reports the Koreans are holding the Hyogo Prefectural Governor, the municipal police chief, procurator and assistant procurator prisoners in the Prefectural Building, Kobe. The Governors office has been completely wrecked. None of the officers, however, have suffered bodily harm.

2. Action:

a. CIC will continue to observe.

b. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chiefs of Staff, FEC and SCAP, ADC, G-3, JSPOG.

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Hour: 1945
Date: 24 Apr 48

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Proposed 24-hour Strike of Coal Mine Unions,
Akita Prefecture
TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, Subject: Proposed 24 hour Strike of Coal Mine Unions, Akita Prefecture, of 1400 hours, 17 April 1948 which reported that 10,000 members of the union Branches in Akita planned to go on 24 hour strikes on 24 April 1948.

b. CIC reports that the proposed strike in Akita Prefecture on the 24th was cancelled as of 1900 hours, 23 Apr 48. The Tokyo headquarters of the Japan Federation of Coal Miners Union issued the cancellation order to the Akita Prefecture branch of the union.

2. Action:

a. CIC will continue to observe.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, MRS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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Hour: 1700
Date: 24 Apr 48

SUBJECT: Tobu Railroad Workers

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, Subject: Tobu Railroad Workers to Strike, dated 1415 hours, 22 April 1948, which reported that members and Tobu Railroad Line Labor Union would go on a strike of indefinite duration on 24 April 1948.

b. CIC reports that the proposed strike by the union was called off as of 0700 hours, 24 April 1948, when both company and union reached an agreement.

2. Action:

a. CIC will continue to observe.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, FEC and SCAP, ESS and CTS.

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Hour: 1700
Date: 24 Apr 48

SUBJECT: All-Japan Metal Mine Labor Union Federation

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, Subject: Strikes of All-Japan Metal Mine Labor Union Federation, dated 1700 hours, 22 Apr 48, which reported that all branches of the All-Japan Metal Mine Labor Union Federation planned to go on a 24 hour strike on 24 April 1948.

b. CIC reports that the proposed 24 hour strike by 709 members of Hibi Refinery Labor Union and the 2500 members of Yanahara Mining Industry Labor Union, both of which are in Okayama Prefecture has been called off by the central headquarters of the All-Japan Metal Mine Labor Union Federation.

2. Action:

a. CIC will continue to observe.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), NRS and US.

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HOUR: 1600
DATE: 24 Apr 48

SUBJECT: Korean Riot in Osaka

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, Subject, Korean Riot in Osaka, dated 24 April 1948, which reported that approximately 7000 Koreans were participating in a riot in Osaka, and had attempted to hold the prefectural vice-governor in his office.

b. CIC reports that as of 1300 hours, 24 Apr 48, approximately 900 Koreans were engaged in a disturbance in Kobe. 300 of the rioters forced their way into the office of the Governor of Hyogo Prefecture and were holding the Governor prisoner in his office. Approximately 500 to 600 Koreans were in a crowd outside of the office. 300 to 400 Japanese police were attempting to evacuate the Koreans.

2. Action taken:

a. CIC is continuing to observe and will report any further developments.

b. The following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, FEC and SCAP, Govt Section.

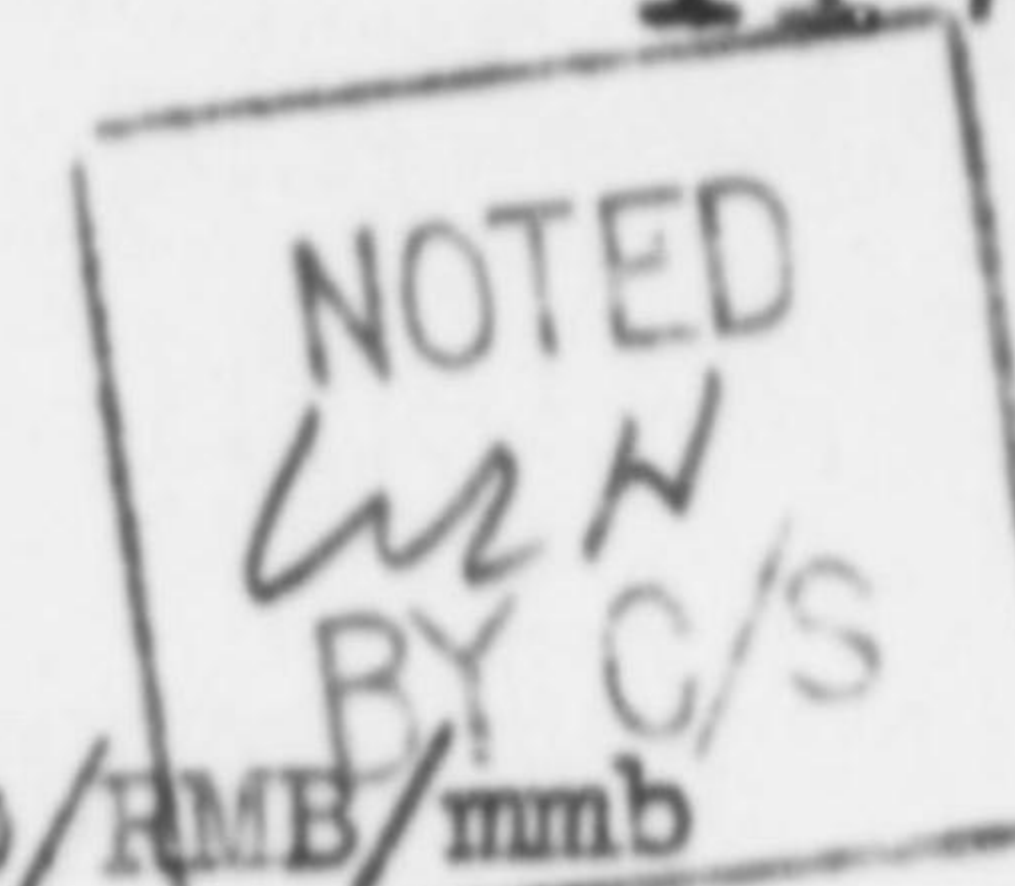
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HOUR:
 DATE: 24 Apr 48

SUBJECT : Korean Riot in Osaka.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Information:

a. Approximately 7,000 Koreans marched on the Osaka Prefecture Building at 1400, 23 Apr 48. About 30 Koreans entered the building to consult with the governor. 45 Y.P.K.L. (originally reported as the Young Peoples Korean League and later reported as the Y.P.C.L., Young Peoples Communist League) remained outside the building and harangued the crowd.

b. The mob burst into the building and hoisted the red flag on the roof. The vice-governor attempted to get away, but was bodily returned. At 1730 he made another attempt to get away, which was successful, however, he was pursued by the Koreans.

c. The Koreans damaged the building by breaking windows, furniture, etc.

d. 5,000 Japanese police were dispatched to the scene and by 1930 had succeeded in evicting the Koreans from the building. 4,000 Koreans remain in the vicinity of the building, 2,000 policemen are on guard and attempting to disperse the Koreans. 100 Koreans have been hospitalized and another 100 jailed.

e. The individuals entering the building used the pretense of discussing their educational system.

f. MP's arrived at 1415, but were recalled by the Provost Marshal.

2. Action taken:

a. CIC following.

b. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chiefs of Staff, FEC and SCAP, ADC, G-3, GOVERNMENT Section, Provost Marshal.

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BY C/S**SPOT INTELLIGENCE**Hour: 1900
Date: 22 April 1948

SUBJECT: Disturbance at Japan Typewriter Company, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that shortly after 1200 hours, 22 April 48, five Japanese Court Officials attempted to enter the Mita Branch of the Japan Typewriter Company, Mita, Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo, for the purpose of delivering a Court order which directed the company union to cease production control in the plant. At the same time a crowd consisting of union members was gathered at the plant entrance singing communist songs.

b. Some of the union members had locked themselves inside the plant and refused to allow the Court Officials inside the plant. At 1230, 22 April 48, the Court Officials tried to force an entry into the plant, but were repulsed. The Japanese police were called and about 100 answered the call.

c. At 1500 hours, the Metropolitan Police Board reported there had been a "free-for-all Fist Fight" at the plant during which 7 policemen and an unknown number of union members were injured. According to report from G-2, 1st Cav Div, a 2nd Cav Brig patrol was also sent to the scene and the 720th MP's were summoned.

d. By 1610 hours, several hundred of the strikers assembled in front of the Mita police station to protest the police action.

e. At present 250 of the strikers have been arrested and the situation appears to be quiet.

f. The Metropolitan Police Board said the leader of unionists was IWATA Eiichi, Communist Party and Tokyo Assembly member.

2. Action:

a. CIC is continuing investigation and will report any further developments.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), and Government Section. Also G-1, G-3 and Provost Marshal notified.

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Hour: 1700
 Date: 22 April 1948

SUBJECT: Strikes of All-Japan Metal Mine Labor Union Federation

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that all branches of All-Japan Metal Mine Labor Union Federation conducted a 24-hour strike beginning at 0001 hours, 20 April 48, and that another 24-hour strike will take place on 24 April 48 if demands are not met by that date.

b. The following unions are affiliated with the All-Japan Metal Mine Labor Union Federation and are reported to be taking part in the strikes:

Japan Mine Workers' Union-37 branches, 14,599 members
 Mitsui Mine Workers' Union-67 branches, 8,493 members
 Mitsubishi Mine Workers' Union-15 branches, 11,800 members
 Seika Mine Workers' Union-6 branches, 7,000 members
 Dowa Mine Workers' Union-5 branches, 6,649 members
 Furukawa Mine Workers' Union-12 branches, 4,874 members

c. It was learned by CIC that Union has negotiated continuously with management representatives since 12 March 48, but that management rejected all demands on 7 April 48. Union demands are for recognition of Union as a collective bargaining agent; a minimum wage scale of 4,806 yen, less tax, per month for outer pit workers; and establishment of a sliding wage scale system.

d. Union officials are reported to have stated that normal maintenance will be performed all pits during strike. The All-Japan Metal Mine Labor Union Federation is affiliated with the Japan Federation of Labor. There is no indication that the Union is Communist influenced at the national level, but Communist agitators have been reported in some individual local chapters.

2. Action:

a. MG and tactical units notified. ESS (Labor Division) is cognizant. CIC is continuing investigation and will report any further developments.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), NRS and GS.

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Hour: 1445
 Date: 22 April 1948

SUBJECT: Rumored World-wide strike of Communications Workers

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. On 20 April 48, CIC in Nagano Prefecture was informed by a usually reliable source that the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union had instructed its branches throughout Japan to prepare for a world-wide strike of communications workers at an undisclosed date "some time after the Italian elections of 18 April 48". Strike activity reportedly would be coordinated by the COMINFORM. Attempts by all CIC detachments throughout Japan to get confirmation and further details have been unsuccessful to date.

b. Possibly linked with the above information is a report received by CIC on 21 Apr 48 to the effect that the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union may resort in the near future to waves of "local" strike tactics involving refusal to work and deliberate absenteeism. Source indicated that strike orders would not be channeled through usual union communications but through Communist Party "fraction" liaison channels. Reliability of source cannot be judged, and no confirmation of the above has yet been obtained.

2. Action:

a. CCS and ESS (Labor Division) notified. CIC is continuing efforts to obtain further details and will report as soon as additional information is available.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, FEC and SCAP, CCS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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Date: 22 April 1948
 Hour: 1415

SUBJECT: Tobu Railroad Workers to Strike

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that representatives of all branches of the Tobu Railroad Line Labor Union held a meeting at Tatebayashi-machi, Gumma Prefecture, on 20 April 48. During this meeting they voted 330 to 1 to commence a strike of indefinite duration on 24 April 48.

b. The Tobu Railroad Line operates the following lines, all of which will presumably be affected by the strike:

Nikko Line - Tokyo to Tochigi Prefecture
 Isezaki Line - Tokyo to Gumma Prefecture
 Sobu Line - Chiba Prefecture to Saitama Prefecture
 Tojo Line - Tokyo to Saitama Prefecture
 Sano Line - In Tochigi Prefecture
 Nenuma Line - Saitama Prefecture to Gumma Prefecture
 Passenger bus line in Fukushima Prefecture

c. Employees of the Tobu Line have been engaging in slow-down tactics since 19 April 48. CIC reports that the strike scheduled for 24 Apr 48 will not affect Occupation Forces or Japanese police, for whom special trains will be run.

d. The Tobu Railroad Line Labor Union is affiliated with the Japan Private Railway Workers' Union. CIC learned from a reliable source that after unsuccessful negotiations with the management council of private railroad corporations, the Central Struggle Committee of the Japan Private Railway Workers' Union recently advised all branches to prepare for a strike. Demands of the Private Railway Workers' Union are for a wage increase, approval of labor contract, adoption of a closed shop system, and establishment of a sliding wage scale.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe. Local MG teams and tactical troops notified. Labor Division, ESS, is cognizant.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, FEC and SCAP, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and CTS.

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Hour:
Date: 21 April 1948

SUBJECT: Japanese Fishermen Fired Upon by Russians
TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that in the afternoon of 19 Apr 48, four Japanese fishermen from Habomai-mura, Hokkaido, were fishing for crabs in the vicinity of Moemoshiri Island, 43 degrees, 23 minutes north, 145 degrees, 54 minutes east, when their engine failed.

b. According to the report, the boat drifted near Akiyuri Island, 43 degrees, 22 minutes north, 146 degrees east, and at about 1630 hours, they were fired upon by five Russian soldiers (grid coordinates place Akiyuri Island between Soviet occupied Suisho Island and the main land of Hokkaido). The CIC report stated that two of the fishermen were injured but not seriously.

c. The Japanese press report of the same incident differed in that it stated there were three fishermen in the boat, one of whom was injured by a shell fired from a Soviet vessel manned by a crew of fifty. The news report states that the occurrence was near Kaigara Island situated about two miles from Suisho Island and traversed by the border-line between Soviet and American occupied areas.

2. Action:

a. Military Government and tactical units notified. CIC is continuing investigation and will report any further developments.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, PM, and Government Section, and NRS.

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Hour: 1800
 Date: 20 April 1948

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 SUBJECT: Strike Activity, Hokkaido

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, 1430 hours, 17 April 1948, subject as above, which reported strikes and slowdowns of coal miners and railway workers in Hokkaido.

b. CIC reports the following additional information, obtained from union and management officials:

(1) Coal Miners: At 0700, 19 April 1948 approximately 2,000 workers of the Hokutan-Sorachi Coal Mine, Hokkaido, walked out on strike for an indefinite period. Workers at the mine had conducted slowdown from 10 April to 18 April 1948, during which period daily average production was only approximately 150 tons as against normal daily production of approximately 550 tons. Union is affiliated with the All Japan Coal Industry Workers Union (NCIU). Strike is reported to be the culmination of labor troubles taking place at the mine since 2 April 1948, when management refused the union's minimum-wage demand.

(2) Railway Workers: At 0001, 19 April 1948, several sections of the Muroran, Hokkaido, Branch of the Government Railway Workers Union went on strike to express disapproval of the policy of national union headquarters which forbids unauthorized "wildcat" strikes. (National headquarters of the union is controlled by anti-Communists, while Hokkaido branches are under strong Communist Party influence.) Muroran branch has approximately 7,800 members, over 5,000 of whom are participating in the strike activity. Railway sections involved are Oiwake-Iwamizawa, East Muroran-Oiwake, East Muroran-Muroran, Yubari-Oiwake, Date-East Kutchan, on which movement of over 1,300 freight cars was stopped. All Japanese freight cars, including those carrying food were halted, but Occupation Forces freight trains and all passenger trains are operating. All workers, except 525 members of the Oiwake Locomotive Section, were scheduled to return to work on 20 April 1948.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe. Local MG teams and tactical troops notified. Labor Division, ESS, is cognizant.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, NRS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), CTS and Government Section.

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Hour: 0840
Date: 19 April 1948

SUBJECT: Possible Attack on Occupation Forces Installation

TO : Chief of Staff

Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, same subject, 1515, 18 April 1948.

1. Information:

a. Further investigation of plot to bomb Shimane MG offices and billets reveals that it may be the product of an unbalanced mind but the possibility of intention to attempt sabotage has not been completely eliminated.

b. So far Osuki Shoji is only individual known to be connected with plot. Osuki's mother and sister are mentally unbalanced.

c. Osuki's associates state he has a brilliant mind and is extremely nationalistic. Since his demobilization he has expressed hatred toward the Occupation Forces because of Japan's loss of the war.

2. Action:

a. Shimane MG BCOF Field Security Section, G-2's I Corps and 8th Army notified. CIC continues investigation.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC.

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