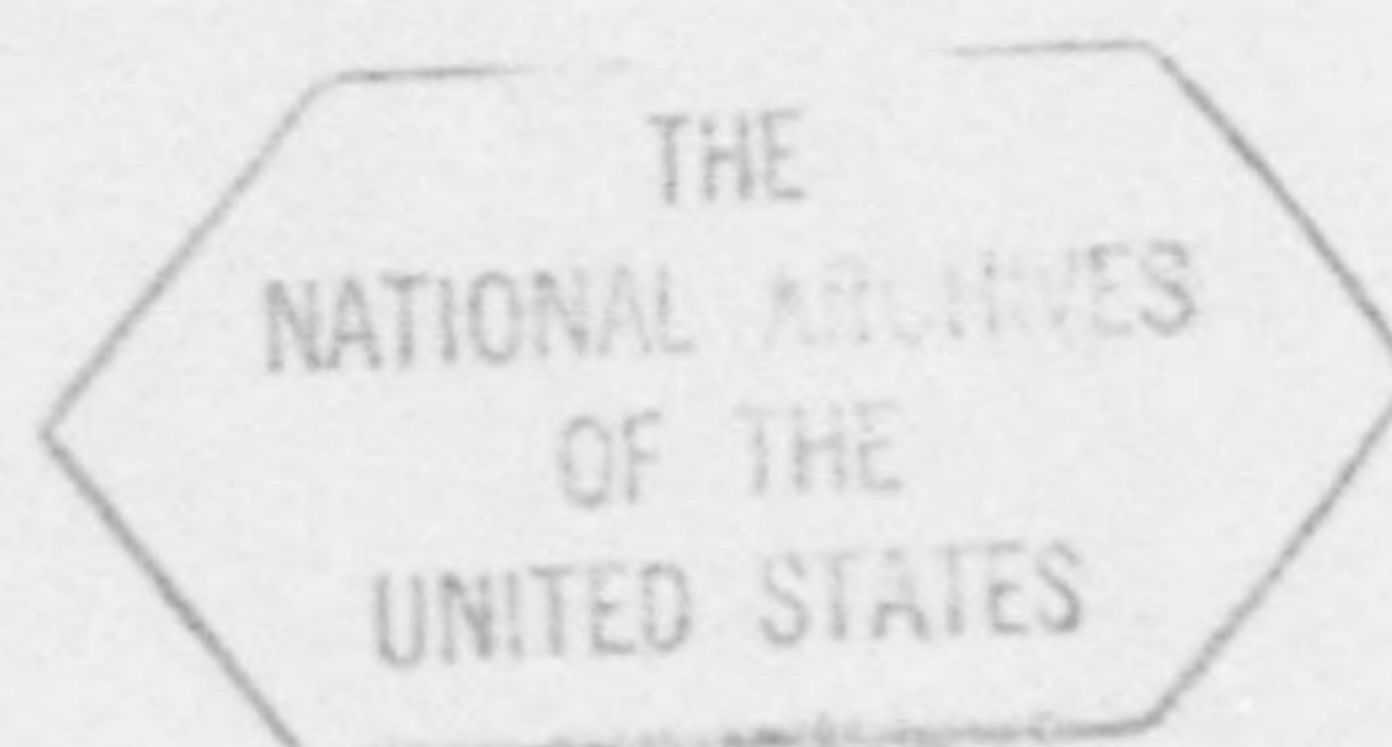


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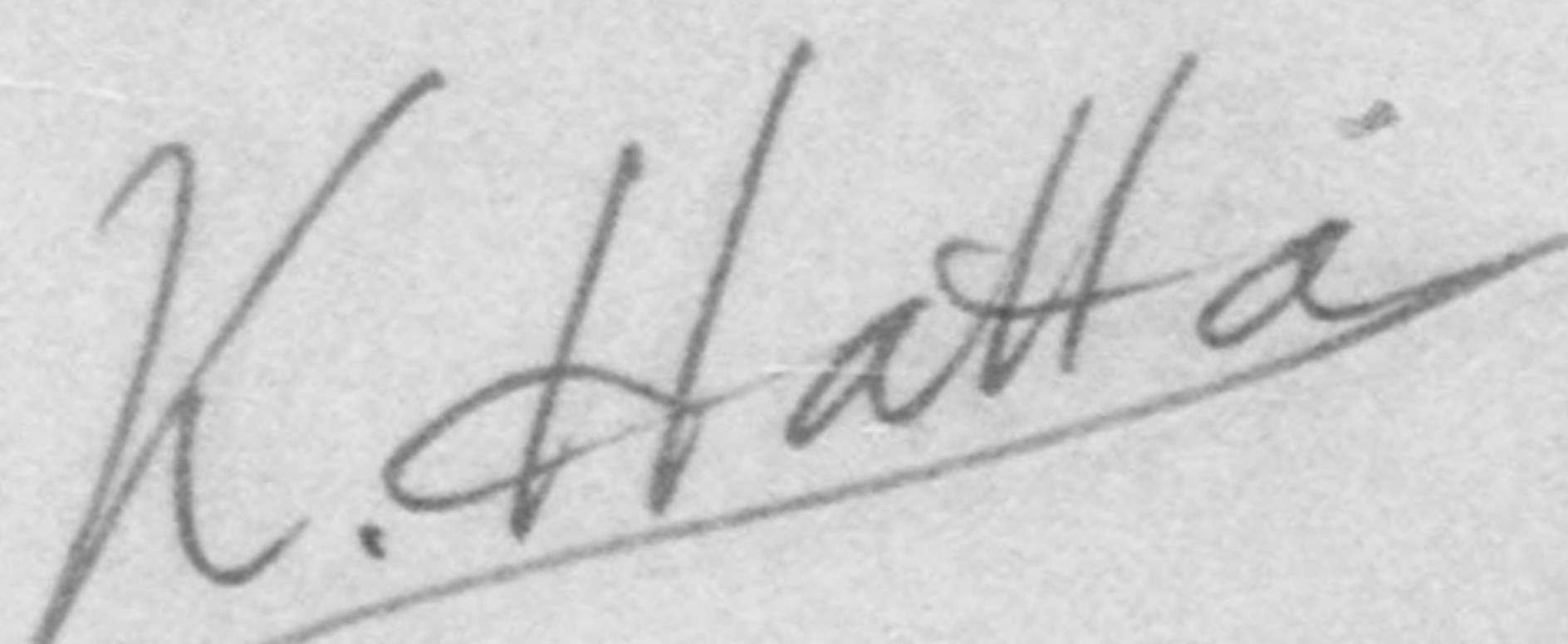
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for April 1951

TO: Mr. J. W. Jones,
Economic Section,
Kanto Civil Affairs Region

We hereby submit the above mentioned report for the period (26 March - 25 April, 1951), the items of which are as follows:

1. Manning table
2. -
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5. Cooperation given by Kanto Civil Affairs Region
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Schedule of works for May 1951 (attached sheets)



KENJI HATTA
Director, Yamanashi
Prefectural Economics
Investigation Bureau

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1. Manning table

As of 25th April 1951

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| | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B | |
| Director | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 1st Dep't | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gen. Aff. Sect. | | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | | 11 |
| Food Sect. | | 6 | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| 2nd Dep't | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st Sect. | | 4 | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| 2nd Sect. | | 5 | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| TOTAL | 21 | 22 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 26 | | 27 |

3. Cultural training of investigators:

Date: 13 Apr. 1951

Item: Cultural short course of investigators

Subject: Out-line of the code of criminal
Procedure.

Instructor: Director, Hatta.

Above-mentioned course was held under the Director, Hatta about the out-line of the law, especially the situation of trial and the attitudes of mind that must be kept when the investigator carry out his works.

4. Cooperation given by the Police and other Enforcement Agencies.

Date: 28th Mar. '51

Item: Consultation meeting of registration of staple food dealers.

Out-line: At the above-mentioned meeting held under the auspices of Kofu City Official Commerce and Industry Section, the chief of Food Sect. gave dealers advice about the points to be obeyed when they trade.

Date: 29th Mar. '51

Item: Consultation meeting about the local standard of labourer's wages classified by occupations.

Out-line: Horiuchi, the inspector of Yamanashi Labour standard Bureau, came to our office and made arrangements with us about the above-mentioned local standard.

Date: 9th Apr. '51

Item: Consultation meeting about the result of survey on status of blackmarketeers utilizing the trains.

Out-line: Consultation was made with N.R.P. Head-quarters about the above-mentioned results of survey on status of Purchaseing season-ticket, amounts of carrying and number of blackmarketeers etc.

Date: 14th Apr. '51

Item; Consultation about the standard of additional distribution of staple food for labourers.

Out-line* Consultation was made with the Prefectural Food Section about the devision of the above-mentioned standard and assessment of days actually working.

Date: 15th, 23th Apr. '51

Item: Consultation about control of blackmarket-eering by train.

Out-line: Consultation was made with N.R.P. Head-quarters about carrying out together the control of blackmarketeering by trains on Chūo and Minobu line on 16, 17 and 25, 26 Apr.

5. Cooperation given by Kanto C.A.R. none.

6. Coordinating Council of Economic Investigation Bureau.

Date and Num.

9. '51

Attendance of committeemen:

Attended 2

Proxy 5

(Special attendance)

Kofu Public Safety Room 1

a. Matters discussed:

- 1) Survey on blackmarketeers utilizing trains.
- 2) Status of disposition at the Grievance Counsel Office for day necessities.
(Above, Submitted by this Bureau)
- 3) Changing the Food Distribution Public Corporation into under the Private management
(Submitted by Pref. Food Sect.)
- 4) Control of leakage of staple food
(Submitted by N.R.P., C.P. and Public Safety Room)
- 5) Disposition of economic offences
(Submitted by Public Prosecutor's Office)
- 6) Liaison with Kanto C.A.R.

b. Matters decided:

- 1) In this month (April) many hands are required for regulating elections, and we cannot carry out control of leakage of staple food so many times. but in this term there is a fear of increasing actively of the blackmarketeers so the other Enforcement Agencies should continue the control of them in cooperation with one another.
- 2) There are many consumers who do not receive the cover of purchasing-note for staple foods which published in this Bureau, so Pref, and the Staple Food Office should cooperate with us.
- 3) Surveillance about the business of wholesale and retail dealers after changing into under the private management.

7. Enlightenment and Diffusion:

- a. Topics offered: 12 times (To 18 press co.s in cumulative number)
- b. Postered published: 1 time.

8. Economic Investigation:

Date: Mar. 25 -31 '51

Item: Investigation into status of demand and supply of timber.

Out-line:

1) Targets investigated:

Timber dealer 6
 Pref. Forestry Div. and
 Forestry Corporation Association etc.

2) Results obtained:

The demand for timber is as active as ever, especially timber for construction, pulp and tie.

These amounts of demand are shortage about 30% by construction, 50% by pulp and 40% by tie against the amounts of monthly-production. Status of production increase in this year, and monthly production reach to 100,000 ~ 110,000 koku which is 120% ~ 130% as compared with Nov., Dec. '50

The prices of timber at the end of Mar. is that pine is 1,000 yen (192%), Japanese cedar is 1,100 yen (173%) per koku, and in planed wood pine is 1,900 yen, (173%) cedar is 2,100 yen (175%) and in board pine (175%), cedar (184%)

Remarks:

Above index-number is as compared with May last year.

Date: 26. Mar - 15. Apr. '51

Item: Auditing about labourer's for S.P.B.

Out-line:

1) Targets Audited:

Pref. Liaison Section, Yoshida Labour Management Office and Kofu Branch.

2) Results obtained:

a. The total amounts of office trust-expense to Pref. in 1950 was 2,666,782 yen and against it the total of excess payments at the 3rd quarter 1950 reached to 533,386 yen, but

at the end of Mar. '51 that is supposed to increase over the above-mentioned total. But examined for detail of payment there are difficult to classify the expense for labour and for Pref. Liaison Sect, so the above-mentioned excess payments are not always damages of trust-expense. Gross labour expense is correct.

- b. Re promotion and grading of allowance:
In this prefecture to promotion and grading of allowance is not based upon the pay warrant but recommendation.
- c. Compare with number of labourers under management and number of staff:
The staff of Liaison Sect. is 15 for 258 labourers, and average number of labourers per one officer is 17.2 men but except the chief and assistance Liaison Sect. that is 19.8 men.
- d. Comparance with the present allowance of P.W. and L.R.
In regard to P.W. it is observed the rules, but the minimum wage is up 10% than the rules.
- e. Distribution of goods for labour.
As for the additional distribution of staple food, working-days is uniformly counted 26 days per one month and numbers of illegal distribution is 539, illegal amounts of staple food is 136 K $\frac{1}{2}$ 360 from Sept. '50 to Feb. '51.
Pref was called for correction.
Wine distribute together to the head at works in every special-distributions and it is distributed justly for those who desire.

Date: Mar. 29 - 30, '51

Item: Survey on the blackmarketeers utilizing trains on Minobu-line.

Out-line: a. Targets surveyed:
13 up-trains (for Fuji)
and 12 stations on Minobu-line.

b. Results obtained:

- 1) Estimated amount of staple food blackmarketed a day:
45 bales
- 2) Number of blackmarketeers:
About 130 individuals which use seasonal-tickets (60% was published in Shizuoka)
Most blackmarketeers utilize night trains and stations without equipment of the examination of tickets.

Date: Apr. 3 - 9, '51

Item: Investigation into status of demand and supply of rubber shoes.

Out-line: a. Targets investigated:

Makers 3

Wholesale dealers 8

b. Results obtained:

The price of rubber shoes was 124% against that in last June. and the selling price came up and down within small limits from March, and status of demand and supply may be enough even in the most-demanding season.
3 makers in this Prefecture are busy to regulate the funds and credits for high-cost of materials and effort for rationalization of business-management and changing products, but it is supposed that makers have to work hard future.

Date: Apr. 5 - 12, '51

Item: Investigation into status of demand and supply of soap.

Out-line: a. Targets investigated:

Wholesale and retail dealers 8

b. Out-line of results:

Present, the business is not busy and

its price remains the same since Feb.
Status of buying and selling of
famous-makers are being got in order.

Date: Apr. 9 -13, '51

Item: Second investigation into status of ferti-
lizers.

Out-line: a. Targets investigated:
Pref. Agricultural Sect.,
Public corporation.
Merchant at Kofu and the other
..... 12

b. Results
Amount of receipt of phosphatic
fertilizers for this spring decrease
39% against the same time last year,
were 30% for demand.
It causes that makers were unwilling to
sell and amount of receipt were
immament at districts of fruits and
vegetables.
The status of demand and supply of
nitrogenous fertilizers is blancing.

Date: Apr. 16 - 17, '51

Item: Control of leakage of staple food by trains.

Out-line: a. Targets outrolled:
Blackmarketeers in 4 up-trains for
Fuji station.

b. Out-line of control:
The control was carried out with 6
policemen of N.R.P. Headquarters.

c. Results obtained:
Amount of staple food seized:
Plished rice 1,829.300 K/2
Number of individuals arrested: 2

d. Remarks: 6 investigators engaged in.

Date: Apr. 10 - 16, '51

Item: Investigation into the distribution of
sugar and status of leakage.

Out-line: a: Targets investigated:
Wholesale dealers 3

Retail dealers 8
 Cake-makers 8
 Consumers 224
 Total 43

b. Matters investigated:

The status of distribution, management of lacking, disposal at in - and de - crease of numbers of distribution, days necessary for distribution and status of demand and supply of sugar for cake-makers and blackmarketeering.

c. Results are being got in order.

Date: Apr. 13 - 14, '51

Item: Information about status of conclusion on changing the Food Distribution Public Corporation into under the private management.

Out-line:

On the order from Tokyo Regional Economic Bureau, information was made about problems which have happened after registration of retail and whole-sale dealers changing the Food Distribution Public Corporation into private management.
 (Reprot No. 739, dated Apr. 16, '51)

Date: Apr. 17 - 20, '51

Item: Second investigation into recent status of silk textile.

Out-line:

a. Targets investigated:

Yoshida Silk Textile dealers Corporation, Silk-throwers Manufactural Corporation Association and 3 dealers.

b. Results investigated:

In spite of the most-demanding season for Spring-goods, dealers is dumping by reason of in activity in trading which was happend by increasing stock at wholesale-dealers.

The prices of silk textile dropped by 30% (average) against those at the end of March, and status of spindle is stopping 75% of all textile machines at this distincts.

Date: Apr. 17 - 20, '51

Item: Surveillance of the petroleum manufactures:

Out-line: a. Targets investigated:
 Wholesale dealers 2
 Retail dealers 4

b. Out-line of Surveillance:
 It seems that consumers became in want of stocks at March for changing into one coupon for each quarter since January '51, and the retail dealer at Kanoiwatown noted 30 ~~kg~~ as delivery in advance.
 And beside this there apper the delivery in advance as unsigned.
 As for wholesale-dealers, the delivery in advance was not able to see, because there were the special distributions so much and status of receipt was very good conditions.

Date: Apr. 18 - 20, '51

Item: Investigation into status of carrying out indications which was requested by results of auditing of the Food Distribution Public Corporation.

Out-line: a. Targets:
 Yamanashi Branch of Food Distribution Public Corporation and The Potato and Taro Office.

b. Investigation was held to examine how to carrying out indications which was requested by the above-mentioned auditing.

c. Results:
 As for the repay of the unjust disbursement, there was not disposed of charges of charges for custody and freight but the other indications were improved.
 The above-mentioned un-disposal indications is preparing to transfer to the Tokyo Regional Economic Bureau.

9. Statement as to the major economic trends observed in the Prefecture:

- a. Recent status of silk textile in the Prefecture (Report No. 690, dated Mar. 28, '51)
- b. Recent status of timber (Report No. 735, dated Apr. 14, '51)
- c. Recent status of fertilizers.
- d. Recent status of fluctuation of Prices of the essential goods.

Remarks:

Above-mentioned reports delivered to Mr, Musllo at the council on 26th April.

Specification of Aconomic Investigation:

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| 1. Foodstuff Section | |
| No. of investigation | 23 |
| No. of violation | 2 |
| Disposition | |
| Transferred to the police | 2 |
| 2. Materials Section | |
| No. of investigation | 6 |
| Disposition: | |
| No. of administrative advice | 1 |

Schedule of Works for May 1951

Yamanashi Economics
Investigation Bureau

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Gen. Affairs Sect.</u> | <u>Food Section</u> | <u>Material 1st Sect.</u> | <u>Material 2nd Sect.</u> |
|-------------|---|--|---|---|
| 1 Tue. | Business Committee Meeting | (1 - 8th) Audit of distribution of staple food. | Special investigation of textile. (1 - 31st) | Investigation for day necessities (1 - 31st) |
| 2 Wed | | | | |
| 3 Thu | (National Holiday) | | | |
| 4 Fri | Cultural Meeting of Investigators | | | |
| 5 Sat | (National Holiday) | | | |
| 6 Sun | | | | Investigation of home trade (1 - 31st) |
| 7 Mon | Meeting of Dep't Directors and Section Chiefs | | | |
| | | | Survey on Prices | |
| 8 Tue | | (8 - 16th) Inspection of dealers of staple food | | |
| 9 Wed | | | | |
| 10 Thu | | | | |
| 11 Fri | Cultural Meeting of Investigators | | | |
| 12 Sat | | | | |
| 13 Sun | | | | |

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|--------|---|-----------------------------|
| 14 Mon | Coordinating Council of E.L.B. | Consultation about business |
| 15 Tue | | |
| 16 Wed | (17 - 18th) Control of leakage of staple food | |
| 17 Thu | | |
| 18 Fri | | |
| 19 Sat | Meeting of Dep't Directors and Sect. Chiefs | Readjustment of Business |
| 20 Sun | | |
| 21 Mon | Business Comittee Meeting | Survey on Prices |
| 22 Tue | | |
| 23 Wed | (22 - 31st) Audit of distribution and Inspection of dealers of staple food | |
| 24 Thu | | |
| 25 Fri | | |
| 26 Sat | | Readjustment of Business |
| 27 Sun | | |

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28 Mon

29 Tue

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31 Thu

Submitting the monthly Report to K.C.A.R.

YAMANASHI PREFECTURAL
ECONOMICS INVESTIGATION BUREAU KOFU CITY

26 March 1951


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| 1st Dep't | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gen. Aff. Sect. | | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | 10 |
| Food Sect. | | 6 | | | | | | | | 6 |
| 2nd Dep't | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st Sect. | | 4 | | | | | | | | 4 |
| 2nd Sect. | | 5 | | | | | | | | 5 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 26 |

3. Cultural training of investigators:

The cultural short course which was to be held this period, was postponed to next month for certain reasons.

4. Cooperation given by the Police and other Enforcement Agencies:

Date: Mar. 2, '51

Item: Liaison about status of demand & supply of caustic soda and making good the loss from the difference of quotations of the incentive goods.

Outline: Pref. Commerce & Industry Section made liaison with us about actual status of demand & supply of caustic soda in the Prefecture.

Pref. Food Section made liaison with us about status of traders' application for making good the loss from the difference of quotations of the incentive goods for delivery of rice and sweet-potatoes in the year of 1949.

Remarks: 3 investigators concerned.

Date: Mar. 9, '51

Item: Disposition of sugar for agricultural industry use.

Outline: As the result of liaison and consultation made with Pref. Food Section and Commerce & Industry Section about the Yamanashi Kenno Industry K. K.'s illegal consumption of sugar for agricultural industry use, it was decided to transfer sugar in custody to the said K.K. under the Sugar Demand & Supply Adjustment Regulation Art. 8 - 2.

Remarks: 2 investigators concerned.

Date: Mar. 10, '51

Item: Custody of sugar for wine brewing use.

Outline: It was demanded of Pref. Economics Dep't and Kanoiwa Taxation Office to secure absolutely custody of 11,316 Kamme (42,435 K/g) of remaining sugar for wine brewing use at 7 wine-brewing plants in the Prefecture.

Date: Mar. 12, '51

Item: Friendly-talk meeting about results of auditing of the Monopoly Bureau.

Outline: Gathering 5 members concerned of staffs of the Kofu Branch and Kanoiwa Sub-branch of the Monopoly Bureau, the friendly-talk meeting was held about results of the said audit.

a. Matters talked:

- 1) Delay of defrayment of carriage of cigarettes & tobacco for the area omitted from transportation of actual goods to the retail shop, and defects in transacting the business concerned.
- 2) Room for cutting down of expenses for direct transportation of cigarettes & tobacco.
- 3) Improvement of the warehouse and other similar facilities.

b. Effectiveness:

- 1) It was promised to rationalize transaction of the business concerned not so as to delay defrayment of said carriage.
- 2) As for expenses for direct transportation, it was also promised to cut down those expenses by means of increasing the private cars and to ameliorate the method for transportation of actual goods to the retail shop.
- 3) The warehouse and other similar facilities are being improved.

Remarks: Chief of 1st Dep't and 4 investigators concerned.

Date: Mar. 13, '51

Item: Auditing of labor affairs business of the Special Procurement Board.

Outline: Liaison and consultation were made with Director of Pref. General Affairs Dep't and Pref. Liaison Section about auditing of labor affairs business of the Special Procurement Board.

Remarks: Chief of 1st Dep't and 4 investigators concerned.

Date: Mar. 15, '51

Item: Consultation meeting about control of leakage of staple food by train.

Outline: In view of rapid increase of the black-marketeters of staple food utilizing trains on Chuo Line, it was consulted in detail with N.R.P. Headquarters that the complete control should be carried out towards 6 up-trains between Sasago Station and Otsuki Station on 20 & 21 March in cooperation with N.R.P. Headquarters & Otsuki District Police Station, Otsuki Town Police Station and 5 railway public safety officials.

Date: Mar. 22, '51

Item: Attendance to the public hearing on violators of the Restaurant Business Temporary Adjustment Law.

Outline: Attended and made cooperation with the above-mentioned hearing held under the auspices of the Prefectural Government.

Number of cases: 1

The results will be decided in a few days.

Date: Mar. 22, '51

Item: Conference on control of blackmarketeering of staple food along Minobu Line.

Outline: Attending the above-mentioned conference held under the auspices of Shizuoka E.I.B., Chief of 1st Dep't and 2 other investigators made arrangement with organs concerned to carry out the control of blackmarketeering of staple food along Minobu line in close cooperation with each other between 2 prefectures of Yamanashi and Shizuoka.

Date: Mar. 13, '51

Item: Conference on school meal-service.

Outline: Attending the above-mentioned conference held under the auspices of the Education Board, Chief of Foodstuff Section expressed such a opinion that the strict superintendence should be made over the school meal-service not so as to allow any illegal act in processing food etc., and at the same time, he cleared up this Bureau's intention to make inspection as occasion demands.

5. Cooperation given by Kanto Civil Affairs Region:

Date: Mar. 13, '51

Item: The 19th Liaison Meeting

Outline: Attendance:

Mr. M. Ida, K.C.A.R.,

K. Hatta, Director of this Bureau,

Chief Kono of 1st Dep't,

Chiefs of each Section and another.

a. Matters reported:

- 1) Control of blackmarketeering of staple food.
- 2) Opening the public hearing
- 3) Delivery of rice
- 4) Problems on changing the Food Distribution Public Corporation into under the private management.

5) Problems on school meal-service

b. Matters discussed:

1) Illegal distribution of sugar

6. Coordinating Council of Economics Investigation Bureau:

Date and Number of Meeting:

The 34th Meeting on Mar. 9, '51

Attendance of committeemen:

Attended 2

Proxy 5

(Special attendance)

Kofu Public Safety Room ... 1

a. Matters discussed:

- 1) Controlling measures for holding back and hoarding the day necessities.
- 2) Survey on blackmarketeers utilizing trains
- 3) Status of enforcement of the Restaurant Business Temporary Adjustment Law (Above, submitted by this Bureau)
- 4) Delivery of rice produced in 1950
- 5) Changing the Food Distribution Public Corporation into under the private management.
- 6) Decontrol of cereals (Above, submitted by Pref. Food-Section)
- 7) Control of leakage of staple food (Submitted by N.R.P., C.P. and Public Safety Room)
- 8) Disposition of economic offences (Submitted by Public Prosecutor's Office)
- 9) Liaison with K.C.A.R.

b. Matters decided:

- 1) In view that the blackmarketeering of rice increases and some villages have already completed their delivery of rice, the polices should continue the control of leakage of staple food in cooperation with one another.
- 2) The public hearing on violators of the Restaurant Business Temporary Adjustment Law, should be held in the 4th week.
- 3) As the problems on registrations of wholesale & retail dealers, which occurred according to changing the Food Distribution Public Corporation into under the private management, have already settled, the E.I.B. should report that effect to K.C.A.R.
- 4) Relation between decontrol of cereals and duty of delivery seems not to be understood well by the farmers at large since the time of said decontrol, so proper guidance and enlightenment should be made for them.

7. Enlightenment and Deffusion:

The following measures were taken by this Bureau:

- a. Radio broadcasting: 8 times
 - "Re the grievance counsel office for day necessities" 5 times
 - "Re no polished rice at the staple food distribution station" 2 times
 - "Re results of auditing of the foodstuff control special account (Results of investigation into the warehouse for custody of foodstuff)" 1 time
- b. Topics offered: 18 times (To 32 press co.s in cumulative number)
- c. Friendly-talk meeting: 2 times
- d. Posters published: 1 time

8. Economic Investigation:

Date: Feb. 20 - Mar. 10, '51

Item: Auditing of the foodstuff control special account.

Outline: a. Targets audited:

Yamanashi Staple Food Office, Warehouses keeping national governmental rice.

b. Results obtained:

- 1) Investigation into the period of keeping foodstuff: (Nov. '49 - Oct. '50)

Cumulative amounts of staple food kept in the warehouses during the above-mentioned period were as follows:-

| Staple Food | Home-produced | | Imported | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Agri. Warehouse bales | Business warehouse bales | Agri. Warehouse | Business Warehouse |
| Unpolished rice | 3,244,571 | 892,619 | - | - |
| Polished rice | 223,097 | 121,087 | 26,090,158 k/g | 34,232,241 k/g |
| Barley | 2,426,028 | 1,021 | - | - |
| Wheat | 2,141,770 | 7,230 | - | - |

- 2) Status of custody of staple food:

Number of cases counted for the year of 1950:

Stolen 18 cases
 Changed in qualities ... 4 "
 Missing and decreased .. 1 " each

Total value ¥2,246,647

Generally speaking, there occurred those accidents in the warehouses which were equipped poorly and transacted unrighteously the business.

3) Amounts of staple food transported:

Amounts of staple food transported during April and October, 1950 under the jurisdiction of the Staple Food Office:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Polished & unpolished rice .. | 37,737 |
| | bales |
| Unpolished barley | 431,407 |
| | " |
| Wheat flour | 28,191 |
| | " |
| Total | 497,335 |
| | " |

4) Investigation into unqualified food for distribution in stock:

Unqualified food for distribution, which had been produced in 1949, in the Prefecture were 4 items (2,473 k/g), and amounts in the book corresponded to actual amounts in stock.

c. Remarks:

Investigators engaged in 5

Date: Feb. 23 - Mar. 3, 1951

Item: Investigation into status of demand and supply of caustic soda.

Outline: a. Targets investigated:

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Dealer | 2 |
| Large-sized demander | 5 |

b. Results obtained:

1) Status of changing the coupon into caustic soda:

Blackmarket price of caustic soda jumped up to the level of ¥ 120,000, which was about 3 times of official price, in this January and February. And as for status of changing the coupon into actual goods for the effective period of coupons, the pulp dealer was 60%, the gilder & the Japanese paper manufacturer were 50% and the soap manufacturer was nil.

2) Production of pulp in trust:

The pulp producers in the Prefecture are exchanging caustic soda and pulp with the large-sized paper mills outside of the Prefecture under the name of production of pulp in trust, which seems to result in making it more difficult to change the coupon into actual goods and in dampening the confidence in the coupon.

c. Remarks:

Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 14

Date: Feb. 24, '51

Item: Control of the restaurant business

Outline: a. Targets controlled:

35 business men concerned in Kofu City

b. Results obtained:

Business men having no licence ... 9

Business men putting up no licence21

c. Disposition:

Demanded for complaint and administrative disposition 1

Warned 29

d. Remarks:

Investigators engaged in 6

Date: Feb. 26 - 28, '51

Item: Survey on the blackmarketeers utilizing trains on Chuo Line.

Outline: a. Targets surveyed:

8 up-trains on Chuo Line

b. Status of survey:

Dividing 6 investigators into 2 groups, the survey was carried out between Chino Station and Uenohara Station.

c. Results obtained:

1) Amount of cereals decreased and polished rice occupied 95% of whole staple food blackmarketed.

2) Estimated amount of staple food blackmarketed a day:

470 bales (60% was from east of Kofu, the rest was from west of Kofu and amount from Nagano Ken decreased to about 10%.)

3) Number of blackmarketeers:

About 900 individuals which was 7% of total number of passengers and a little more than last time.

Date: Feb. 26 - 28, '51

Item: Control of leakage of staple food by train.

Outline: At the time of above-mentioned survey, the control was carried out simultaneously towards 3 trains out of 8 trains; total amount of polished rice seized was 1,920 k/g and that of cereals seized was 200 k/g, which both were transferred to the police station.

Date: Mar. 1-5, '51

Item: Investigation into status of demand & supply of seasoning.

Outline: a. Targets investigated:

Miso (Bean paste), Shoyu (Soy-bean sauce) and table oil makers 8

Retail dealers 6

Other organs concerned

b. Results obtained:

1) Status of demand & supply of Miso and its price:

10,000 kamme of the short amount of Miso is being imported from the prefectures of Nagano, Niigata and Tochigi. And its price is 165% higher compared with that in last July.

2) Status of demand & supply of Shoyu and its price:

Monthly productive capacity of Shoyu is 3,000 koku in the prefecture, and its demand & supply are keeping balanced. Out of above-mentioned capacity, about 1,000 koku is shipped out of the Prefecture by Takeda Foodstuff K.K., and instead of it, Shoyu produced outside of the Prefecture is imported in the Prefecture.

Its price came up to about ¥ 120 per sho, which was 200% of that in last July.

Date: Mar. 2-5, '51

Item: Re-investigation into auditing of the Food Distribution Public Corporation.

Outline: In conformity with the indication of Director of Audit Dep't, Tokyo E.I.B., the re-investigation was carried out as follows and its results were reported to the above-mentioned Director.

Towards Nanko-mura A.C.A.,
(Regarding decrease of staple
food in custody)

" Ken Branch of the Food Distri-
bution Public Corporation,
(Regarding disposal of the truck
car)

" Nosan Kogyo K.K.
(Regarding storage and carriage)

Remarks: Investigators engaged in 4

Date: Mar. 2-8, '51

Item: Investigation into status of demand & supply
of petroleum manufactures.

Outline: a. There appeared no delivery in advance con-
tinuously from last month.
As for changing the coupon into actual
goods, the Standard system and the Cal-
tex system are respectively favourable,
but mobile and light oil are tight some-
what because light oil is mixed in heavy
oil to make up the latter's shortage.

And though the Shell system takes also a
turn for better consignment of oil, it
transported in actual goods 6 times by its
private cars owing to inconvenience of
railroad transportation for February.

b. Fluctuation of price:

The price moves sidewise because it is
now not the most-demanding season and
also the share for 1 quarter is delivered
en bloc.

c. Remarks:

Cumulative number of investigators
engaged in 12

Date: Mar. 1-2, '51

Item

Item: Investigation into iron scraps in stock according to the reports.

Outline: a. Targets investigated:

Dealers and demanders concerned ... 7

b. Outline of investigation:

1) Number of cases and amounts reported to the Pref. Gov't:

Total number of cases reported... 68

Total amounts reported1,518 ton

(Out of 68 cases, 19cases were more than 10 ton each and 2 cases were more than 100 ton each)

2) Results of investigation:

Investigation was made into 7 main cases reported in Kofu City.

As for 4 cases of dealers, the amount reported was 747 ton (61%) against 1,210 ton of the actual amount estimated; and as for 3 cases of demanders, the amount reported was 40 ton (88%) against 45 ton of the actual amount estimated.

So taking the amount left unreported into consideration, it is deemed that the amount reported is about 50% of the actual amount in stock.

c. Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 8

Date: Mar. 7 - 12, '51

Item: Investigation into status of demand & supply of soap.

Outline: a. Targets investigated:

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| Wholesale dealers | | 5 |
| Retail dealers | | 5 |
| Makers | | 1 |
| Total | | 11 |

b. Outline of results:

- 1) Since the decontrol of soap in last July, abundant goods arrived on the market and the makers vied with one another in selling goods, so its price dropped or came up and down within small limits during last year.

In this year, however, affected by rise of materials' costs, the price advanced little by little from the end of January up to the middle of February and the consumers had a tendency to hoard goods; on the other hand, the famous makers began to allocate goods to their local agencies, restricting the amount to 80% of the past actual results.

In March, the consumers' desire towards purchase of goods has been on the wane and the arrival of goods has become favourable, which makes the price come up and down within small limits.

Thus the dealers foresee that the price would go down even in the most-demanding season of early summer.

2) Fluctuation of price:

As for the wholesale price, the cost price and the selling price of toilet soap were respectively 140% and 142% against those in last December, the same prices of laundry soap were respectively 103% and 107% against those in last December, and the margin was 7% - 9%.

Thus the wholesale price is gradually advancing.

As for the retail price, the prices of "Mitsuwa" and "Kao" were each 150% against those in last December, and the prices of "Lion" and "Shiseido" were each 125% against those in last December.

Thus the retail price is also going up.

3) Productive status and Price:

The productive capacity in the Prefecture increases every month spurred by advance of the price, and in February, it came up to 754% of the capacity for last October.

Soap which cost ¥9.80 per cake as of Mar. 8, is being sold at ¥ 1200 per cake at present, so the profit percentage has become 22%.

c. Remarks:

Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 12

Date: Mar. 7 - 14, '51

Item: Making out the report on results of auditing of the Food Distribution Public Corporation and request for improvement of defects.

Outline: Pref. Branch of Food Distribution Public Corporation was requested to take the appropriate steps for atoning for the disposal of truck-car under unfair estimation and 3 other cases, being indicated to make the report by Mar. 20 on the concrete plan for the said steps to be taken.

The Potato & Taro Office was also requested to adopt the proper steps for atoning for the imaginary appropriation of 1,080 kamme of sweet-potato in case of the settlement of accounts in the fiscal year of 1949 and 13 other cases, being indicated to make the report by Mar. 20 on the concrete plan for the said steps to be adopted.

Date: Mar. 13 - 24, '51

Item: Auditing of labor affairs business of the Special Procurement Board.

Outline: a. Targets audited:

Pref. Liaison Section, Kofu Labor Management Office and Yoshida Labor Management Office.

b. Results obtained:

As the auditing is now being carried out continuously, its results will be reported next time.

Date: Mar. 15 -22, '51

Item: Investigations into status of silk textile.

Outline: a. Targets investigated:

Textile dealers and silk-throwers in Yoshida & Yamura districts.

b. Outline:

About a half of whole dealers and throwers have suspended their unprofitable operations in succession up to present due to high materials' costs and low manufactures' prices. The standard price has not yet enforced at all since it was settled, and silk textile goods are being dealt for the price in Yokohama, which is far higher than the standard price.

Date: Mar. 20 - 21, '51

Item: Control of blackmarketeering of staple food by train.

Outline: a. Targets controlled:

Blackmarketeers in 6 up-trains left respectively Kofu Station at 14:40 on 20th, 0:30, 1:50, 5:00, 6:10 and 7:40 on 21st.

b. Outline of control:

The control was carried out successively between Sasago Station and Otsuki Station by 11 policemen of N.R.P. Headquarters, 4 of Otsuki District Police Station, 3 of Otsuki-Town Police Station, 6 public safety officials and 10 investigators of this Bureau.

c. Results obtained:

Number of individuals arrested: 70

(Out of 70, 51 were transferred to the police.)

Amount of staple food seized:

Polished rice 9,650.800 K/g

(Otherwise, cereals used for camouflage are kept at the railway station)

Date: Mar. 22 - 24, '51

Item: Supplementary auditing of the Food Distribution Public Corporation.

Outline: a. Targets:

Staple Food Office,
Yamanashi Branch of Food Distribution
Public Corporation, 2 sub-branches and
8 distribution stations at towns &
villages.

b. Matters audited:

- 1) Fitness of number of days delayed in paying into the foodstuff control special account.
- 2) Number of days required for receipt of goods.

c. Results are being got in order.

9. Statement as to the major economic trends observed in the Prefecture:
- a. Recent status of pulp (Report No. 629, dated Mar. 6, '51)
 - b. Report on investigation into iron scraps in stock (Report No. 634, dated Mar. 6, '51)
 - c. Recent status of demand & supply of soap (Report No. 660, dated Mar. 13, '51)
 - d. Clumsy operation in distribution (delivery) of staple food:

The investigation was carried out according to such a rumour that the consumers were so troubled because there was no polished rice in the distribution stations at the beginning of March.

And as the result of said investigation, it was disclosed that polished rice gave out in the distribution stations for a while in consequence of some defects in the plans for disposal and distribution of staple food, which arose the hitches in transacting the distribution business.

- 1) Status of polished rice in custody of the distribution stations:

Out of 71 distribution stations in Kofu City, 41 stations ran through polished rice on hand, the period of which was for 125 days in cumulative number.

- 2) Cause of clumsy operation in distribution of staple food:

- a) Remote cause by the Staple Food Office and the Branch Office of Food Distribution Public Corporations:

In order to reduce the amount of staple food in custody of each distribution station in case of changing the said Corporation into under private management as far as possible, 2 offices mentioned above restrained the amount to be disposed of, disposing of rice for 5 days, on Mar. 1, which had been allocated on Feb. 20 by the Central Government to be distributed for the 1st decade of March.

Rice disposed of was unpolished one, the amount of which was 17,697 bales, and it required about 6 days to polish this amount of rice.

On Mar. 7, however, 3,961 bales of polished rice which had been kept at the warehouses in Kofu City was decided to be disposed of. (Out of this amount, only 358 bales was actually disposed of up to Mar. 9)

Thereupon, there arose the question why such amount of polished rice was left undisposed of till that date. (Since Feb. 28, there was no polished rice in custody of the distribution stations in Kofu City.)

Regarding this question, the said offices answered that it was owing to the circumstances of charges for custody, which the investigation is being made into.

b) Cause in technique of delivering rice to be distributed:

Rice to be distributed should be naturally delivered to the distribution stations in the order of less amount in their custody according to the daily reports submitted by them; as the result of the investigation, however, it became clear that the plan for distribution was irrational and did not meet with this principle.

Namely the status of delivery of rice during Mar. 2 and 9 was as follows:-

| No. of destinations | Am't in custody on the day before delivery | Am't in custody less than 3 bales | Total am't delivered | No. of destinations to which delivery had been unnecessary | Am't in custody of destinations shown left |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| 50 stations | 368 bales & 16 K/g | 25 stations | 2,105 bales | 11 stations | 228 bales & 34 K/g |

Otherwise, the distribution stations which did not get delivered with rice on the next day to when each amount of rice in their custody was less than 3 bales or all gone during Mar. 1 and 8, came to 44 in cumulative number, and total amount of rice in their custody was only 20 bales and 28 K/g.

On the contrary, however, 11 stations which had more than 10 bales each and were not obstructed in distribution, got delivered with 424 bales of rice during the same period, when the 2nd delivery was made to 3 stations.

In short, the plan for distribution was quite irrational and the daily report was only perfunctory.

c) Lack of enthusiasm of the distribution station itself:

Lack of the station's own enthusiasm towards conducting the business should be mentioned as one of the causes of such an unfavourable matter.

That is, each station knows the amount in its custody better than anybody else, so whenever the actual goods in its custody give out and there arises various hitches in conducting its distribution business, it ought to do its utmost to get delivered with actual goods appealing that effect to the senior organs concerned.

In reality, however, no station seems to have made such an effort as mentioned above.

e. Status of fluctuation of the prices of main goods:

The prices advanced considerably from the end of February to the beginning of March; the synthetic index number of consuming goods came up to 145.4 which was 8.9% higher than the previous week (Feb. 19) and that of productive goods also reached 187.7 which was 18.0% higher.

But in the middle of March, fluctuation of the prices calmed down and then the prices of consuming and productive goods have shown respectively only 4% and 8.6% of advance percentages; especially the prices of textile goods, rubber goods, vegetables and canned food, which once jumped up continuously, have respectively come up and down within small limits up to the end of this month.

As for staple food, the prices have risen in general centering around the price of polished rice - i.e. the price of rice came up to ¥ 105 per sho (110%) and that of barley reached ¥ 80 per sho (178%), but since the decontrol on Mar. 1, the prices of cereals have rather come down to the same as at the time of outbreak of the Korean Incident.

As for seasoning, the prices of Miso (bean paste), shoyu (soy-bean sauce) and table oil advanced and were respectively 167%, 173% and 150% of those at the standard time - i.e. the price of Miso was ¥ 20 per 100 momme (17% higher) and that of Shoyu was ¥ 120 - ¥ 130 per sho (15% higher).

The price of soap advanced by 254% at the beginning of March and 10% - 15% at the middle, but since then it has come up and down within small limits, which seems to be the peak of fluctuation of the price.

The prices of leathers have been bullish because the general demand has been narrowed in consequence of the increase of special demand and export - i.e. the prices of swinehide and cowhide have advanced respectively by 35% and 10%, which were more than 250% of the prices at the standard time.

But the prices of leather goods have not advance so distinctly but had a tendency to gradual rising by 5% - 8%.

The prices of textile goods have moved sidewise since the middle of March and the wholesale dealers tend toward being in a hurry to sell the actual goods.

As for construction materials, the prices have advanced by 6.7% at the beginning of March and 21.4% at the middle, and its index number came up to 209.5; thus the medium and small sized constructors are compelled to suspend their works.

The prices of non-iron metals have been going up too.

Synthetic index number classified by items is as follows:-

| Item | Index Number (As of Mar. 5) | Percent. to last time | Index Number | Percent. to last time |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Staple food | 123.1 | (+) 7.4 | 124.4 | (+) 1.3 |
| Side-dishes | 158.4 | (+) 11.1 | 152.8 | (-) 5.6 |
| Seasoning | 133.7 | (+) 4.4 | 142.5 | (+) 8.8 |
| Oil manufactures | 118.7 | (+) 25.4 | 127.0 | (+) 8.3 |
| Leather goods | 140.6 | (+) 7.3 | 153.3 | (+) 12.6 |
| Textile goods | 180.3 | (+) 3.1 | 180.3 | " - |
| Rubber goods | 162.9 | (+) 1.9 | 165.9 | (+) 3.0 |
| Synthetic index number of consuming goods | 145.4 | (+) 8.7 | 149.4 | (+) 4.0 |
| Fuel | 165.4 | (+) 8.1 | 168.6 | (+) 3.2 |
| Construction materials | 188.1 | (+) 6.7 | 209.5 | (+) 21.4 |
| Metals | 232.4 | (+) 46.8 | 238.4 | (+) 6.0 |
| Chemicals | 165.0 | (+) 10.6 | 168.6 | (+) 3.6 |
| Synthetic index number of productive goods | 187.7 | (+) 18.0 | 196.3 | (+) 8.6 |

Specification of Economic Investigation:

1. Foodstuff Section

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| No. of investigation | 109 |
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| No. of violation | 83 |
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Disposition:

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| Transferred to the price | 74 |
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| Prosecuted | 1 |
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2. Materials Section

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| Brought forward from last month | 1 |
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Disposition:

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| Under administrative disposition | 1 |
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Schedule of Works for April 1951

Yamanashi Economics
Investigation Bureau

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Gen. Affairs Sect.</u> | <u>Food Section</u> | <u>Materials 1st Sect.</u> | <u>Materials 2nd Sect.</u> |
|-------------|---|--|--|---|
| 1 Sun. | | | | |
| 2 Mon. | Meeting of Dep't Directors & Section Chiefs | | Consultation about business | |
| 3 Tue. | | (3-6th) Survey on blackmarket- eers along Minobu Line | (3-6th) Audit of labor affairs business of S.P.B. | (3-6th) Investigation into status of day necessities |
| 4 Wed. | | | | |
| 5 Thu. | | | | |
| 6 Fri. | | | | |
| 7 Sat. | | C u l t u r a l M e e t i n g o f I n v e s t i g a t o r s | | |
| 8 Sun. | | | | |
| 9 Mon. | | S u r v e y o n P r i c e s | | |
| 10 Tue | | (10-11th) Inspection of staple food dealers' shops in Kofu City | S u r v e y o n p r i c e s (10-13th) | (10-13th) |
| 11 Wed | | | | |
| 12 Thu. | | (12-13th) Control of leakage of staple food by train. | | |

13 Fri. Coordinating Council
of E.I.B.

14 Sat. Cultural Meeting of Investigators

15 Sun.

16 Mon. Meeting of Dep't
Directors & Sect.
Chiefs Consultation about business

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| 17 Tue. | (17-18th) | (17-18th) | (17-20th) |
| 18 Wed. | Inspection of school meal service | Surveillance of petroleum manu- factures | Consultation about business |

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| 19 Thu. | (19-20th) | (19-20th) |
| 20 Fri. | Inspection of staple food delayers' shops | Investigation into status of demand & supply of soap |

21 Sat. Cultural Meeting of Investigators

22 Sun.

23 Mon. Survey on Prices

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| 24 Tue. | (25-27th) | (24-25th) | (24-27th) |
| 25 Wed. | Survey on black- marketeers of staple food | Investigation into status of demand & supply of soap | Survey on prices |

26 Thu.

(26-27th)
Surveillance of
petroleum manu-
factures

27 Fri.

28 Sat.

C u l t u r a l M e e t i n g o f I n v e s t i g a t o r s

29 Sun.

30 Mon.

Submitting the month-
ly report to K.C.A.R.

C o n s u l t a t i o n a b o u t b u s i n e s s

Remarks: Materials 2nd Section seems to have laid the plan for investigation into the amount of oil in custody of the Oil Distribution Public Corporation.
But that plan is left out of this Schedule, because the said Section has not yet made any formal notice of it as of Mar. 25.

TOKYO REGIONAL ECONOMIC BUREAU

March 24, 1951

To : Mr. J. W. Jones, Economic Section, Kanto C.A.R.
From : Mr. T. Otsu, Director of Tokyo Regional E.B.
Subject: Report on the investigation of inefficient distribution of rice.
(Yamanashi Pref.)

EIB

1. Stock of polished rice in a distribution center.

The number of distribution center where the stock of polished rice to be distributed amounted to less than 3 bales which is insufficient to cover the smooth operation of distribution is 42 out of the total of 71 in Kofu-shi, and 22 which have no stock at all.

The above-mentioned situation was observed in the case of indigenous rice. In the case of imported rice, pressed barley and wheat flour, there was enough stock in each distribution center. Therefore, it could not be said that there was not a stock of rice at all.

There was not enough stock of indigenous rice to cover five days ration which was to be distributed for the first ten days in March, due to the inefficiency of distribution operation.

2. Cause of the inefficiency of distribution of rice.

(1) Factors traced in Food-offices and "Kodan" branches.

It is considered that those agencies tried to minimize the quantity of rice released by the government in order to pull through the transition period of the reorganization of rice for Kodan was made in the

terms of unpolished rice on March 1.

It took considerable number of days to polish the rice and send them to distribution centers. Therein lies the cause of the empty stock of polished rice.

The problem lies in the fact that Food-office got the allocation of rice for March from Central Government Office on Feb. 20 and it took nine days for the Food-office to distribute them to Kodan.

This figure of nine days is several days more delay than the previous months. For example, it took 8 days for November, 4 for December, 5 for January, and 5 for February.

(2) Inefficiency in the releasing procedure.

17,697 bales of rice were released to "Kodan" branch by Food-office on March 1 and 2. It takes a considerable number of days to polish this much quantity of rice. (The capacity of polishing rice in the prefecture is 2,560 bales on the basis of 8 hours work per day)

A point hard to understand is that 3,961 bales of polished rice were released out of the stock in the warehouses in the city on March 7.

A question remains why those rice were not released to distribution centers which had no stock at all on March 1.

It was only 358 bales that were actually distributed, and the remainder were decided to be sent from Fuji-Yoshida Warehouse. But the Kodan claims it could not get the polished rice sent from Yoshida area to Kofu city. This is the excuse for the Kodan's inefficiency in the distribution. But this makes no excuse.

(3) Unreasonable transportation of rice to be distributed.

The rice for rationing should be distributed to those areas first where rice stock is fewer.

The distribution is not done according to this principle. The distribution as of March 2 is that 756 bales were distributed to Yokozawa and 15 other distribution centers, out of which 3 were considered needing no urgent distribution of rice, and 5 had a stock of less than 3 bales.

3 in and around Kofu-shi got no distribution whereas they had a stock of less than 3 bales. As of March 3, the number of distribution centers to which rice amounting to 200 bales were sent is 4 out of which 2 were considered to need no urgent distribution, and 1 had a stock of less than 1 bale of rice. Against this, 6 distribution centers which had a stock of less than 3 bales of rice as of March 3 did not get the distribution. Out of the above-mentioned, 2 had no stock at all.

As of March 5, 4 got the distribution of rice amounting to 185 bales. Out of them, 1 needed no urgent distribution, and 1 had a stock of less than 3 bales. Out of 6 distribution centers which had a stock of less than 3 bales and had not got the distribution, only 1 got the distribution as of March 5.

As of March 6, 13 centers got the distribution of rice amounting to 515 bales. Out of them, 2 needed no urgent distribution, and 8 had a stock of less than 3 bales, (including 3 centers which had no stock at all). Against this, 19 centers which had a stock of less than 3 bales as of March 5 had got no distribution as of March 6, including 13 centers which had no stock at all.

As of March 7, 13 centers got the distribution of rice amounting to 449 bales. Out of them, 3 needed no urgent distribution, and 10 had a stock of less than 3 bales, including 3 which had no stock at all.

As of March 7, 3 centers got the distribution twice, in spite of their no need of urgent distribution. Against this, 16 centers including "Chizuka" got no distribution. They got it on March 8 and 9.

The above-mentioned facts reveal that the distribution program is not based on the daily report on the stock of rice submitted by each distribution center.

It also reveals that the distribution centers themselves are not enough interested in the efficient distribution of rice. Namely, they take no step to precipitate the distribution, while they submit daily reports to the "Kodan".

Tamizo Otsu

T. Otsu

YAMANASHI PREFECTURAL
ECONOMICS INVESTIGATION BUREAU KOFU CITY

1 March 1951

SUBJECT: Special Report on the 33rd Coordinating
Council of Economics Investigation Bureau

TO: Mr. J. W. Jones,
Chief of Industry and Distribution Division,
Kanto Civil Affairs Region

We hereby report you on gist of proceedings
of the above mentioned Council (Controlling Sectional
Meeting) which was held on 12 February 1951.



KENJI HATTA
Director, Yamanashi
Prefectural Economics
Investigation Bureau

Gist of Proceedings of the 33rd Coordinating Council of
Yamanashi Prefectural Economics Investigation Bureau

(Controlling Sectional Meeting)

1. Date: 12 February 1951 (Monday) 13:30 - 16:00
2. Place: Meeting Room of this Bureau
3. Attendance: President: Kenji Hatta,
Director of Yamanashi Pref.
Economics Investigation
Bureau

Committeemen: Mr. Mukoyama, Business
Official, Representing
Chief Public Procurator of
Kofu Local Public Prose-
cutor's Office

Mr. Osada, Pref. Secretary,
Representing Governor of
Yamanashi Prefecture

Mr. Akiyama, Pref. Technician

Mr. Takaso, Pref. Secretary,
Pref. Food Section

Mr. Kato, Assistant Police
Inspector, Representing
Commander of Pref. N.R.P.
Headquarters

Mr. Marumo, Responsible
official in charge of eco-
nomic affairs, Representing
Chief of Kofu Municipal
Police Station

Mr. Ookura, Chief of Pro-
cessing Section, Represent-
ing Chief of Yamanashi Sta-
ple Food Office

Mr. Tsutsumi, Business Of-
ficial, Pref. Land Trans-
portation Office

Shiro Kono, Chief of 1st
Dep't, Pref. E.I.B.

Special Attendant: Mr. Shuichi Sato,
Kofu Business Agency of
National Railway Corpora-
tion

Mr. Tamaru, Responsible
official in charge of
Public Safety, Kofu Rail-
way Public Safety Room.

Mr. Kawano, Responsible
official in charge of
freight-car, Kofu Rail-
way Station

Official of this
Bureau:

Chief Yamamoto of Food-
stuff Section, Chief Kasai
of Materials 1st Section,
Chief Gemma of Materials 2nd
Section and 3 other investi-
gators.

4. Matters Discussed:

- 1) Control of blackmarketeering of staple food.
- 2) Enforcement of the Temporary Restaurant Business Control Law.
- 3) a. Controlling policy
b. Status of opening the public hearing
- 3) School meal service
- 4) Disposition of the illegal commodities
- 5) Status of delivery of rice produced in 1950
- 6) Problems on changing the Food Distribution Public Corporation into private management
 - a. Registration of retail dealers
 - b. Registration of wholesale dealers
 - c. Adjustment of freight rates and prices
- 7) Status of demand and supply of the petroleum manufactures.

- 8) Investigation into iron scraps in stock
- 9) Status of transportation by freight car
- 10) Dealing of the imported day necessities under designation
- 11) Status of disposing economic crimes.
- 12) Liaison with K.C.A.R.

5. Gist of Proceedings:

- 1) Control of blackmarketeering of staple food

N.R.P.:

Controlling status for January including the part by the autonomous police stations in the Prefecture

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| 346 cases | Number of individuals arrested: 363 persons (Sent to the Public Prosecutor's Office) |
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| Amount of staple food seized: 23,488 Kgs. (About 392 bales) |
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The above-mentioned is mainly the results of controlling leakage of staple food by train.

Recently, the blackmarketeers show a tendency to dealing especially in beans.

Such trend is due to increasing demand of beans by the bean-curd makers in consequence of reduction of the import. As beans are being sold for ¥ 120.00 - ¥ 130.00 of blackmarket prices per sho in Tokyo area, the blackmarketeers are gaining about ¥ 25.00 - ¥ 35.00 of margins.

Kofu Municipal Police:

Amount of staple food seized for January: 3,270.5 Kgs

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| Violation of the Liquor Tax Law: 2 cases (3 individuals) |
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Violation of the Regulation concerning charcoal: 1 case (2 individuals)

There was such a peculiar case that in case of controlling leakage of staple food at the beginning of February, 2 individuals were arrested on account of having blackmarketed about 4 to of beans out of those which had been distributed to the bean-curd makers' association by the Prefectural Government.

It was demanded the Prefectural authorities to take the appropriate steps, because such a trend as mentioned above is quite regrettable for controlling leakage of staple food.

As for disposition of the illegal goods, after hearing the policy of the Prefectural authorities, it was demanded again the Prefectural and the Police authorities to make strict superintendence and surveillance over distributing the dealers' unions with staple food which was sold to the Food Distribution Public Corporation after being seized by the control, in order to prevent it completely from being diverted again into illegal channels.

President:

How are the public safety officials controlling leakage of staple food?

Public Safety Room:

Number of times of the control in cooperation with N.R.P. and E.I.B. for January: 14

Cumulative number of officials engaged in the said control: 43

Number of blackmarketees arrested by the said control: 25

President:

How is transportation of staple food in camouflage?

Public Safety Room:

Last month, the public safety officials found out transportation in camouflage by freight-cars.

Kofu Railway Station:

A pretty much amount of staple food was transported in the apple boxes from Nagano Prefecture into the direction of Shizuoka Prefecture at the end of the year before last.

Recently, however, it is scarce to see such a transportation as mentioned above.

2) Enforcement of the Temporary Restaurant Business Control Law

a) Controlling Policy:

Chief Yamamoto of Foodstuff Section:

It is said that the Temporary Restaurant Business Control Law may become invalid since 1 May of this year. But as the control of staple food becomes meaningless unless the said Law is enforced together with the Staple Food Management Law, the Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry is now deliberating about whether or not it should be abolished.

Therefore in view of the influence to be exerted upon the spirit of observing the law, it was proposed to enforce continuously the said Law as the controlling policy, which was seconded unanimously.

As to the status of opening the public hearing, it is demanded the Prefectural authorities to open in haste the public hearing in order to carry out 12 cases of the administrative disposition which have remained undone since last October and November, because such a disposition becomes ineffective unless being carried out just after disclosure and it also should never be treated lightly in view of maintaining the public order.

3) School meal service

Chief Yamamoto of Foodstuff Section:

Though the distribution for school meal service is applied wholly with the supplies released by U.S.A., the meal service is not yet carried out at any school in this Prefecture on account of defective equipments and facilities, but it will be realized at every school in Kofu City as soon as the proper equipments and facilities are completed in the near future.

So it is hoped that all the organs concerned would make efforts to prevent any illegal act in cooperation with one another to manage fairly the school meal service.

Staple Food Office:

At present, about 2,000 bags of wheat flour is allocated to this Prefecture for school meal service use, but foreign flour will be too late in arrival that home flour is to be delivered, instead of it. And 11 bakehouses in Kofu City were designated by the Committee meeting held on the other day.

The Board of Education (Social Education Section) takes main charge of the school meal service, and the Pref. Food Section does not touch up directly with the part of staple food though having some connection with that of seasonings (sugar etc.) So the deliberation will be made again about carrying out the inspection etc.

4) Disposition of the illegal commodities:

Pref. Food Section:

In the Essentials of Disposition of the Illegal Commodities, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, it is provided that other illegal food seized than imported food should be sold to the retail dealer Ko as a rule, but in case when it can't be sold to them from standpoints of its amount and item, the Prefectural authorities should sell it to the other proper organs concerned. Therefore the deliberation is to be made about the above-mentioned between the organs concerned one of these days.

Chief Yamamoto of Foodstuff Section:

The said Essentials are decided not to be enforced for the time being, because they are requested to revise on account of having such grave defects that the purchasing organ is divided into the retail dealer Ko and the Staple Food Office and also there are some doubtful points in purchasing prices.

(Result) There was such a speaking that this Prefecture has not yet received any indication as mentioned above, so it is desirable to open the consultation meeting after the gist of revision becomes clear.

- 5) Status of delivery of rice produced in 1950

Pref. authorities:

The result of delivery came up to 98.17% as of 10 February. But as the delivery has not yet been completed in Nakakoma, Nishiyamanashi and Nishiyatsushiro guns, the Prefectural authorities are making effort to complete it in February.

- 6) Problems on changing the Food Distribution Public Corporation into private management

The following questions and answers were made after the explanation was made about the status of registering retail and wholesale dealers by the Prefectural authorities.

Chief of 1st Dep't:

Why are the retail dealers Ko in the system of the Food Distribution Public Corporation stated their own names in the registration books, in spite that the public notice was made in accordance with their applications which were made in names of the responsible persons of such and such business agencies of the enterprise association?

Pref. authorities:

The public notice and the entry in registration book should naturally be made in accordance with the applications, but the actual business was entirely entrusted to mayors of city, town and village, who made miscarriages in the business proceedings.

Chief of 1st Dep't:

Do you think there is no change in validity?

Pref. authorities:

The registration cards were delivered in accordance with the applications.

Chief of 1st Dep't:

Does it not mean individuals' registration that no names of enterprise associations are inserted in the registration books?

Pref. authorities:

It is quite difficult to settle the above-mentioned question, which lies in consumers' own will towards the registration.

Chief of 1st Dep't:

Who has the business right of retail dealers?

Pref. authorities:

It may be the enterprise association itself.

Chief of 1st Dep't:

Can the individual still do his business after seceding from the enterprise association?

Pref. authorities:

If he secedes from the association, he will be disqualified as retail dealer.

President:

This problem is so delicate and significant in view of interpreting proceedings by the Law that it is hoped to open the consultation meeting again, therefore the further consideration on this problem is requested to the Public Prosecutor's Office, N.R.P. and the Municipal Police.

- 7) Status of demand and supply of the petroleum manufactures:

Chief of Materials 1st Section:

We have kept continuously watch over delivery of the petroleum manufactures in advance since receiving Vice-Minister's Notification on prohibition of the said delivery, dated 1 July of last year. As the result of it, amount of petroleum manufactures delivered in advance, which was 22,671 L. at the end of last July, has become nil up to the end of last November.

Recently, the amount of gasoline is sufficient for changing the coupon into actual goods, but on the contrary, it is so difficult to meet the demands for light oil and mobile oil, that the traders are transporting these oil by trucks directly from the oil tanks in Tokyo and Yokohama areas without expecting for the transportation on railway.

Blackmarket prices of petroleum manufactures are as follows:-

(Per drum containing 200 Litre)

| Name of article | Blackmarket Price | Comparison between before & after the Korean Case | Comparison with Official Price |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Gasoline | ¥ 13,000 | 118 % | 189 % |
| Light Oil | " 5,000 | 166 " | 157 " |
| Mobile Oil | " 14,000 | 116 " | 129 " |
| Kerosene | " 6,000 | 133 " | 156 " |
| Heavy Oil | " 3,000 | 84 " | 135 " |
| Cylinder Oil | " 14,000 | 140 " | 108 " |

In accordance with changing the form of the coupon in this January, the share for 1 quarter is distributed at a time by 1 coupon. Consequently, the small sized consumers become especially in want of stocks at the end of the quarter on account of over-consuming, so it can be forecasted that there will appear the delivery in advance at the end of March.

It was owing to special distribution that amount of delivery in advance decreased at the end of last year.

President:

How is the status of carrying out special distribution?

Land Transportation Office:

Special distribution is generally occupied by the special demands, and in this Prefecture, it is mostly applied for the lumber concerned.

Amounts of main petroleum manufactures specially distributed are as follows:-

(The 2nd Quarter)

| | <u>Gasoline</u> | <u>Light Oil</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Special demands | 5,000 Litre | - |
| Bus communication | 21,000 " | 3,000 Litre |
| Election management | 1,200 " | - |
| Restoration from calamities | 5,000 " | 2,000 " |
| Stimulation of delivery | 350 " | - |
| National census | 500 " | - |

(The 3rd Quarter)

| | <u>Gasoline</u> | <u>Light Oil</u> |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Road engineerings | 29,000 Litre | - |
| Bus communication | 25,000 " | - |
| Critical materials | 37,000 " | - |
| Agricultural & forestry commodities | 1,800 " | - |
| Restoration from calamities | 3,000 " | - |
| Transportation of rice, wheat & barley | 5,000 " | - |
| Election for members of the Board of Education | 2,500 " | - |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Japan Express Co. concerned | - | 10,000 Litre |
| For increase of buses | - | 7,300 " |
| | | 2,400 " |
| Regular transportation by truck | - | 1,500 " |

President:

If the share for 1 quarter is distributed at a time by 1 coupon, does it cause any inconvenience to consumers in view of funds and storing in tanks?

And regarding it, what guiding policy has Pref. Commerce & Industry Section?

Pref. Commerce & Industry Section:

The distributing method mentioned above is adopted by only Ministry of Transportation concerned, and as to our guiding policy, we leave 1 coupon with each oil dealer, who enters the necessary amount of oil in the coupon every month to change it into actual goods, and the reflux of coupons is carried out after 3 months.

Taking a warning from the possibility of appearing the delivery in advance, the letter was sent to each oil dealer dated 6 February to call his close attention to it.

And the attention was also called to such a fact that there appeared some cases of the delivery in advance in the method of getting caution money from the consumers with whom the actual goods were left.

8. Investigation into iron scraps in stock:

Pref. Commerce & Industry Section:

Results of the investigation into iron scraps in stock as of 10 February, 12:00 p.m., are being got in order.

9. Status of transportation by freight car:

The explanation was made as follows by Kofu Business Agency, National Railway Corporation:-

| <u>Name of Management Bureau</u> | <u>Number of Ton shipped</u> | <u>No. of Ton requested to be shipped</u> | <u>Comparison with actual results</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Tokyo | 21,488 ton | 33,730 ton | 64 % |
| Shizuoka | 14,416 " | 21,965 " | 66 % |
| Nagano | 8,141 " | 12,290 " | 66 % |
| Total | 44,045 " | 67,985 " | 68 % |

In February, number of cars requested was 138, that of cars arrived was 88 and the comparison with actual results was 31%.

And as of 10 February, amount of stocks was 7,430 ton, the actual result of transportation was 1,924 ton (25%).

In January and February of every year, amount of freights transported decreases because it is the slack winter season.

In this year, however, it can be expected for increase of the freight cars to be requested owing to advance of the truck's carriage by 70% and the influence by Korean Incident, even though, on the other hand, it is anxious to run short of the freight cars.

President:

Was there no stock when last consultation meeting was held (January)?

Kofu Railway Station:

There was no accumulation of freights in the 2nd decade of January, since then it has been tending toward increase affected by advance of prices.

Anticipating accumulation of the freights in future, this Station launched the movement for promoting efficiency of transportation and has been making an effort at rapid loading and unloading by taking such a method that unloading freight cars should never be carried forward to the next day.

Thus the actual results show 173% of increase compared with last year.

Chief of 1st Dep't:

How is N.R.P. controlling the business acts by private cars?

N.R.P.:

It is being carried out by Patrol & Communication Section, N.R.P.

Chief of 1st Dep't:

Has the Land Transportation Office received the report on such a kind of violation?

Land Transportation Office:

3 cases were reported from N.R.P., but it was impossible to dispose of them because they were unregistered cars.

If such a kind of violation be reported from now on, the administrative disposition will be made of it regarding distribution of fuel etc.

President:

It is hoped to make reports on actual results of the administrative disposition like that.

10. Dealing with the imported day necessities under designation:

In accordance with the delivered data, the rough explanation was made by Chief of Materials 2nd Section.

There are few cases applicable in this Prefecture.

11. Status of disposing economic crimes:

The explanation was made by the Public Prosecutor's Office as follows:-

No. of cases brought forward from December: 167
 No. of cases accepted for January: 754
 Total 921

Disposition:

Demanded for putting on trial: 16
 Demanded for putting on summary trial: 224
 Sent to the Public Prosecutor's Office: 188
 Sent to the Family Court: 27
 Suspended: 1
 Dropped: 330
 Total 786
 (Carried forward to next month 135)

Items:

a) Staple Food Management Law concerned:

Brought forward from December: 159
 Accepted for January: 751
 Total 910

Disposition:

Demanded for putting on trial: 16
 Demanded for putting on summary trial: 220
 Notified: 214
 Dropped: 328
 Suspended: 1
 Total 779
 (Remainders 131)

b) Foodstuffs Emergency Measure Ordinance concerned:

Accepted for January 1 (Demanded for putting on summary trial)

c) Price Control Ordinance concerned:

Accepted for January 2 (Both unsettled)

d) Temporary Restaurant Business Control Law concerned:

Brought forward from December 1

Accepted for January 1 (Both demanded for putting on summary trial)

e) Sugar Demand & Supply Adjustment Rule concerned:

Brought forward from December 4

Accepted for January 1 (1 demanded for putting on summary trial, 1 dropped and 1 notified)

(Carried forward to next month 2)

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YAMANASHI PREFECTURAL
ECONOMICS INVESTIGATION BUREAU KOFU CITY

24 February 1951

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for February 1951

TO: Mr. J. W. Jones,
Chief of Industry and Distribution Division,
Kanto Civil Affairs Region

We hereby submit the above mentioned report for the period (26 January - 25 February, 1951), the items of which are as follows.

1. Manning table
 2. -
 3. -
 4. Cooperation given by the Police and other Enforcement Agencies
 5. Cooperation given by Kanto Civil Affairs Region
 6. Coordinating Council of Economics Investigation Bureau
 7. Enlightenment and Diffusion
 8. Economics Investigation
 9. Statement as to the major economic trends observed in Prefecture
- List of details of each violation (attached sheets)
- Schedule of works for March 1951 (attached sheets)

[Handwritten Signature: K. Hatta]
KENJI HATTA
Director, Yamanashi
Prefectural Economics
Investigation Bureau

As of 25th February 1951

1. Manning table

Note: A Authorized strength
 B Present strength

| Personnel | Investigator | | Official | | Permanent employee | | Employee | | Total | |
|-----------------|--------------|----|----------|---|--------------------|---|----------|---|-------|----|
| | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B |
| Section | | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 1st Dep't | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gen. Aff. Sect. | | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | 10 |
| Food Sect. | | 6 | | | | | | | | 6 |
| 2nd Dep't | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st Sect. | | 4 | | | | | | | | 4 |
| 2nd Sect. | | 5 | | | | | | | | 5 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 26 |

Remarks: The chief of 1st Dep't is included in the column of investigator, B of General Affairs Section

4. Cooperation given by the Police and other Enforcement Agencies

Date: 5 Feb. '51

Item: Consultation meeting about extra investigation into iron scraps

Outline: At the above-mentioned meeting held under the auspices of Prefectural Commerce & Industry Section, 1 investigator made consultation about cooperation in carrying out the said investigation.

Date: 26 Jan. '51

Item: Collecting the informations about registration of staple food dealers

Outline: It was requested Commander of N.R.P. Headquarters and chiefs of 21 autonomous police stations in the Prefecture to report on the above-mentioned informations to this Agency.

Matters requested to investigate are as follows:

- a. Regional agreement by registrars
- b. Bribing acts such as presentation of goods.
- c. Registration seems not to have been made by consumers' free will in consequence of mass registration in trust, registration by proxies or leaving the consumers' official pass-books with dealers.
- d. Registration made according to the dealer's words to make allowance for future distribution to the consumer by whether or not the latter registers the former.
- e. Other undesirable movements for registration.

Regarding the above-mentioned matters, Minobu-machi Police Station and 8 other autonomous police stations have made reports to this Agency up to date (24 February), the results of which are being got in order.

Date: 6 Feb. '51

Item: Consultation meeting about the public hearing etc.

Outline: At the above-mentioned meeting held under the auspices of Prefectural Food Section, 1 investigator made consultation about matters concerning the Temporary Restaurant Business Control Law etc., where it was requested the Prefectural authorities to open in haste the public hearing in order to dispose 12 cases which have remained undone since last October.

Date: 6 Feb. '51

Item: The 2nd Consultation Meeting about the counter-measure for collecting the accounts by the Potato & Taro Office.

Outline: Gathering 12 responsible officials of the Staple Food Office, Kofu Judicial Affairs Bureau, Kofu Financial Affairs Office and the Potato & Taro Office, the consultation meeting was held in this Agency about the counter-measure for collecting the accounts by the Potato & Taro Office in the Fiscal Year of 1949.

Main matters decided.

- a. The interest for delay should be counted strictly and be also at the rate of 4 sen per diem in accordance with the old contract.
- b. No grumbling of traders against drawing down of the grade should be accepted.
- c. No potato & taro produced in 1950 should be disposed newly to traders who have not yet paid accounts.
- d. The letter of certifying contents should be sent to the dealer who has not yet submitted the affirmation paper of debit to the said office.

Date: 12 Feb. '51

Item: Consultation meeting about allocation of sugar for agricultural industry use.

Outline: At the above-mentioned meeting held under the auspices of Prefectural Agricultural Affairs Section, 2 investigators made explanation of such a fact that allocation of sugar for agricultural industry use does not meet the actual state, but causes the illegal acts, as the result of our special examination of sugar, and it was decided to carry out the fair distribution of sugar after investigating into the actual status of agricultural industry.

Date: 14 Feb. '51

Item: Problems on registration of the staple food dealers.

Outline: Gathering officials concerned of Prefectural Food Section, Commerce & Industry Section (officials in charge of the enterprise ass'n) and Municipal Commerce & Industry Section, the discussion was made about the problems on registration of the staple food dealers.

In registration of the staple food retail dealers Ko, which was carried out in the 3rd decade of January, there arose the problems on the business right of members of the enterprise ass'ns.

And also regarding registration of the staple food wholesale dealers, number of votes to be obtained by the wholesale dealers concerned with the former rice wholesale dealers were estimated not to reach legal number, so that some dealers out of those who joined the enterprise ass'n in the system of the former Food Distribution Public Corporation (16 dealers in Kofu City) were going to secede from the ass'n to go over to the wholesale dealers concerned with the former rice wholesale dealers.

And against the Prefectural authorities' opinion that if the dealer secede from the ass'n, his business right should lose validity, they claimed for their business right and made representations to the organs concerned pointing out that their own names were inserted in both the public notice of registration and the registration books. Under those situations, after making efforts to adjust various opinions of the organs concerned, the officials mentioned above were completely agreed on taking the appropriate steps for carrying out smoothly registration of the staple food wholesale dealers, and they also decided to make members of the ass'n settle the problems on individuals' business right by the consensus of their own opinions.

Date: 15 Feb. '51

Item: Liaison on business concerning surveillance of the petroleum manufactures.

Outline: For reference of the said business, we got the letter from Prefectural Commerce & Industry Section, regarding contents of the suggestion on illegal dealing in the petroleum manufactures, which was made by the Prefectural authorities to the dealers concerned.

Date: 17 Feb. '51

Item: Consultation about control of blackmarketeering by train.

Outline: Consultation was made with N.R.P. Headquarters about carrying out together the control of blackmarketeering by 2 trains on Chuo Line on 19. Feb.

Date: 16 - 20 Feb. '51

Item: Explanation meeting of the distribution system for staple food retail dealers.

Outline: The above-mentioned explanation meeting of gist of staple food distribution in accordance with changing the distribution system, was held at 6 places in the Prefecture under the auspices of Prefectural Food Section. At that meeting, 1 investigator explained the necessary matters to be attended to the defects disclosed as the result of past investigations and the distribution business in the system changed, in order to get the traders observe strictly the law and ordinance concerned.

Date: 15 Feb. '51

Item: Re problems on changing the Food Distribution Public Corporation into private management.

Outline: Calling Chief of Business Dep't and Chief of Account Section of the Public Corporation, we listened to their explanations about the actual trend of the enterprise ass'n centering around registration of the retail dealers Ko and the Public Corporation's opinions on the business right of members of the ass'n and the personnel changes in accordance with changing the Public Corporation into private management.

5. Cooperation given by Kanto Civil Affairs Region:

Date: 13 Feb. '51

Item: The 18th Liaison Meeting

Outline: Attendance:

Mr. M. Ida, Kanto Civil Affairs Region

Maj. G. C. Freeman, G.H.Q. (Special Attendant)

K. Hatta, Director of this Agency,
Kono, Chief of 1st Dep't,
Chief of each Section and 3 other
officials.

Mr. S. Sato, Official of Kofu Business
Agency, National Railway Corporation

a. Matters reported:

1. Control of leakage of staple food.
2. Disposition of the economic crimes by the Public Prosecutor's Office
3. Opening of the public hearing
4. Control of illegal consuming of gasoline.
5. Delivery of rice in the Prefecture
6. School meal service

b. Matters discussed:

1. Demand & supply of charcoal and its prices
2. Transportation by freight-car

6. Coordinating Council of Economics Investigation Agency:

Date and number of meeting:

The 33rd Meeting on 12 Feb. '51

Attendance of committeemen:

| | | |
|----------|-------|---|
| Attended | | 2 |
| Proxy | | 7 |

(Special attendance)

| | |
|---|---|
| Kofu Public Safety Room | 1 |
| Kofu Business Agency, National Railway Corporation | 1 |
| Kofu Railway Station | 1 |
| Others | 6 |

a. Matters discussed:

1. Control of leakage of staple food.
2. Enforcement of the Temporary Restaurant Business Control Law.
 - a) Controlling policy
 - b) Opening the public hearing
3. School meal service
4. Disposition of the illegal commodities
5. Delivery of rice produced in 1950
6. Problems on changing the Food Distribution Public Corporation into private management.
 - a) Registration of retail and wholesale dealers
 - b) Readjustment of freight-rates and prices
7. Demand & supply of the petroleum manufactures
8. Investigation into iron scraps in stock
9. Transportation by freight-car
10. Dealing in the imported day necessities under designation
11. Disposition of the economic crimes
12. Liaison with K. C. A. R.

b. Matters decided:

1. As the main force, the police should continue the control of leakage of staple food, and as to disposition of illegal goods, the strict superintendence and surveillance should be made over distribution of staple food which was sold to the Food Distribution Public Corporation after having been seized by the control
2. The public hearing should be opened in haste by the Prefectural authorities.
3. The organs concerned will make consultation about various problems on registration of the staple food retail and wholesale dealers.

7. Enlightenment and Diffusion:

The following measures were taken by this Agency:-

- a. Radio broadcasting: 6 times (By the same manuscript)
- b. Topics offered: 15 times (To 29 press co.s in cumulative number)
- c. Delivery of the organ: 1 time

8. Economic Investigation:

Date: 25 Jan. - 22 Feb. '51

Item: Surveillance of the petroleum manufactures

Outline: a. Number of days investigated: 8

b. Targets investigated

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Dealers | 4 |
| Large-sized consumers..... | 4 |

c. Outline of investigation:

As it was decided, in January, that 1 coupon should be issued for each quarter, the investigation was made into the status of changing the coupon into actual goods and its influence exerted upon the consumers.

d. Results:

There may appear the delivery in advance at the end of March, because the consumers become in want of stocks. Namely, as shown in the following table, comparison between the allocated amount in the coupons left with dealers and the amount changed into actual goods for this January is 46% higher than last December.

| Period | Am't in coupons left with dealers | Amount allocated for the month applicable | Amount charged into actual goods | Comparison of am't sold with that allocated for the month applicable |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 - 25 Dec. '50 | 88,010 L. | 88,010 L. | 74,423 L. | 87.1% |
| 1 - 25 Jan. '51 | 119,122 " | 39,707 " | 51,462 " | 133.1 " |

e. Remarks:

Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 20

Date: 27 & 28 Jan. '51

Item: Investigation into the private collecting places of staple food.

Outline: a. Targets investigated:

4 places near the main railway stations on Chuo Line

b. Results:

Though the investigation was carried out into the places where many black-marketeers gathering together, no places could be confirmed as the private collecting place of staple food.

c. Remarks: Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 12

Date: 29 & 30, Jan. '51

Item: Survey on status of blackmarketeers utilizing the trains.

a. Targets surveyed:

4 up-trains on Chuo Line
(Between Chino Station and Uenohara Station)

b. Results: (Number & amount estimated)

| | <u>No. or Amount</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Total No. of all passengers (A) | 8,634 persons | 599 increased than last December |
| No. of blackmarketeers (B) | 863 " | 147 increased than last December |
| Amount of staple food blackmarketed | 430 bales & 1 <u>to</u> | 91 bales & 3 <u>sho</u> increased than last December |
| Amount carried out per capita | 1 <u>to</u> 9 <u>sho</u> 9 <u>go</u> | 1 <u>sho</u> increased than last December |
| Comparison between (A) and (B) | 10% | 2% increased than last December |

Number of blackmarketeers utilizing the day-time trains was 40% of that of those who utilizing the early-morning and the nighttime trains, and the recent blackmarketeering tends toward increasing of beans (about 35% of whole staple food blackmarketed).

c. Remarks: Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 6

Date: 29 Jan. '51

Item: The 2nd investigation into weights & measures at the staple food dealer's shop.

Outline: a. Targets investigated:

14 dealers and 50 consumers' households in Kofu City

b. Results:

Short weight 3 households (250 g)
2 dealers

Over-distribution ... 12 households (2,160 g)
3 dealers

Short weight decreased compared with that in the 1st investigation and there appeared over-distributions this time. The close attention was called to the dealers who made over-distribution not so as to make amends for the amount over-distributed in some other occasion.

Date: 31 Jan. - 2 Feb. '51

Item: Investigation into demand & supply of the non-iron metals

Outline: a. Targets investigated:

3 mines in the Prefecture

b. Status and prices of receiving the non-iron materials:

The amount demanded is increasing but it is difficult to receive the actual goods at present. The largest-sized demander is Mitsuwa Telegraphic Wire K.K. (at Shikishima-cho), which consumes about 13 ton of copper wire and 400 - 500 Kgs. of tin a month. The other demanders than mentioned above are the small-sized consumers such as the radio set's parts manufacturing plants and the mineral & metal dealers, who received the actual goods each time by cash transaction.

Status of fluctuation of prices is as follows:-

| Item | Prices just after out-breaking of Korean Incident | 5 Feb. '51 | Percent. of fluctua- tion | Remarks |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Copper (Electro)ly | ¥ 180,000 | ¥ 250,000 | 138 % | Prices per ton, received from Tokyo direction ✓ |
| Lead | " 70,000 | " 140,000 | 200 " | |
| Zinc | " 120,000 | " 240,000 | 200 " | |
| Tin | " 500,000 | " 1,000,000 | 200 " | |
| Nickel | " 600,000 | " 2,500,000 | 410 " | |
| Aluminium | " 150,000 | " 300,000 | 200 " | |

c. Productive status:

Takara Mine Copper, Zinc (200-300 ton)
 Myoho " Copper (20- 30 ")
 Fuji " " (" ")

Excepting Takara Mine, these 2 mines are in the red by the expenditures for facilities and equipments.

d. Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 10

Date: 29 Jan. - 6 Feb. '51

Item: Examination of illegal distribution of sugar.

Outline: a. Targets examined:
 6 town & village offices

b. Main violations:

1) Ryuo-mura Office allowed the consumers to be distributed illegally with sugar from July to December in 1950 by delivering 173 coupons for sucklings' sugar together with the new coupons for seasoning sugar to them in August of the same year.

2) Other illegal recipients 2

c. Disposition:

Ryuo-mura Office was disciplined, being ordered to make amends for the amount distributed illegally.

d. Status and trend of general defects:

1) The distribution business was generally treated lightly and it was left to the unaccustomed officials, which caused various defects.

2) The foundation of distribution business had a tendency to being unsettled because of obscurely understanding change of population such as moving into or out of the town & village, birth and death etc. for a month.

3) Arrangement of the population changed after the coupons had been delivered was undesirable, and there were some offices having no ledgers of delivering coupons.

3. Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 30

Date: 8 - 14 Feb. '51

Item: Surveillance of dealing in cotton goods.

Outline: a. Results:

Prices of cotton goods which had been in normal conditions as the result of the control of excessive profits last September, have jumped again since the middle of last December. The general textile goods showed 168.3 of price index number in the 2nd decade of February (Per 100 in last June, just before the out-breaking of Korean Incident). As for cotton goods, their price index number came up to 195.0 at the same time as mentioned above, but there appeared no large-sized speculative dealing in them in the Prefecture during the period of said surveillance.

However, anticipating inevitability of the re-control of cotton goods, the traders trend toward being eager for purchasing them and the consumers at large have also a tendency to hoarding them.

Date: 10 - 16 Feb. '51

Item: Examination of forwarding tobacco.

Outline: a. Targets examined:

- The Monopoly Bureau 1
- Kofu Branch Office of Japan Express Co. 1

b. Outline of examination:

Regarding forward of leaf-tobacco, the actual examination of the average amount carried really per ton of freight-car was made based upon the tables of planning transportation and the tables of actual results of forwarding for the fiscal years of 1949 and 1950, which were sent to this Agency by the Monopoly Bureau and the Japan Express Co.

c. Results:

| Fiscal Year | Amount planned to be transported | Amount actually forwarded | Comparison between planning and actual result | Amount really carried per ton |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1949 | 126,520 Kgs. (575 ton) | 111,900 Kgs. (475 ton) | 82.5 % | 235.5 Kgs |
| 1950 | 120,641 Kgs. (570 ton) | 118,444 Kgs. (470 ton) | 82.5 % | 252.0 Kgs. |

d. Remarks:

Amount planned to be transported is shown with figures calculated roughly in the plans. Amount forwarded actually for 1950 increased but, on the contrary, no. of ton of freight cars used for the same year decreased compared with the previous year, which was due to the movement for carrying 10% more freights launched in 1950.

e. Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 8

Date: 13 - 19 Feb. '51

Item: Supplementary audit of accounts settlement business of the Fertilizer Distribution Public Corporation.

Outline: a. Targets:

Yamanashi Branch Office (Accounts settlement office) of the Fertilizer Distribution Public Corporation.

b. Items audited:

Property (Office fixtures & implements for transportation), Expenditures for distribution, Loan by the mutual benefit ass'n and Expenditures for counter-measures for staff's finding employment.

c. Results:

There were - 17 - unjust transactions of the accounting business such as

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There were some unjust transactions of the accounting business such as half-way management of the articles, diversion of the expenditures, payment in advance of order, but as for defects in the expenditures for distribution and the loan by the mutual benefit assn, it was impossible to investigate completely into them because they had been roughly disposed of in accordance with the Central Office's indication.

d. Remarks:

Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 14

Date: 13 - 19 Feb. '51

Item: Investigation into status of dealing in pulp.

Outline: a. Targets investigated:

7 pulp plants

b. Results:

- 1) Aggravation of the status of supplying pulp wood. (Price of pulp which was ¥ 450 last May, has risen to ¥ 800 in the 2nd decade of this February) ✓
- 2) Decrease of allocated amount of electricity and advance of charges for its over-consuming.
- 3) Lack of funds employed
- 4) Impossibility of changing the coupon for soda into actual goods. ✓

As mentioned above, the status of pulp is in distress and its price shows an upward tendency.

c. Dealer's opinion:

It is surely unreasonable that the price control is not applied to pulp wood and paper but only to pulp. ✓

d. Remarks:

Cumulative number of investigators engaged in 12

Date: 19 Feb. '51

Item: Control of leakage of staple food by train.

Outline: a. Targets:

Brackmarketeers of staple food in 2 up-trains mentioned below:-

Left from Kobuchizawa Station at 6:25

Left from Kofu Station at 10:05

b. Status of control:

It was carried out in chorus by 12 policemen of N.R.P., 4 public safety officials and 9 investigators of this Agency.

c. Results:

No. of Individuals arrested: 25

Amounts of staple food seized:

Polished rice 1,809.5 Kgs.

Soy bean & others ... 67.9 "

Total 1,877.4 "

d. Disposition:

Notified to N.R.P. Headquarters.

Date: 20 Feb. '51

Item: Control of leakage of staple food by tram car.

Outline: a. Targets:

Tram car left from Kofu Station, at 10:05, on Minobu Line

b. Status of control:

It was carried out by 3 investigators who got on the said tram car on the way of official trip to Ichikawadaimon-cho.

c. Results:

Amount of staple food seized:

Polished rice 405 Kgs.

Soy bean 30 "

d. Disposition:

Transferred to Ichikawadaimon-cho Police Station.

Date: 20 - 25 Feb. '51

Item: Investigation into distribution of soy-bean seized by the control.

Outline: There appeared some unjust points in disposing of soy-bean seized by the control of leakage of staple food, so that the investigation has been being carried out towards Prefectural Food Section, Kofu Branch Office of the Food Distribution Public Corporation, the staple food distribution stations and the bean-curd makers.

And it has been disclosed hitherto that according to saying of members of Ichikawadaimon-cho Staple Food Distribution Station, whenever soy-bean seized by the control was bought up by the distribution station, the

blackmarketeer came to that station on the same day or the next day and purchased the said soy-bean by the coupon for wheat & barley to divert it into illegal channels.

Date: 23 - 25 Feb. '51

Item: -

Outline: The followings have not yet entered into the steps to make reports because of being carried out continuously at present.

Foodstuff Section:

Audit of the Food Distribution Public Corporation

1st Materials Section:

Investigation into demand & supply of electric power

Investigation into demand & supply of caustic soda

2nd Materials Section:

Audit based on the Foodstuff Control Special Account Law

9. Statement as to the major economic trends observed in the Prefecture.

a. Trend of raw-silk:

Raw-silk occupies 92% of sum total of the industrial exports (¥ 2,252,000,000 for the fiscal year of 1950) in the prefecture and also is 14 - 15% of total amount of the national exports, so it may be said that the productive status of raw-silk is the main index of the Prefectural economy. ✓

After the Korean Incident broke out, price of raw-silk had risen abnormally and came up lately to ¥ 300,000 mark.

Status of fluctuation of its price is as follows:-

| 1950 | | 1951 | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| About June | August | December | January | February |
| About ¥ 120,000 | ¥ 180,000 | ¥ 230,000 | ¥ 260,000 - ¥ 270,000 | ¥ 300,000 |

Such high price of raw-silk as mentioned above is giving impetus to farmers' will toward producing the spring cocoon in this year.
(This status is to be reported some other day.)

On the other hand, as for trends of 16 silk mills in the Prefecture, in order to procure the funds (See Remarks), many of them sold ^{ahead} the goods which is to be sold by about this March and gained average ¥ 20,000 per bale last December, thinking that price of raw-silk would no longer advance higher than ¥ 190,000 - ¥ 200,000 in Yokohama in the same month.

Though it is generally the goods to be sold by March - May what the silk reelers sell ahead actual-ly at present, they are wanting to sell still more the part to be sold by June in view of jumping of its price, but the wholesale dealers do not intend to purchase it, taking precautions against fluctuation of its price after June.

If price of raw-silk maintain its status quo (¥ 300,000 mark), the profit will become ¥ 70,000 - ¥ 800,000 per bale, thus the silk-reeling world shows the record-breaking activity.

And as there is much more cocoon in stock than the normal year at present, the silk mills may shorten their shut-down to about 10 days even in the off-season. (30 - 40 days in the normal year)

(Remarks) Whenever the price is bullish, the bank persuades the traders to do advance business in order to collect the funds and make them secure.

b. Fluctuation of prices of the essential goods:

After the out-breaking of Korean Incident, the investigation has been carrying out into prices of about 66 items of consuming goods and about 35 items of productive goods in Kofu City.

As to fluctuation of prices, affected by jumping of prices of the productive goods such as non-iron metals, caustic soda etc., the general consuming goods showed also signs of advance of their prices, and it has become noticeable lately that both traders and consumers are eager for purchasing goods.

Prices of consuming goods began to advance from last year end through this January and then have ascended strikingly in February.

Fluctuation of the synthetic index number of consuming goods classified by items is as follows:

| Item | No. of Items | Index Number | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | Aug. '50 | Nov. '50 | Dec. '50 | Jan. '51 | Feb. '51 |
| Staple food | 7 | 103.7 | 112.9 | 102.7 | 100.5 | 115.7 |
| Side-dishes | 24 | 135.5 | 123.4 | 120.0 | 141.4 | 147.5 |
| Seasonings | 7 | 100.8 | 110.0 | 109.7 | 123.1 | 129.3 |
| Leather & Leather goods | 9 | 104.2 | 108.4 | 110.8 | 122.1 | 133.2 ✓ |
| Textile goods | 11 | 153.5 | 143.2 | 141.2 | 155.1 | 177.2 |
| Rubber goods | 9 | 103.1 | 141.1 | 145.7 | 157.5 | 161.0 |
| Synthetic index number of consuming goods | - | 114.2 | 117.9 | 116.7 | 121.7 | 136.7 |

The consuming goods, prices of which advanced more than 50% against the standard time (Feb. 25), are as follows:-

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Soy-bean sauce (Kikkoman) | 153 |
| " (Tenyo, produced in the Pref.) | 170 |
| Rape-seed oil | 150 |
| Tunny | 166 |
| Canned fish (Tunny, Bonito) | 150 |
| Flaked fish | 180 |
| Swine skin | 200 |
| Swine leather | 188 |
| Cotton wiper | 162 |
| Towel | 212 |
| Calico (No. 2003) | 220 |
| Rayon & staple fiber (No. 2041) | 218 |
| Woolen fabric (No. 4 Serge) | 165 |
| Silk (Glossy silk) | 166 |
| Staple fiber (No. 1 Serge) | 200 |
| Thread (20/3) | 189 |
| Sewing machine thread (800/50) | 150 |
| Rubber boots (Asahi) | 152 |
| Bicycle tire | 183 |
| " tube | 173 |
| Automobile tire (Dunlop) | 161 |
| " tube | 187 |

As for the productive goods, prices of non-iron metals, building materials, chemical goods and fuel have jumped in unison, and after Korean incident broke out, especially since last November, their synthetic index number has risen abnormally to come up to 169.7 as of February.

| Item | No. of Items | Index Number | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | Aug. '50 | Nov. '50 | Dec. '50 | Jan. '51 | Feb. '51 |
| Fuel | 10 | 105.0 | 120.3 | 151.1 | 158.5 | 157.3 ✓ |
| Building materials | 7 | 119.6 | 136.8 | 143.9 | 144.9 | 181.4 ✓ |
| Metals | 5 | 121.4 | 161.8 | 161.0 | 169.8 | 185.6 ✓ |
| Chemical Goods | 8 | 110.5 | 131.0 | 135.4 | 134.7 | 154.4 ✓ |
| Synthetic index number of productive goods | - | 114.1 | 137.5 | 147.8 | 151.9 | 169.7 ✓ |

Remarks: Drop of index number of fuel is due to fall of its price.

The productive goods, prices of which advanced more than 50% against the standard time, are as follows:-

(Figures parenthesized show index numbers)

Coal (250) Cokes (170) Light-oil (166)
Lumber (150) Nail (290) Wire (240)
Round bar (210) Iron scrap (192)
Electro-copper (172) Zinc plate (207)
Caustic soda (255) Soda ash (184)
Bleaching-powder (156) Superphosphate of lime (150)

Specification of Economic Investigation:

1. Foodstuff Section

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| No. of investigation | 27 |
|----------------------|----|

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| No. of violation | 27 |
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Disposition:

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| Transferred to the police | 27 |
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2. Materials Section

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| No. of investigation | 6 |
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| No. of violation | 1 |
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| Brought forward from last month | 2 |
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Disposition:

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| Warning | 2 |
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| Next month | 1 |
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Schedule of Works for March 1951

Yamanashi Prefectural Economics
Investigation Bureau

| Date | Gen. Affairs Sect. | Food Section | Material 1st Sect. | Material 2nd Sect. |
|---------|---|--|--|--|
| 1 Thu. | | | | |
| 2 Fri. | | (1 - 2nd) Inspection of school meal service | (1 - 2nd) Investigation into demand & supply of caustic soda | (1 - 2nd) Audit based on Food- stuff Control Spe- cial Account Law |
| 3 Sat. | Meeting of Dep't Direct- ors & Sect. Chiefs | | Re-adjustment of business | |
| 4 Sun. | | | | |
| 5 Mon. | Business Committee Meeting | | Investigation into prices | |
| 6 Tue. | | (6 - 9th) Audit of the Food Dis- tribution Public Corporation | (6 - 7th) Surveillance of petroleum manu- factures | (5 - 9th) Audit based on Food- stuff Control Spe- cial Account Law. |
| 7 Wed. | | | | |
| 8 Thu. | | | (8 - 9th) Investigation into demand & supply of non-iron metals | |
| 9 Fri. | | | | |
| 10 Sat. | Cultural meeting about proceedings for research | Control of leakage of staple food by train | | |
| 11 Sun. | | | Re-adjustment of business | |

12 Mon. Coordinating Council
of E. I. B.

C o n s u l t a t i o n a b o u t b u s i n e s s

13 Tue.

(13-16th)
Audit of the Food
Distribution Public
Corporation

(13-14th)
Surveillance of
petroleum manu-
factures

(13-16th)
Surveillance of
textile goods

14 Wed.

15 Thu.

(15-16th)
Advice as the result
of inspection of
tobacco

(15-16th)
Advice as the result
of inspection of
tobacco

16 Fri.

17 Sat. Cultural meeting
about proceedings for
research

R e a d j u s t m e n t o f B u s i n e s s

18 Sun.

19 Mon. Meeting of Dep't Direct-
ors & Sect. Chiefs

I n v e s t i g a t i o n i n t o p r i c e s

20 Tue.

Control of leakage
of staple food by
train

(20-23rd)
Investigation into
special demands

(20-23rd)
Investigation
into status of
rubber goods

21 Wed. (National Holiday)

(21-23rd)
Stimulation of col-
lecting accounts by
the Potato & Taro
Office

22 Thu.

23 Fri.

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| 24 Sat. | Cultural meeting about proceedings for research | Readjustment of business | | |
| 25 Sun. | | | | |
| 26 Mon. | | Consultation about business | | |
| 27 Tue. | | (27-28th) Examination of demand & supply of bean paste & soy-bean sauce | (27th-30th) Inspections of petroleum manu- factures | (27-30th) Investigation into demand & supply of lumber |
| 28 Wed. | | | | |
| 29 Thu. | | (29-30th) Investigation into status of black- marketeers utiliz- ing trains | | |
| 30 Fri. | | | | |
| 31 Sat. | Submitting the monthly Report to K.C.A.R. | Control of restaurant business | Readjustment of business | |

TOKYO REGIONAL ECONOMIC BUREAU

February 17, 1951.

To : Mr. J. W. Jones, Chief of Industry and Distribution Division,
Kanto C.A.R.

From : Mr. T. Otsu, Director of ~~Eokyo~~ Regional E.B.

Subject: Economic information (Yamanashi).

EB

I hereby submit you information on above subject as attached papers.

1. Date: January 10 -- 14 1951.
2. Person in charge:
Investigators Kono & Iwasa.
3. Items: Investigation into the special relations between railway employees and habitual black market traders,
 - 1) Chief of N.R.P. Ichikawa Area Police Station said:
In Minobu Railway Line there are seen rarely railway public security officials getting aboard. It is fully presumable that there exist some liaison between railway employees and habutual black market traders.
The railway employees who belong to Shizuoka Railway Administration Bureau have cooperatively friendly relations, with irrugular buyers who come from Shizuoka Prefecture by 80 per cent to use this line.
✓ Until December of last year, the goods which had been left in trains after train raids were placed as thangs left behind in custody of the station personnel.

Afterwards black market traders after went to the station, reclaimed on the goods and were given given back them, it was disclosed.

2) Chief of Omoncho Police Station at Ichikawa, said:

Although it is difficult to identify railway employees suspected and make evidence of their crime, it is certain that they have friendly liaison with irregular buyers to a considerable extent. For example at Omoncho station Ichikawa, Minobu line, there was seen a case that the police wanted to get off train a flagrante delicto (woman) who had been carrying black market rice, refused to obey order stretching hands against him at the door.

At that time the railway employee declined to help the police, even did not make liaison to the police station in front of the railway station. The police, after fighting in vain around five minutes to get off the criminal was obliged himself to be conveyed by that train, on notice of the railway employee.

1. Date: January 18, 1951.

2. Person in charge:

Investigators Kono, Iwasa.

3. Items: Concerning control on black market dealers.

1) Official of Ichikawa Area Police Station, said:

The schedule of activities of police leaks out mystically to irregular dealers. Some of them come in and out of the police station for sounding on some pretext of business. Thus the schedule is

released of secret and soon is flying on the street an information "Today is safe".

2) Official of Ichikawa Town Police Station said:

a) Police men are well known to dealers by face and they are promptly discovered by the patrols when they come out on duty of control. Patrols probing along Minobu line stretched out up to Kofu Railway Station. Consequently, at the controlling time, they go secretly by motor-car, in stead of by train, up to the station where action is begun.

b) Major part of dealers along Minobu line get on train at Oikawa Station. But if police is in it, they never come in dodging at station because some one signals from train.

3) Official of Minobu Town Police Station, said:

The best place for executing control in Minobu line is Minobu Station, as train stops there for five minutes.

The town of Minobu is genuine consuming place where Minobu Town Police set up investigation-boxes and black market dealers of rice do not come in. However it is because they can shift by latest special rations of wheat flour for business use that hotels are being able to operate there. Besides the pilgrims who lodge in "Bo" (temple house) are thought to bring their rice for meals.

4) Official of Niragaki Area Police Station, said:

Restaurants and cloak rooms, etc in which dealers swarm make presumably informations and collect goods for criminals. ~~Not~~ nevertheless, picking up evidence is very difficult but also in what name of offence alleged should be accused is hard to establish. In addition, railway

personnel's act for illegal cooperations to racketeers is perplexing ^{and} to decide.

(Upon this point, Nagasaka, chief of Area Police Station, declared that he would applicate for business suspensio~~n~~ as punishment on such merchants.)

5) Blue conference at this Bureau, on December 8, 1950:

Chief of Food Section, Nagano Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency, explained:

"Shokai Line serves as a softy valve for ~~racketing traffic~~ ^{black marketeering route} of foods.

For the more control on Takasaki line becomes tough the more they escape to control line".

This point has been ~~devel~~ied by Mr. Nagasaka, chief of Area Police Station, who pointed out that even if he dispatched subordinate in plain clothes, at Kobuchi Station, for some reason, lately such a king of date has never been found out.

T. Otsu

For the director
(Noshiki Sato)
chief of liaison
section
Tokyo R. F. B.

YAMANASHI PREFECTURAL
ECONOMICS INVESTIGATION AGENCY KOFU CITY

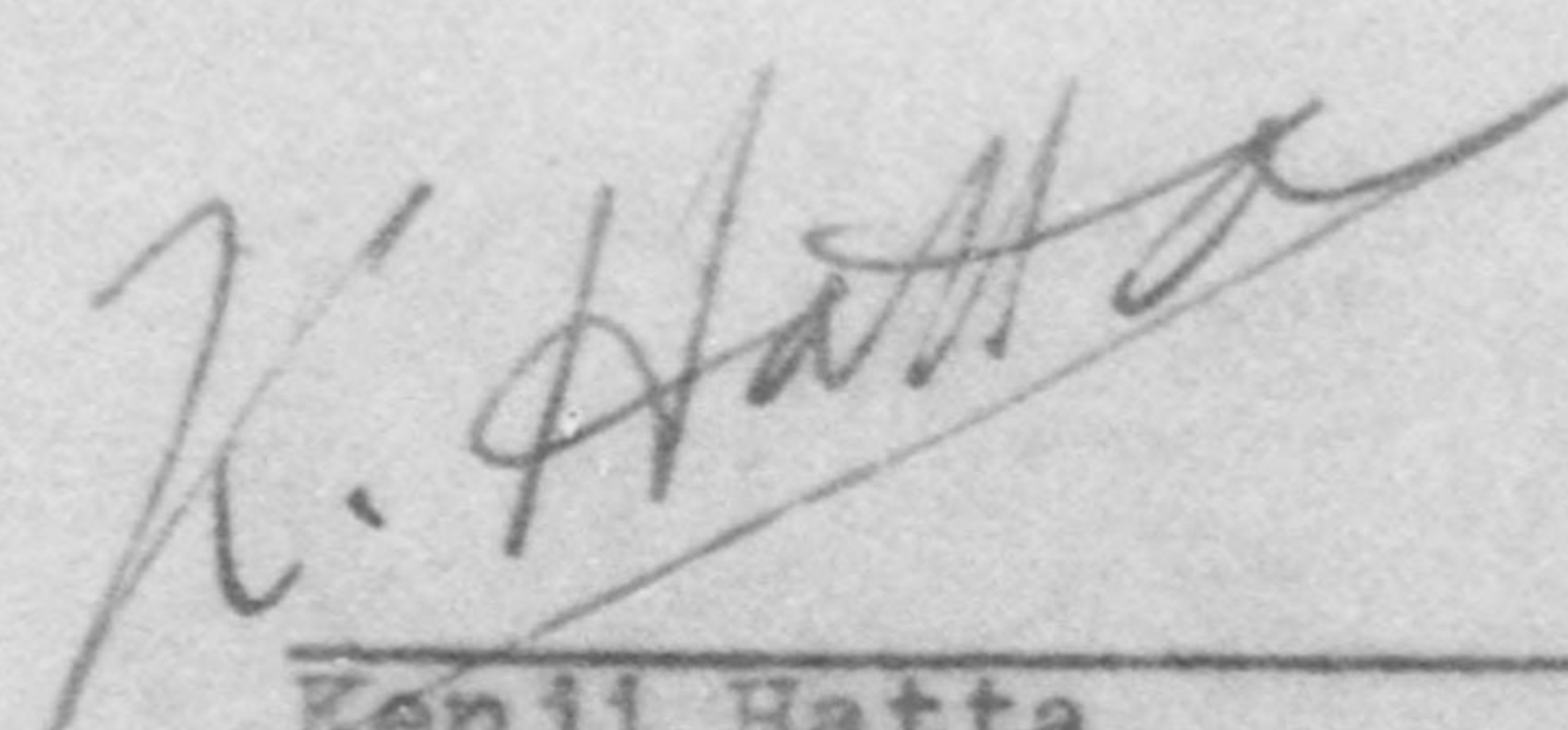
31 January 1951

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for January 1951

TO: Mr. J. W. Jones,
Chief of Industry and Distribution Division,
K. C. A. R.

We hereby submit the above mentioned report for the period (26 December, 1950 - 25 January, 1951), the items of which are as follows.

1. Manning table
 2. -
 3. -
 4. Cooperation given by the police and other enforcement agencies.
 5. Cooperation given by Kanto Civil Affairs Region.
 6. Coordinating Council of Economics Investigation Agency.
 7. Enlightenment and diffusion
 8. Economics investigation
- List of details of each violation (attached sheets)
- Schedule of works for February 1951 (attached sheets)


Kenji Hatta
Director, Yamanashi
Prefectural Economics
Investigation Agency

1. Manning table

As of 25th January 1951

Note: A Authorized strength
 B Present strength

| Personnel Section | Investigator | | Official | | Payment employee | | Employee | | Total | | |
|--|--------------|----|----------|---|---------------------|---|----------|---|-------|----|----|
| | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B | |
| Director | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 1st Dep't Gen. Aff. Sect. Food Sect. | | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | | 10 |
| | | 6 | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| 2nd Dep't 1st Sect. 2nd Sect. | | 4 | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| | | 5 | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 26 | |

Remarks: The Chief of 1st Dep't is included in the column of investigator, B of General Affairs Section.

4. Cooperation given by the Police and other Enforcement Agencies.

Date: Dec. 25, '50

Item: Consultation meeting about how to control the leakage of staple food by train.

Outline: In view of the fact that the black-marketeers utilizing trains should increase especially at the year-end, it was preconcerted with N.R.P. and Railway Safety Officials that the inspection would be carried out on Dec. 26 at trains of the Chuo Line, and simultaneously the trains and the sections to be inspected were decided.

Date: Jan. 8, '51

Item: Investigation into the status of demand & supply of the non-iron metals.

Outline: The Pref. Commerce & Industry Section offered us with the lists of Nickel demanders & factories concerned with the non-iron metals excepting Nickel and the data concerning the amount of Nickel in stock & the price of its transaction in the Prefecture.

Date: Jan. 10, '51

Item: Changing the form of the petroleum manufactures allocation certificate.

Outline: It was reported in writing and verbally from the Pref. Land Transportation Office to change the form of the petroleum manufactures allocation certificate.

Date: Jan. 14, '51

Item: Consultation meeting about how to control leakage of staple food by train.