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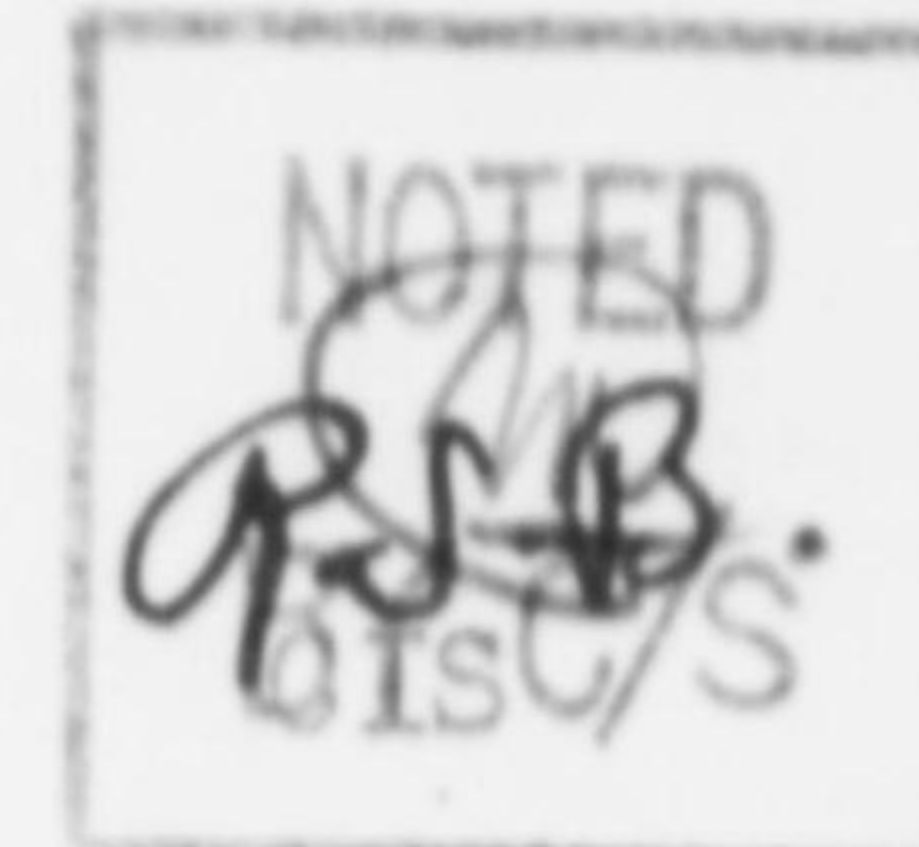
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**SPOT INTELLIGENCE**Hour: 1800  
Date: 30 January 1947

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SUBJECT: Impending General Strike

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. On the basis of all available information within CIS, G-2 at this hour, no clear-cut prediction can be made as to whether or not the strike will be called 1 February as scheduled. Most information indicates, however, that the more militant elements in the labor unions, strongly supported by the Communists, are determined to bring about the strike regardless of any compromise settlement the Yoshida Cabinet may attempt to make.

b. One source of information indicates that orders have already been sent to supporting unions throughout Japan to begin the strike 1 February, and that after 2400 hours this date it will be too late to call it off. The Communist elements feel safe in taking such an adamant attitude in the belief that they are protected by the Far Eastern Commission's announcement regarding the right of labor unions to engage in political activity.

c. There is also information to indicate that the militant elements behind the strike are determined to go ahead with their plans regardless of any steps SCAP may take to secure settlement.

d. On the other hand, a view prevails among sections of the press that the strike will be called off by the unions. This view is unquestionably pre-mised, however, upon the belief that SCAP will intervene before the strike deadline.

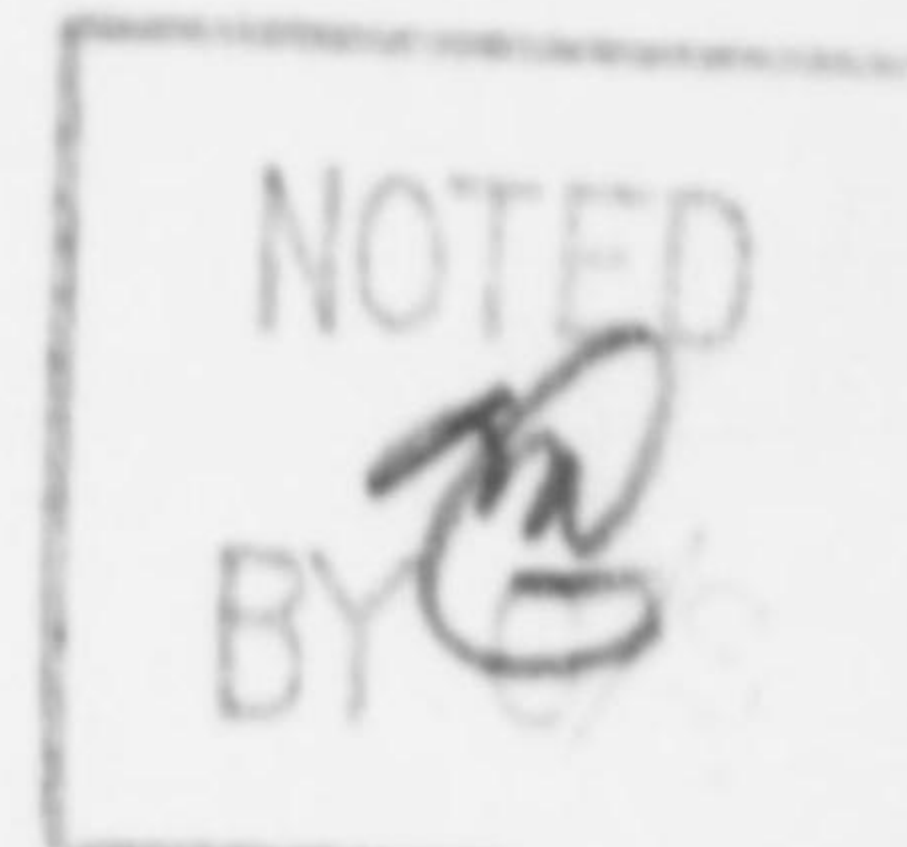
e. It is impossible at this hour to foretell how completely the supporting unions will participate in the strike if it takes place.

2. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

  
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Hour: 1730

Date: 30 January 1947

SUBJECT: Arrest of Russian Nationals for Alleged Black Market Operations

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, subject: "Arrest of Russian Nationals for Alleged Black Market Operations", dated 1845 hours, 28 Jan 47. Subject report stated that the Japanese police had arrested two male Russian nationals in Beppu-shi, Oita Prefecture, for engaging in black market activities. Russians were in possession of bona-fide Soviet passports and their names do not appear on any of the official personnel rosters of the Soviet Mission in Japan.

b. Additional information received via CIC indicates that the individuals in question (TORGANOV, Timofie and GOLOVANOV, Eniamin) were found engaged in extensive black market operations by the Japanese police. The Japanese police, not being certain of their jurisdiction, requested the local Military Police to make the arrests. The Military Police then picked up the Russians, seized silk goods in their possession estimated to be worth ¥100,000 and subsequently turned subjects loose but placed them under technical arrest with orders not to leave the Beppu-shi area.

c. Silk goods seized are now in the hands of the local Military Government and Major Correll, of the Military Government Team, is conducting an investigation of the incident.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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Hour: 1700  
Date: 30 January 1947

SUBJECT: Strike Activity of Tokyo Rapid Transit Railway Workers' Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

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

- (1) The Tokyo Rapid Transit Railway Workers' Union, in a general meeting held at the Shibuya Public Hall yesterday, voted to join the projected general strike on 1 Feb 47. This walkout by the Tokyo Rapid Transit Railway Workers' Union is a "sympathy" strike, wholly dependent upon the Joint Struggle Committee decisions on the general strike.
- (2) The duration of the strike is not set.
- (3) The strike will be called off only if the Joint Struggle Committee of the All-Japan Government and Public Office Workers' Union cancels the general strike of 1 Feb 47.
- (4) Trains will be run for Occupation forces and materials necessary to the Occupation. Train schedules will be the same as planned for the averted strike of 26 Dec 46.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Civil Transportation Section.

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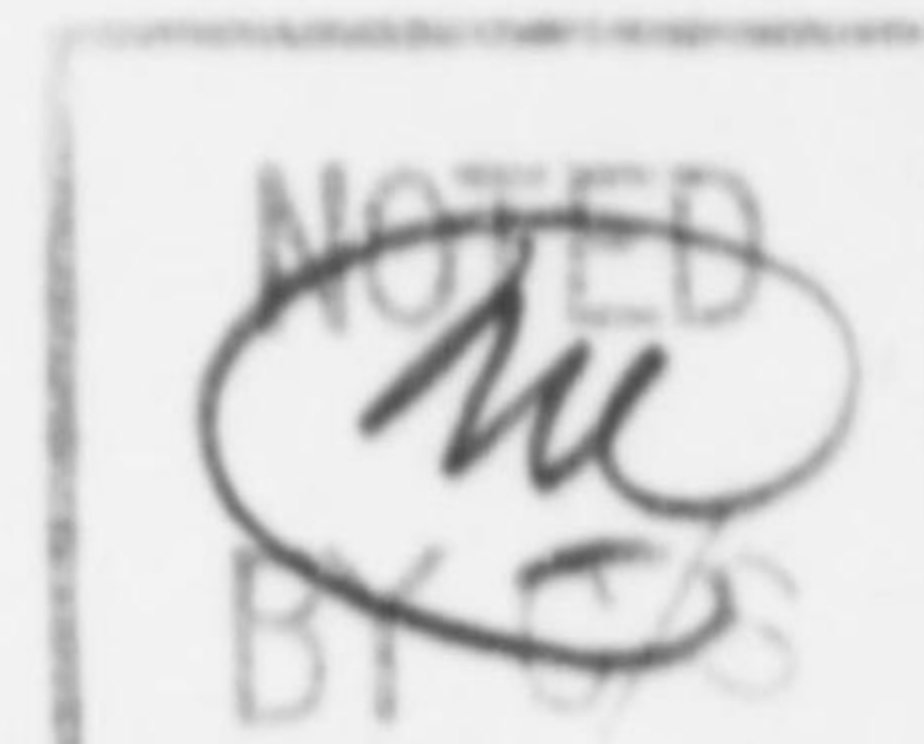


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CISHour: 1345  
Date: 30 January 1947SUBJECT: Remarks of Communist Diet Member Before Meeting of Representatives  
of Government Workers' Unions

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CIC reports that information received from a usually reliable source indicates that TOKUDA, Kyuichi (Communist member of the Diet and member of the Central Labor Relations Committee) addressed a secret meeting of representatives of Government Workers' Unions, as follows:

- (1) "The object of the pending general strike is not such a small and insignificant thing as the raising of salaries or payment of the entire wage in cash or abolition of income tax. These are only incidentals. The true object of the general strike is to cause chaos in Japan as a stage on which to enact our plan of downing the present Government and establishing the people's Government. Accordingly we must be determined to carry out the strike as scheduled in spite of all opposition regardless of the source of opposition. Further, if we carry out the strike it is only expected that there will be some victims but it must be remembered that no labor movement can attain success without some people becoming victims. If the authorities want to stop the strike they will have to arrest hundreds of thousands of people who will be participating in the strike and let me assure you that they will not do it because they have not enough prisons to accommodate all these people."

b. The meeting is believed to have been held on 25 Jan 47 and a most strict checkup was made on all people attending before they were admitted.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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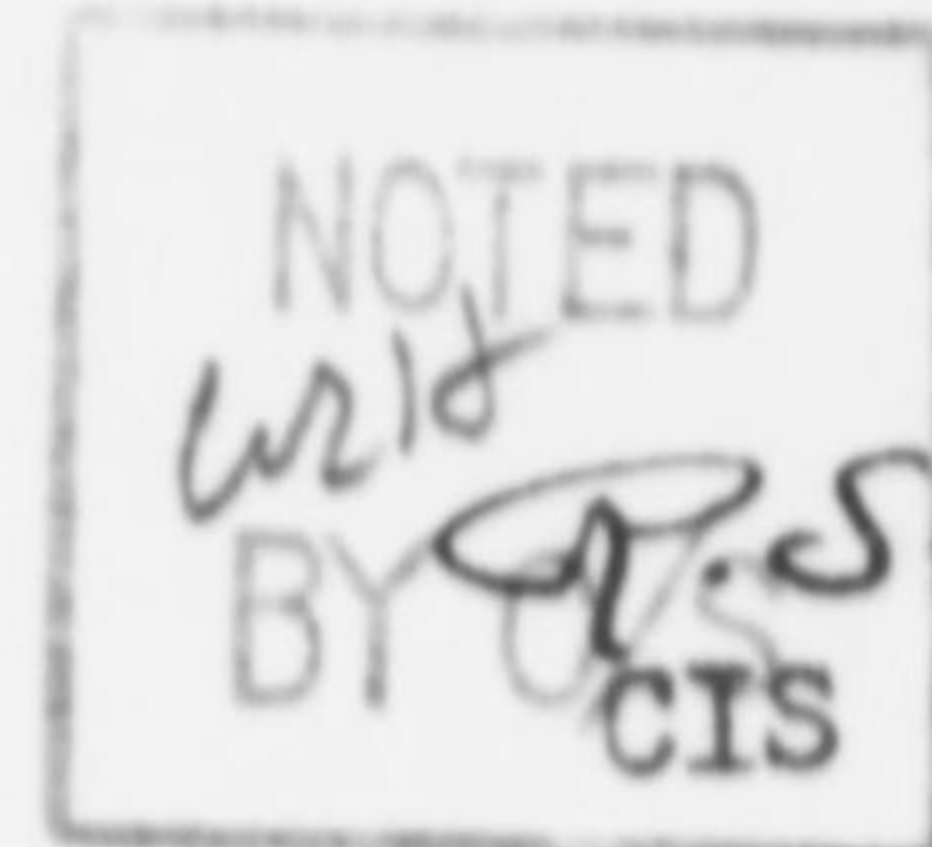
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**SPOT INTELLIGENCE**

Hour: 1015  
 Date: 30 January 1947

SUBJECT: Communists Incite Labor Leaders to Strike.

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. The following information was obtained by CIS, G-2 from a source considered exceptionally reliable.

In the strike of Government workers' unions scheduled 1 February 1947, there was recently a growing opinion among Japanese that the strike would be called off at the last minute. However, when this trend became evident, some union leaders began to intensify their activities to sway rank-and-file union members to carry out the strike as planned. These union leaders are mostly Communist agents or sympathizers, and there is reason to believe that they have received some fresh instructions from Communist Party headquarters. The Communist Party is known to have been assuring them that the Occupation authorities are in no position to take any drastic action against the strike.

The Communists' line of argument is that as far as labor in Japan is concerned the Far Eastern Commission in Washington has the final say and will probably issue a new directive in case SCAP should act to interfere with the forthcoming strike. This argument seems to be convincing enough to most union leaders when they are reminded that FEC recently announced its policy of permitting Japanese labor unions to engage in "political action." Such reasoning has perceptibly emboldened the more militant of these labor leaders in pushing their strike plans contrary to advice given by SCAP Labor Division.

It would seem that the term "political action," as used by the FEC, was intended to mean such union activities as the support or denunciation of election candidates, rather than any direct action to seek a change in Government by strikes or demonstrations. However, this is not the interpretation given by Japanese labor leaders who, on assurances from the Communists, have taken it for granted that they have the right to carry on "political action" to seek the overthrow of a Government, using strikes as their weapon.

Communists are assuring labor leaders that SCAP labor officials are wrong in advising them not to strike for political purposes, and that if the strike is carried out, despite the warnings from SCAP, the strikers will be backed by FEC.

In line with the foregoing situation, a Communist Party member is reported to have stated that the projected strike will be "a showdown between the Japanese and SCAP."

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, and ESS.

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Hour: 0930

Date: 30 January 1947

SUBJECT: Cabinet Protest Meetings

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. A meeting and demonstration was held at Aomori-shi, Aomori Prefecture between 0930 and 1020 hours, 29 Jan 47, and was attended by approximately 1,500 people. This meeting and demonstration was sponsored by the Government Communications Workers' Union, National Railroad Union, Japan Transportation Union, Teachers' Union, Tax Bureau Employees' Union, Aomori City Office Employees' Union and the Communist and Socialist parties. The purpose of the meeting was to express sentiment for the overthrow of the Yoshida Cabinet and to rally support for the general strike of 1 Feb 47.

b. Approximately 3,000 people took part in a second mass meeting and demonstration held between 1040 and 1530 hours, also at Aomori-shi, Aomori Prefecture, 29 Jan 47. The meeting and demonstration was sponsored by the following organizations: All Block Associations of Aomori City Progressive Party, Cooperative People's Party, Aomori Youth Comrade Association, the Aomori Journalists Club and Liberal Party. The purposes of the meeting were to express opposition to the proposed general strike of 1 Feb 47 and to protest the City Politics Civilian Committee. However, during the course of the meeting it was joined by a large number of members of unions and leftist groups who soon outnumbered the attending members of the sponsoring organizations which resulted in the meeting actually ending up as an anti-Yoshida rally.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, CI&E, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section and ESS.

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Hour: 1825  
Date: 29 January 1947

SUBJECT: Meeting and Demonstration Scheduled by All Japan Federation of Students

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that approximately 30,000 members of the All-Japan Federation of Students' Self-governing Association will hold a meeting and demonstration in the Nanko Statue area of the Palace Plaza, Tokyo between 1100 and 1630 hours on 31 Jan 1947.

b. The purpose of the meeting as announced by the sponsors is to promote reconstruction of school buildings, overcome financial crisis and to secure self governing rights for students.

c. Following the meeting a demonstration will be formed to follow the following route:

Route of March: Start from the assembling place via Iwaidashi, left passing Metropolitan Police Board, left crossing Toranomom Intersection, Tamura-cho Intersection, left through girder-bridge under Shimbashi Station, Sukiya-bashi, left crossing Yuraku-bashi, right through girder-bridge under Yuraku-cho Station, in front of Metropolitan Office, left passing Tokyo Station, Wadakura-mon, to Nanko Bronze-statue in the Imperial Palace Plaza for dispersal.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, CI&E Section.

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Hour: 1615  
Date: 29 January 1947

SUBJECT: Possible Effect of Strike Activities in Connection With  
Newspaper Publications

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. According to information received by CIC from a source considered reliable, the All-Japan Government Communications Workers' Union, Nippon Congress of Industrial Organization, yesterday served notice to the executive committee of the All-Japan Newspaper and Radio Workers' Union, Nippon Congress of Industrial Organization that the communications workers will order a complete "blackout" of communications to the newspapers and radio stations unless the All-Japan Newspaper and Radio Workers' Union carries out a sympathy strike, together with the Government and municipal workers' threatened 1 Feb 47 walk-out.

b. According to the source of the information, if the newspapers participate in sympathy with the Government workers the All-Japan Government Communications Workers' Union will allow each participating newspaper and news agency to retain "one telephone line" in operation with the understanding that it would be used for union purposes.

c. CIC has been further advised that the extreme left-wing group in the newspaper union is trying to get moderate members of the committee to agree to join the strike by reasoning that if the communications workers are going to cut off telephone communications, the newspaper workers also may as well go on strike.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, CI&E, ESS, Civil Communications Section and G-2 8th Army.

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## SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1445  
 Date: 29 January 1947

SUBJECT: Results of Meeting of the Joint Struggle Committee of the Government Employees' Unions

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CIC reports that information received from a usually reliable source indicates that at a meeting this morning of the Joint Struggle Committee of the Government Employees' Unions the representatives decided to stand by their previous demands without compromise. This means, in effect, that the unions have rejected yesterday's Central Labor Relations Committee's mediation proposal and that, at the moment, it is their intention to carry out the proposed general strike on 1 Feb 47.

b. The Central Labor Relations Committee's mediation proposal as advanced by that organization late yesterday is outlined as follows:

## Union Demands

## Central Labor Relations Committee Stand

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. Wages to be increased 200%                       | 100% increase                          |
| 2. Remainder of 1946 Year-End Allowance to be paid  | Disapproved                            |
| 3. Recognition of Collective Bargaining Rights      | Approved                               |
| 4. Abolition of Discriminatory Treatment of Workers | Approved                               |
| 5. Cold Climate Allowance                           | Approved, but less than demanded       |
| 6. Abolition of Labor Relations Adjustment Act      | Disapproved (Modifications to be made) |
| 7. Abolitions of Earned-Income Tax                  | Disapproved                            |
| 8. Surtax exemption point to be raised to ¥30,000   | Substantial raise to be given          |
| 9. Abolition of Ordinance 591                       | Disapproved                            |
| 10. Opposition to Bureaucratic oppression           | Approved                               |
| 11. No unreasonable discharges to be made           | Approved                               |

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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Hour: 1315

Date: 29 January 1947



SUBJECT: Summary of Meetings and Demonstrations Held Throughout Japan on  
 28 January 47.

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CIC reports the following meetings and demonstrations, sponsored  
 by labor unions, which were held throughout Japan on 28 Jan 47:

- (1) Palace Plaza, Tokyo
  - (a) It is estimated that approximately 150,000 people attend-  
 ed the labor demonstration held in the Palace Plaza, Tokyo. (Reported in Spot  
 Intelligence at 1140 hours, 29 Jan 47.)
- (2) Kanagawa Prefecture
  - (a) About 30,000 people attended meeting and demonstration be-  
 tween 1000 and 1500 hours in Kawasaki-shi which was spon-  
 sored by Japan Federation of Labor and Japan Laborers'  
 party. Purpose was to express anti-Yoshida sentiment.
  - (b) About 2,000 people participated in an anti-Yoshida meeting  
 in Fujisawa which was sponsored by twenty-one (21) labor  
 unions and involved the Socialist and Communist parties.  
 Red flags were in evidence.
  - (c) About 2,300 people attended an anti-Yoshida meeting in Tot-  
 suka between 1300 and 1445 hours. Red flags were displayed  
 and several banners bore inscription "Japan Communist Youth  
 Association".
  - (d) About 2,000 people participated in an anti-Yoshida meeting  
 in Yokosuka-shi between 0900 and 1500 hours. Meeting was  
 sponsored by a number of local labor union branches.
  - (e) About 20,000 people attended an anti-Yoshida demonstration  
 held at Nogeyama Park, Yokohama, between 1000 and 1830 hours.  
 Significant among the long list of sponsors were the Commun-  
 ist and Socialist parties and the League of Koreans residing  
 in Japan.
- (3) Ehime Prefecture
  - (a) About 1,700 people attended an anti-Yoshida demonstration be-  
 tween 1400 and 1530 hours in Tatsuyama-shi. Sponsors were  
 indicated as being the Communist and Socialist parties and  
 the All-Japan Government and Railroad Workers' Union. The  
 League of Koreans attended but took no active part.
- (4) Kagawa Prefecture
  - (a) About 1,500 people from the Shikoku Railroad Union, the Japan  
 Transportation Company and the Socialist and Communist part-  
 ies attended a meeting at Takamatsu-shi. Purpose of the  
 meeting was to rally strength behind the proposed strike of  
 1 Feb 47.
- (5) Osaka Prefecture: About 100,000 people attended a rally in Osaka  
 sponsored by the Osaka Federation of Labor and seven (7) other  
 labor unions.

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- (6) Fukuoka Prefecture: Twenty-nine (29) meetings and demonstrations, involving 26,300 people, were held throughout the Fukuoka area. Sponsors were labor unions.
- (7) Kumamoto Prefecture: A meeting of 10,000 people was held in the prefectural capital. Sponsors were labor unions.
- (8) Nagasaki Prefecture: About 3,000 people participated in a labor meeting and demonstration in Nagasaki-shi.
- (9) Saga Prefecture: About 2,000 people participated in a labor meeting and demonstration in Saga-shi.
- (10) Miyazaki Prefecture: About 2,000 people took part in a labor demonstration at Miyazaki-shi.

b. Total attendance reported at the meetings and demonstrations held throughout Japan on 28 Jan 47 is estimated to be 352,800.

c. Additional meetings were scheduled to be held in Aichi, Nagano, Yamashiro, Chiba, Saitama, Gumma, Yamagata, Miyagi, Iwate, Aomori and Hokkaido prefectures but information on the size of these meetings is not available as yet.

d. No meetings were scheduled to be held in Ibaraki, Tochigi, Niigata, Kagoshima and Oita prefectures.

2. Action:

a. Information covering meetings scheduled to have been held in prefectures listed in paragraph 1b above will be forwarded as received this date.

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

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE Hour: 1140  
Date: 29 January 1947

SUBJECT: Estimate of Number Who Attended Labor Demonstration in Palace Plaza,  
Tokyo, 28 January 1947  
TO : Chief of Staff

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1. Information:
  - a. CIC estimates that approximately 150,000 people attended the labor demonstration held yesterday, 28 Jan 47, in the Palace Plaza, Tokyo.
  - b. This computation was carefully established by period flow counts of marchers in the two (2) demonstrations which followed the meeting, with additional allowances for individuals who attended the meeting but did not take part in the demonstration.
2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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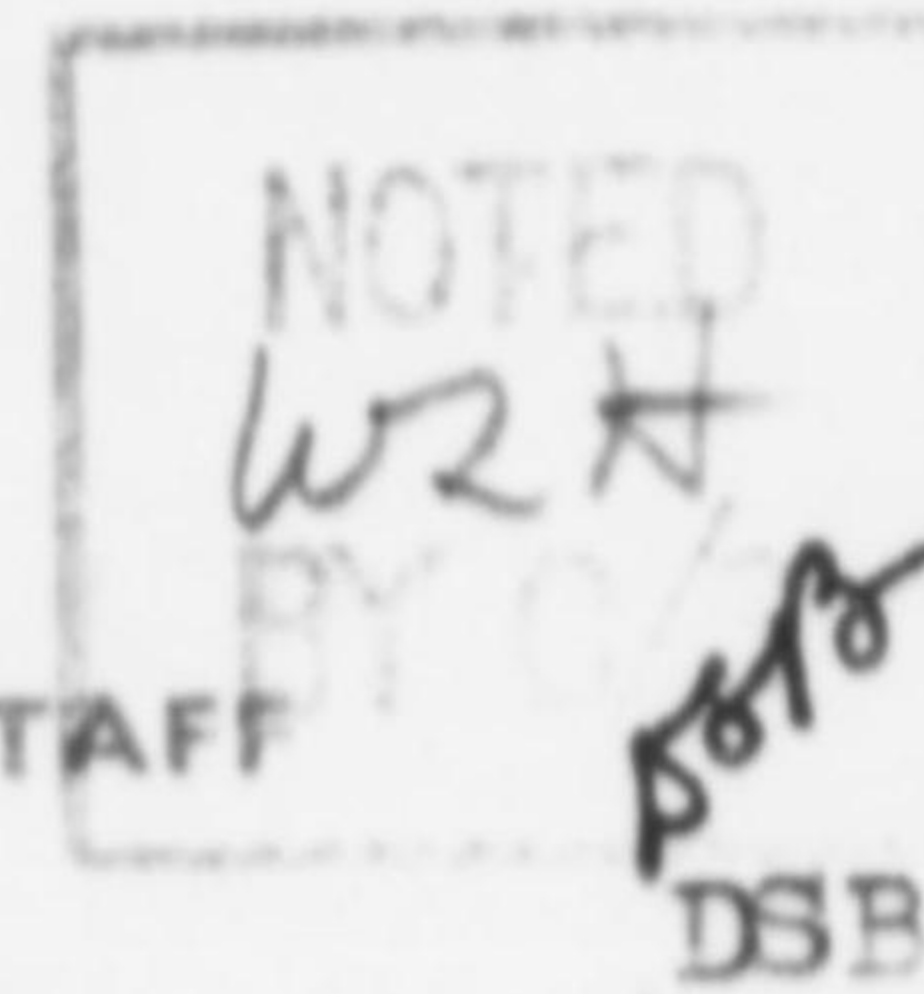
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## SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1945  
 Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Premier Handed Anti-Coalition Resolution.

TO : Chief of Staff.

## 1. Information:

CCD reports that the following information will be released in the Jiji Press News, 29 January 1947:

"Jiji Press - Tokyo, Jan. 28. - A delegation of twenty labor union leaders, headed by Kanju Kato, called at the Premier's official residence this afternoon to deliver a three-point resolution adopted at the Anti-Yoshida Cabinet mass rally held here this morning.

The delegation was received by Joji G. Hayashi, Chief Cabinet Secretary, Yoshinari Kawai, Public Welfare Minister, and one of the Premier's secretaries. Mr. Yoshida was not available for interview as he was attending a Cabinet meeting.

Mr. Kato, left-wing Social Democratic leader, who had presided over the mass rally, handed over the resolution, which called for (1) Immediate resignation of the Yoshida Cabinet, (2) Impeachment of 'unjust oppression,' and (3) Opposition to a coalition Government and formation of a new Government with the Social Democratic Party as its center.

Members of the delegation also demanded that the Government take action to wipe out black-market dealings and to abolish 'bureaucratic controls.'

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hayashi promised that he would convey the delegation's demands to the Premier, while Public Welfare Minister Kawai said that he would do everything in his power to comply with their wishes.

As the delegation left the Premier's official residence, Mr. Kato told the Cabinet officials that he would call again tomorrow to receive the Premier's 'definite answer' to the demands."

## 2. Action:

Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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Hour: 1845  
Date: 28 January

SUBJECT: Arrest of Russian Nationals for Alleged Black Market Operations

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the Japanese Police in Beppu-shi, Oita pre-  
fecture, Kyushu have arrested two male Soviet citizens for alleged black  
market operations.

b. The individuals whose names are TORGANOVE, Timofie and  
GOLOVANOV, Eniamin are both in possession of bona fide Soviet passports.

c. GOLOVANOV, described as young and forceful, has threatened to  
telegraph the Soviet authorities in Tokyo if he was not released today.

d. Japanese Police plan to surrender the men for trial in  
Occupational Courts.

e. The Chief, Foreign Liaison, G-2, advises that neither of  
these individuals are listed on the official roster of members of the  
Russian Mission.

2. Action:

a. CIC will report additional information as it may develop.

b. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC,  
Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

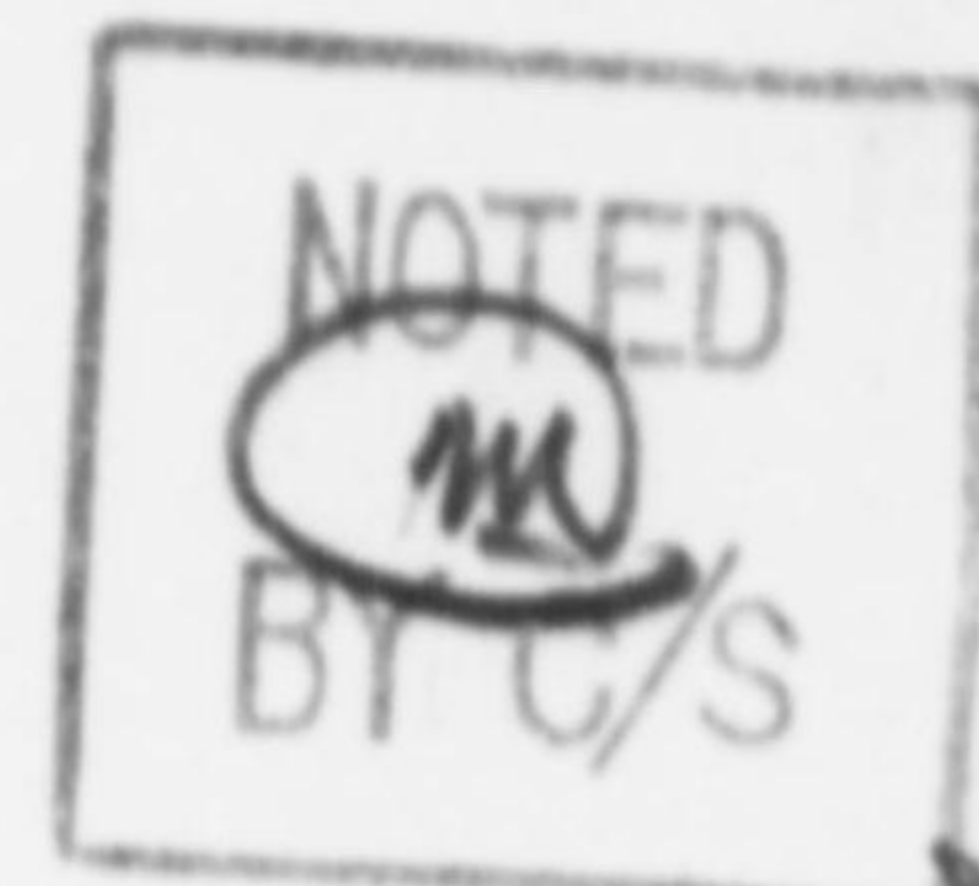
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Hour: 1735  
Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Demonstration in Palace Plaza, Tokyo

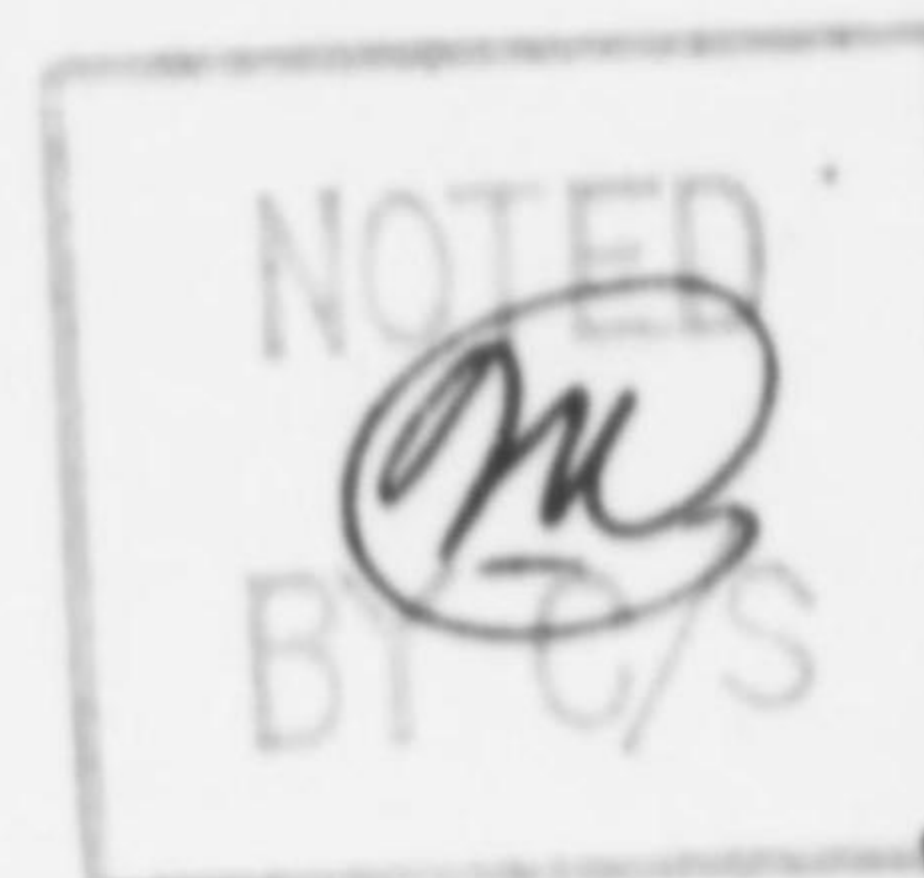
TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:
  - a. At 1620 hours only small groups of demonstrators remained in the Palace Plaza and these were dispersing rapidly.
  - b. At 1635 hours the group of demonstrators in the Ueno Park area were also dispersing rapidly and in an orderly manner.
2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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Hour: 1630  
 Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Demonstration in the Palace Plaza, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. In the area in front of the Nanko Bronze Statue near the Palace Plaza three cheers for the Communist party were given by the crowd at 1515 hours as they returned from their march to the Diet Building and the Prime Minister's residence. The demonstrators were forming into small groups as soon as they reached the Palace Plaza. Some speeches were being made within these groups after which "The Red Flag Song" was sung. Following these short meetings the groups began to disperse in an orderly fashion.

b. In Ueno Park, SUZUKI, Katsuo spoke to the groups of demonstrators assembled at that point and thanked them for their cooperation in the demonstration. He stated that a strike would be instituted which would last until the downfall of the Yoshida Cabinet. A "Banzai" was then given to the fall of the Yoshida Cabinet. "The Red Flag Song" was then sung and the demonstrators were dismissed. This procedure was repeated each time a sizable group of demonstrators arrived at the Ueno Park assembly area following the completion of their march from the Palace Plaza.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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Hour: 1445  
 Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Demonstration in Palace Plaza, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. At 1345 hours the major part of the demonstration was passing in front of the Prime Minister's residence and was much more quiet and orderly than the group which constituted the spear-head of the march. The rate of march is slow and there are still a large number of people in the Palace Plaza waiting to join the columns of march.

b. A minor outbreak of violence occurred in front of the Prime Minister's residence shortly after the first marchers gathered at that point but it was quickly brought under control by the Japanese police. Nobody was injured and no arrests were made as a result.

c. During the meeting in the Palace Plaza two (2) committees were formed. The first committee consisting of twenty (20) members will present a petition to the Prime Minister which will

(1) oppose the coalition of the Progressive, Socialist and Liberal parties

(2) send representatives to the World Labor League.

The second committee consisting of eleven (11) members will present a petition to the Metropolitan Police Board expressing opposition to police interference and denouncing police oppression in the past.

d. At 1400 hours the march was continuing in an orderly manner and the marchers were singing an improvised song that goes something like "Down with Yoshida, away with the Cabinet".

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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Hour: 1420  
Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Demonstration in Palace Plaza, Tokyo  
TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

- a. At 1330 hours there was still a large number of people milling around the speakers' stand waiting to join one of the two marching columns. The demonstrators are in high spirits and continue to sing the "Red Flag Song".
- b. The first marching column of the demonstration is moving south on 1st Avenue past the Metropolitan Police Board. The demonstrators are marching in a column which is approximately six (6) people in width. There is considerable spirit and singing. The head of the column has reached the Prime Minister's residence and the people are doing a snake dance in the street.
- c. The head of the Ueno Park column is now on Ginza Street.
- d. There is some violence in front of the Prime Minister's residence but the crowd is well patrolled by the police. A few blows have been exchanged when the snake dancers got close to the Japanese police. The majority of the demonstrators are marching past the Prime Minister's residence and on down the hill.
- e. At 1340 hours two (2) Military Police trucks were driven in front of the gate to block any efforts on the part of the demonstrators to enter the Prime Minister's residence. The people are moving past the gate, on down the hill and the situation is well under control.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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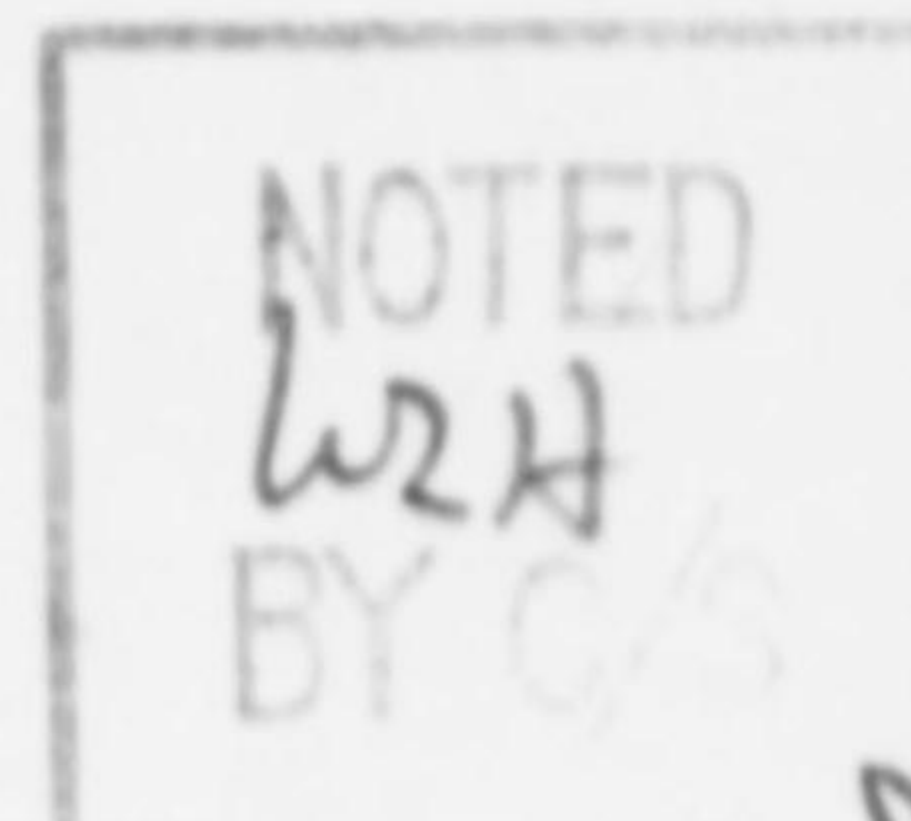
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Hour: 1410

Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Demonstration in Palace Plaza, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. The following speakers addressed the meeting in the Palace Plaza and concluded the speaking program. A brief resume is provided with respect to each of the speeches.

- (1) WATANABE of the Japanese Democratic League urged a more democratic Japan.
- (2) HIRONAKA, Eitaro of the Shoko Daisho, salesman's union, began to speak. The sameness of the speeches began to pall on the crowd and thousands left the vicinity of the speakers' stand and went into the shade of the wooded areas to await the time for the parades. Meanwhile many were having picnic lunches.
- (3) YANAMIMOTO, Yoshio of the Japanese Federation of Labor asked for the crowd's opinion on a Progressive, Liberal, Socialist coalition Government. The crowd voiced opposition by shouts.
- (4) OCHIAI, Eiichi of the Electric Industry Workers' Union, proposed, and it was unanimously agreed by the crowd, that unions send representatives to the World Labors' League.
- (5) NOZAKA, Sanzo of the Communist Party stated, "Yoshida is not able to cope with the present crisis and is oppressing labor the way the old governments did. Yoshida cannot cope with labor demands and the labor is against the Government of Yoshida. The Government Workers are the main group sponsoring this meeting and the coming strike against the present government; thus, how can it be possible for the present government to function when it does not have the support of its own workers. Yoshida will attempt to ride out the present crisis by: a. Oppression of the general public the way the militarists used to do. b. By forming a coalition government. Japanese labor must be prepared to stand many difficulties in the present strike, but all labor must stand firm and not give way to the Yoshida Oppression. The Yoshida Cabinet is composed of capitalists and these Zaibatsu are the enemies of labor. The coming strike will be important for the future of Japanese labor and, therefore, labor must stand strong and wage an uncompromising strike."

b. At 1250 hours the meeting and speeches were officially over and the band played the "Red Flag Song" (AKAHATA). The crowd began forming for the march.

c. The columns of marchers have formed on 1st Avenue and are singing

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the "Red Flag Song." One column is moving north on 1st Avenue towards Ueno Station and the second column is moving south on 1st Avenue to the Diet Building.

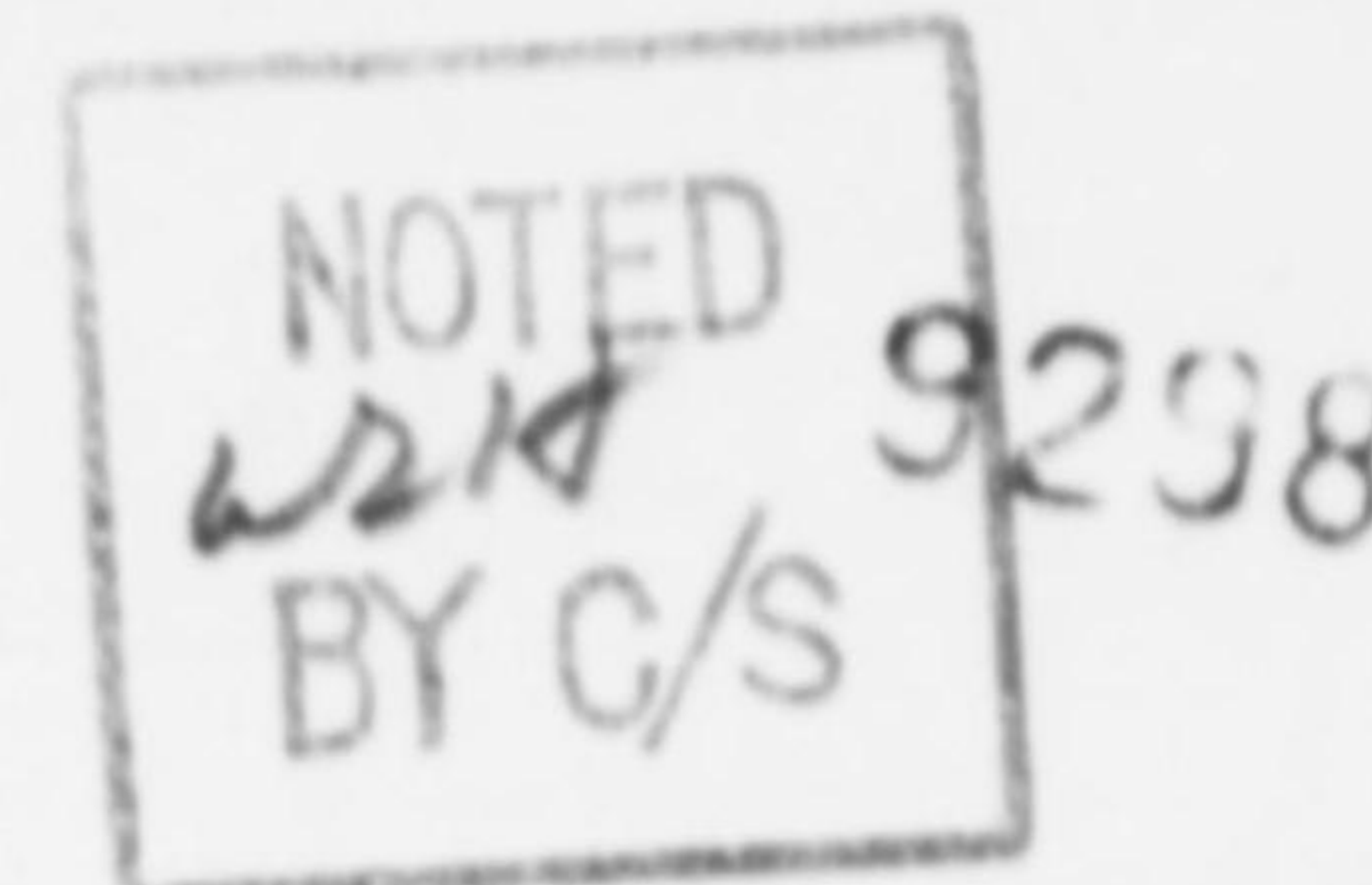
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Hour: 1200  
Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Demonstration in the Palace Plaza, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. The following information with respect to the initial speakers at the meeting in the Palace Plaza, sponsored by the Joint Struggle Committee of the All-Japan Labor Union and the Executive Committee for the Overthrow of the Yoshida Cabinet, is provided:

(1) The first speaker was KAMEDA, Togo who said that the united cooperation of all was necessary to show the world the strength of the Japanese workers. He called for the overthrow of the Cabinet, saying it was necessary for labor to carry the country over the grave crisis caused by the Yoshida administration's faulty policy.

(2) KATO, Kanju, Socialist party member and chairman of the meeting, reiterated the remarks of the first speaker. He said it was necessary to press for the overthrow of the Cabinet to show the world that the Japanese workers were united.

(3) DOBASHI, Kazuyoshi of the Communication Workers' Union and vice chairman of the meeting also spoke, repeating the same sentiments.

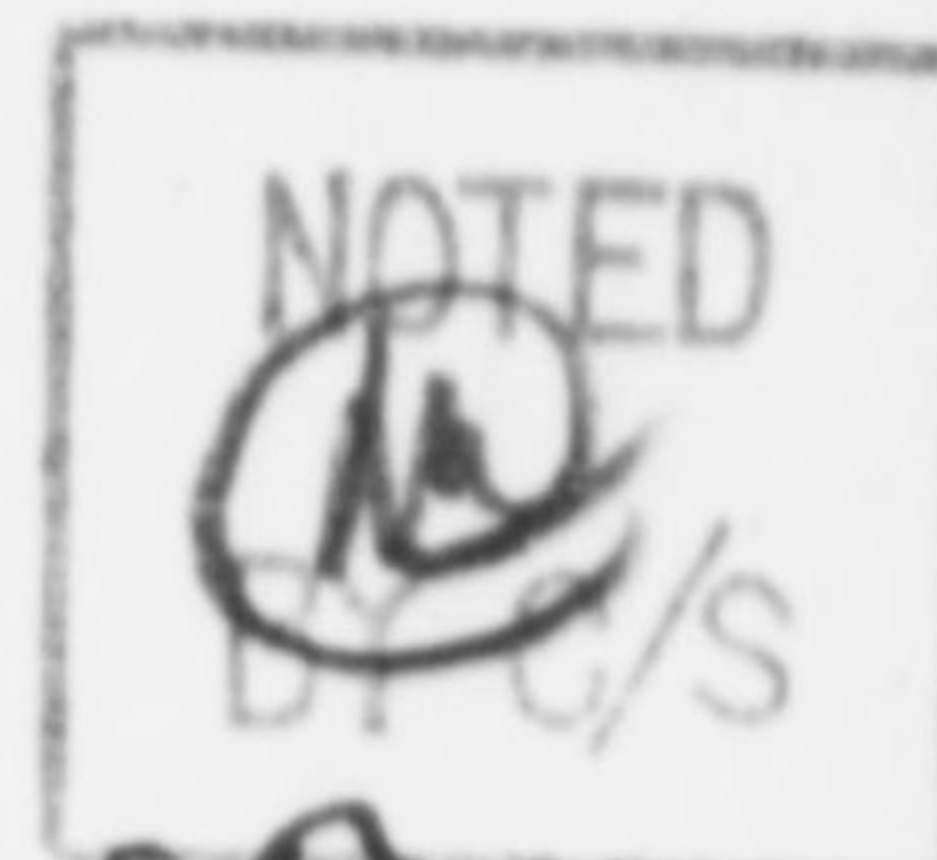
2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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Hour: 1145  
Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Demonstration in Palace Plaza, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that Japanese police estimated the crowd attending the meeting at the Palace Plaza to approximate 125,000 people at 1100 hours with additional groups still arriving.

b. As the speakers began to address the crowd the public address system failed. As a result only those in the immediate vicinity of the speakers can understand what is being said.

c. As the speeches began it was observed that some groups of people were beginning to walk out on the meeting. These people were undoubtedly those who just "came along for the ride".

d. The meeting continues orderly with no indication of anything derogatory to the interests of the Occupation.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff Fec, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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Hour: 2020  
Date: 31 January 1947

SUBJECT: Action to Stop Strike by Government Railway Workers Union  
TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Kyodo Press submitted the following news story to the Civil Censorship Detachment at 1955 hours:

"All Japanese Government Railway Workers Union issued directive at 1945 hours to stop strike."

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, Economic and Scientific Section, Civil Transportation Section, Tokyo Provost Marshal.

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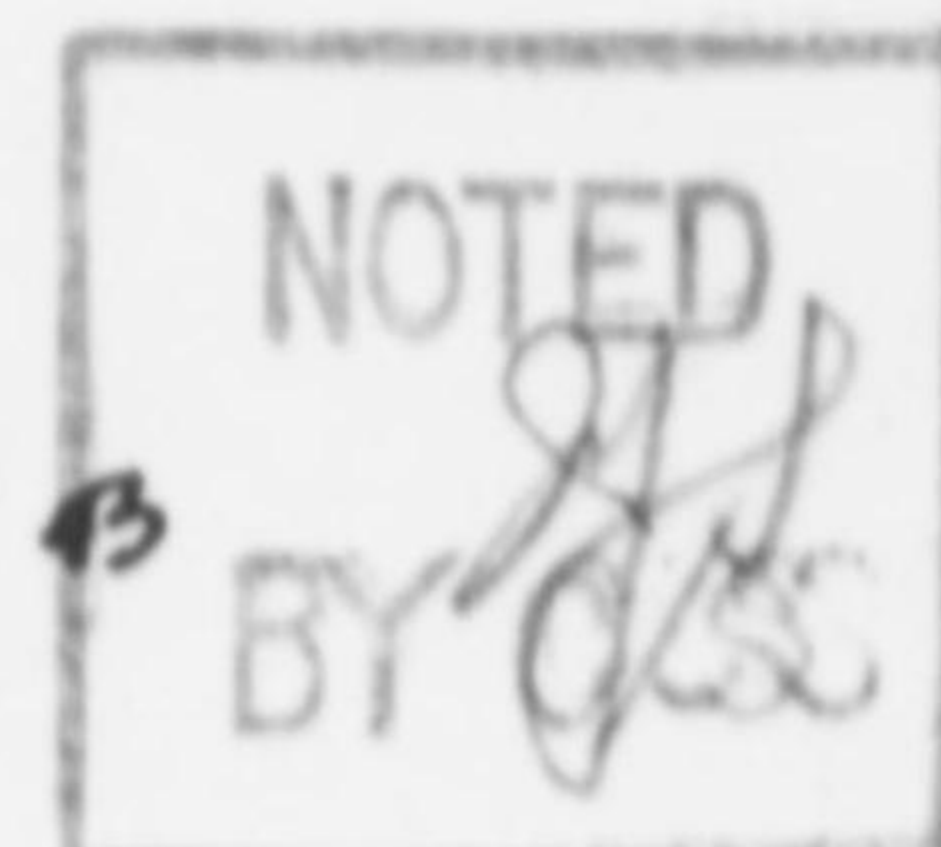


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Hour: 1900  
Date: 31 January 1947

SUBJECT: Communist Party Instructions to Communist Party Regional Committees

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. A CIC source, Osaka reports the following verbal order as having been passed from Communist Party headquarters, Tokyo, to Communist Party Regional Committee, Osaka as of 27 January 1947.

"Go underground. We fear that there is going to be a clean up campaign of all Communist Party leaders by SCAP and Japanese Police."

b. A CIC source, considered reliable, Osaka, reports the following directive as issued by the Osaka Communist Party on 29 January 1947.

"Present Osaka Communist Party Headquarters will become secondary Headquarters. Actual Headquarters will move to new locations."

It is reported that the present headquarters of the Osaka Communist Party are located in the Osaka railway station.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, Economic and Scientific Section.

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Hour: 1835  
Date: 31 January 1947

SUBJECT: Reactions to General MacArthur's Order

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports as of 1647 this date that the NCIO headquarters, located near the Yuraku station, did not appear overly excited over the announcement issued by GHQ. The NCIO is reported as calling together its executive committee to discuss the matter before putting out an official bulletin.

b. A CIC source, considered reliable, reports that the Joint Struggle Committee's headquarters at the Transportation Ministry was in a state of confusion.

c. A CIC source, considered reliable, states that the initial reaction among the general public is one of relief. No strike is anticipated as far as the Government and public Office workers' union is concerned. The attitude of the NCIO unions is not clear.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, Economic and Scientific Section, Tokyo Provost Marshal.

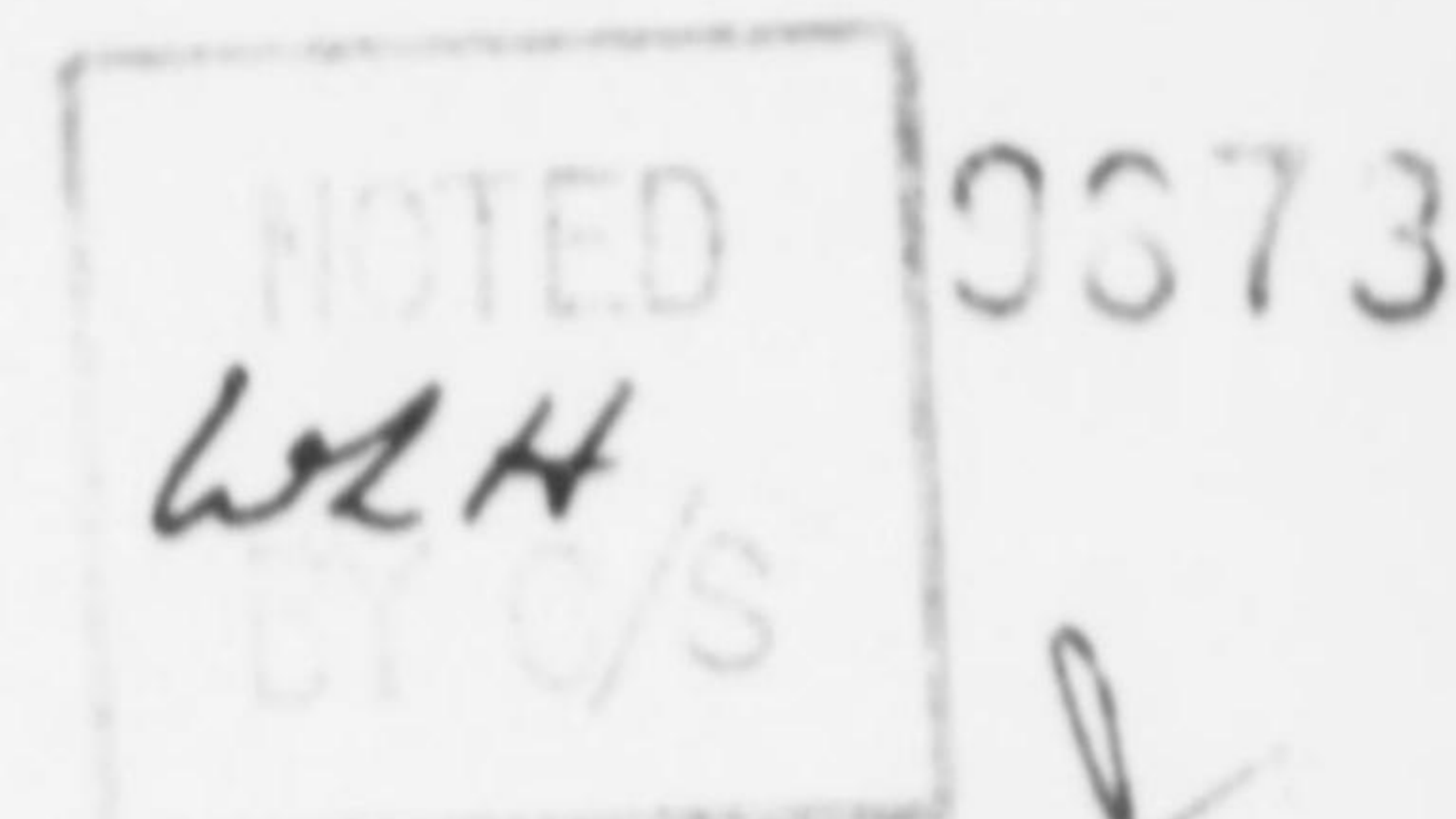
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Hour: 1820  
 Date: 31 January 1947

SUBJECT: Communist Party Posters in Osaka

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that within the past 24 hours CIC personnel have discovered four posters in train stations and buildings in Osaka. The posters were handwritten in Japanese and were about 3' x 2' in size while some others were typed also in Japanese on 8" x 10" paper. All bore the following statement:

"The Military Government under GHQ made public that the Japanese Government was responsible for the General Strike. Suppression of white terror is the activity of the uncertain reactionary Government. Let's send it flying back by gathering the strength of laborers. Three cheers for the establishment of a Democratic peoples Government."

b. All posters were signed by "Osaka District Communist Party" and by the District Committee of the section of the city in which each of the posters were located.

c. All posters discovered have been confiscated by CIC.

d. A CIC agent in Kyoto today visited the Communist Party Headquarters there and picked up a poster (not yet distributed) which read as follows:

"Patriotic General Strike - Banzai" Japan Communist "KITAKU" Committee. "MacArthur Military Government announced that responsibility for General Strike belongs to the Government. Terrorism and suppression are the mistaken actions of the reactionary cabinet. Laborers concentrate your strength to overcome this suppression. Establish a democratic government. Banzai!"

2. Action:

a. CIC is conducting an investigation into the incidents and additional information will be forwarded as it becomes available.

b. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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Hour: 1415  
Date: 31 January 1947

SUBJECT: Meeting and Demonstration of All-Japan Federation of Students

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, subject: "Meeting and Demonstration Scheduled by All-Japan Federation of Students", dated 1825 hours, 29 Jan 47. Subject report stated that approximately 30,000 members of the All-Japan Federation of Students Self-Governing Association would hold a meeting and demonstration in the Palace Plaza, Tokyo, between 1100 and 1630 hours, 31 Jan 47.

b. The following information reported by CIC pertains to the meeting and demonstration of the members of the All-Japan Federation of Students Self-Governing Association now being held in the Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo:

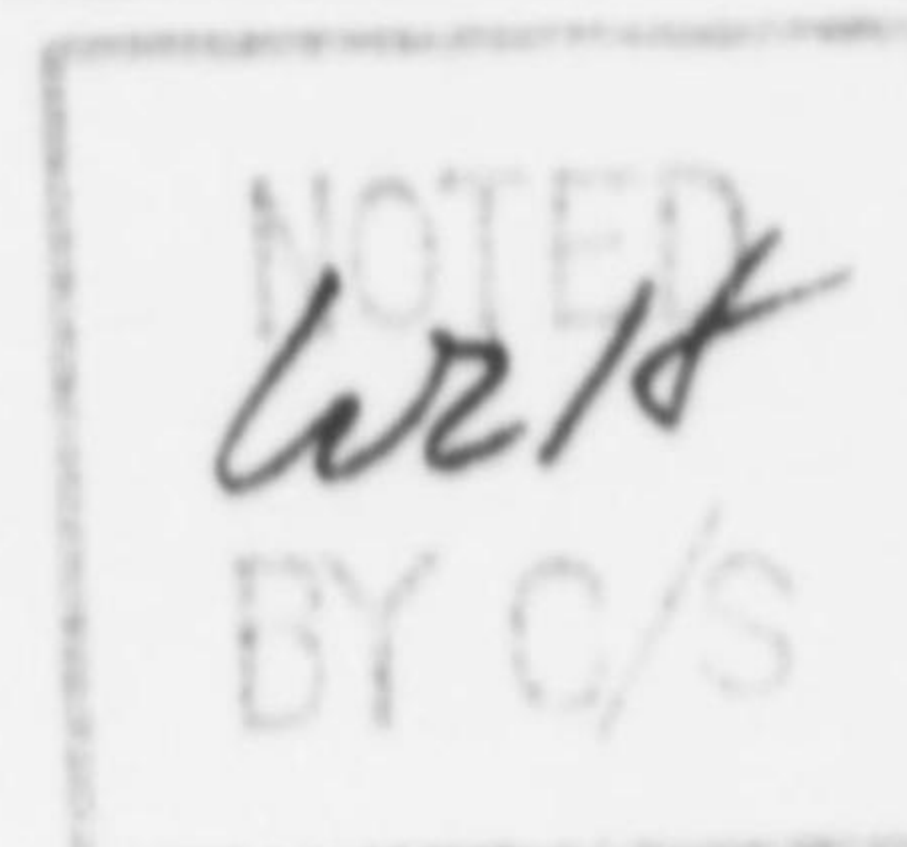
- (1) The crowd started to form around 1100 hours and was orderly and quiet.
- (2) At 1245 hours speeches began and the demonstrators are orderly and attentive. The public address system is working. No efforts made to arouse the spirit of the crowd.
- (3) The estimated attendance is 7,000 persons which are gathered around a truck from which speakers are now speaking. Military Police are attending and CIC is observing.
- (4) No derogatory banners and no banners either supporting or protesting the general strike have been seen.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP and CI&E.

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Hour: 1215

Date: 31 January 1947

SUBJECT: Government Workers' Strike

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. From an extremely reliable source\* (railroad management) CIC learned today that a committee of strikers visited General Derevyanko on the evening of 30 Jan 47 for consultation. This visit followed a meeting of the committee which voted 28 to 12 to go ahead with the strike. The committee told General Derevyanko that they had been summoned before General Marquat earlier in the day and instructed to call off the strike, but that they regarded General Marquat's words as his personal opinion and not necessarily that of General MacArthur.

b. Informant said that the committee received a vague reply from General Derevyanko but that he appeared to support the idea that General Marquat's words were only those of General Marquat. General Derevyanko is alleged to have told the committee that, in case the words were those of General MacArthur, there should be other ways of working out the difficulties. However, General Derevyanko did not expand on what these other means were. The committee, says informant, feels confident that they have the backing of General Derevyanko.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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\* G-2 Comment : Info for Chief of Staff only : The source of information is reliable, thru Transportation Ministry.

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Hour: 1200  
Date: 31 January 1947

SUBJECT: Government Workers' Strike

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Mr. Ii, Yashiro, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Joint Struggle Committee advised CIC agents this morning, 31 Jan 47, as follows:

- (1) General Marquat, in a meeting with the Joint Struggle Committee yesterday afternoon, stated that it was General Mac Arthur's orders that the strike should not be carried through. At that time Ii requested that this statement or order be put in writing. General Marquat refused and further stated that the union had until 2 o'clock this morning to make a reply to his office if they would comply with said order. He stated further that at 2 o'clock this morning Ii and Suzuki, Ichizo, Vice-Chairman of the National Federation of Government Railway Workers plus the chairman of twelve participating unions, appeared at General Marquat's office, but General Marquat was not present. They gave their answer to an American present in the office (name unknown). Their answer was that they definitely would strike unless they received written orders to the contrary. If they receive written orders they will comply with said orders.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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Hour: 1130  
Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Demonstration in Palace Plaza, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

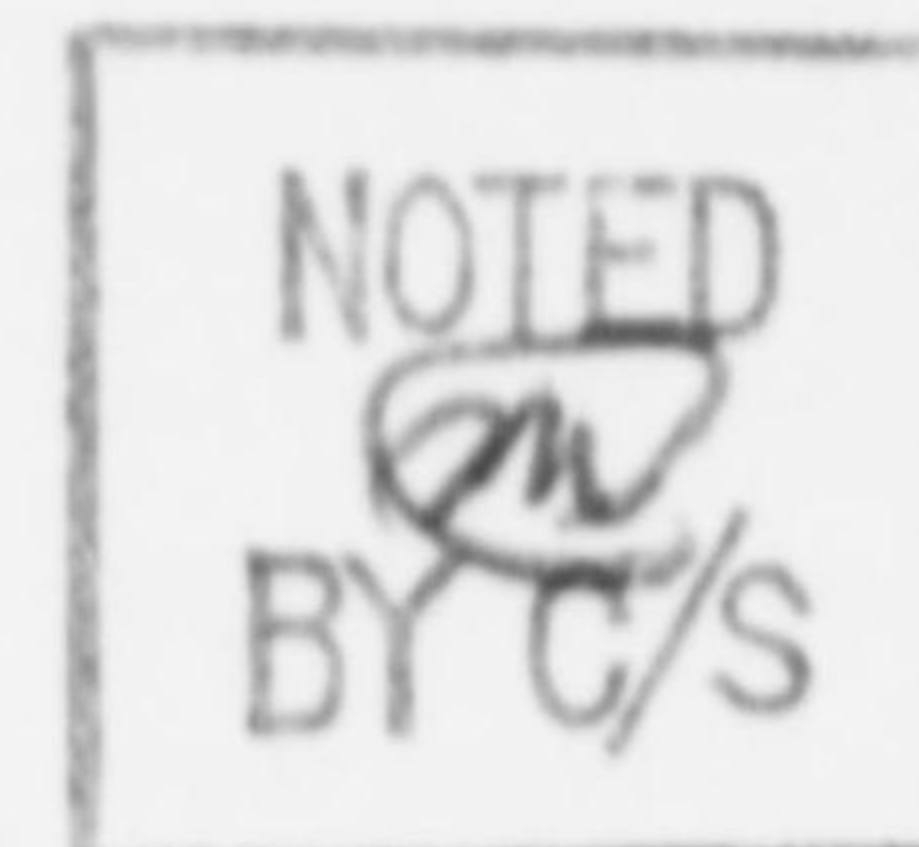
1. Information:
  - a. At 1040 hours, 28 Jan 47, the crowd attending the meeting in the Palace Plaza, sponsored by the Joint Struggle Committee of the All-Japan Labor Union and the Executive Committee for the Overthrow of the Yoshida Cabinet, was estimated to comprise 75,000 people with many more arriving at all entrances to the area.
  - b. The crowd was becoming compact around the speakers' stand and quieting down in preparation for the speech making which is due to start at 1100 hours.
  - c. The speakers' platform bears a large overhanging sign reading "A Great Meeting of Citizens who Shall Strike Down the Yoshida Cabinet".
  - d. Red flags without character of symbols were in profusion.
2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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Hour: 1100  
Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Demonstration in Palace Plaza, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. The crowd attending the meeting in the Palace Plaza, sponsored by the Joint Struggle Committee of the All-Japan Labor Union and the Executive Committee for the Overthrow of the Yoshida Cabinet, was estimated at 1020 hours to approximate 40,000 with large groups still converging on the area from other points.

b. At 1020 hours there was still no indication that speakers were preparing to open the meeting.

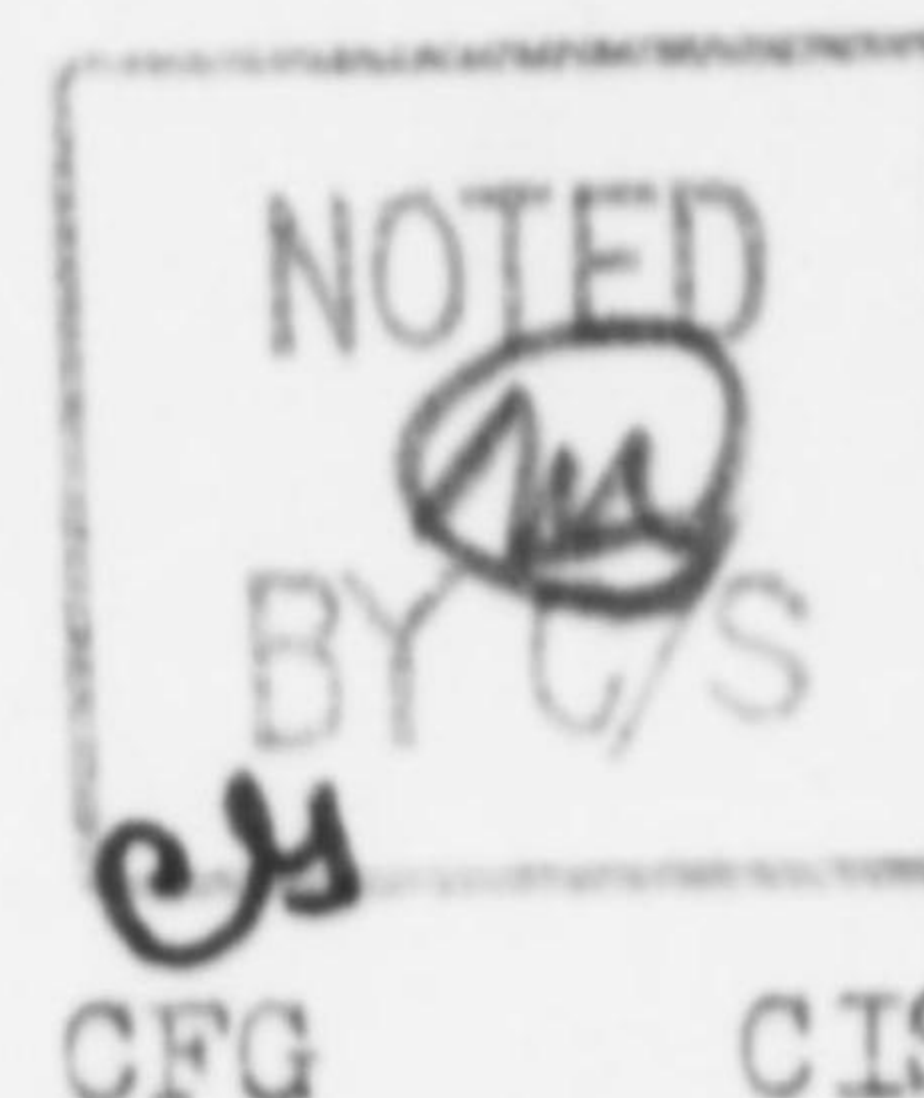
c. Considerable confusion exists in the crowd due to the failure of the organizing committee to allocate space on the Plaza for individual organizations, but the crowd is orderly.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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Hour: 1035  
 Date: 28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Demonstration in Palace Plaza, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. The demonstration sponsored by the Joint Struggle Committee of the All-Japan Labor Union and the Executive Committee for the Overthrow of the Yoshida Cabinet got underway at 1000 hours, 28 Jan 47.

b. The purpose of the demonstration, as expressed by the leaders in their application for permission to hold the meeting and parade, is "to express the desire to create a democratic Japan worthy of the workers; to overthrow the Yoshida cabinet and to tide over the crisis".

c. At 0830 hours several hundred people had already gathered in the Palace Plaza and by 0930 hours the group had increased to approximately 10,000 while thousands more were moving into the Plaza in five columns from First Street. Another crowd, estimated to comprise approximately 5,000 people, was gathered at 0930 hours in the vicinity of Tokyo Station forming columns for the march to the Plaza.

d. The groups are carrying red flags and many placards attacking the Yoshida Cabinet and urging betterment of working conditions and pay.

e. The demonstration appears to be orderly and there has been no indication of anything derogatory to the interests of the Occupation.

f. Following the meeting the demonstrators will parade as follows:

(1) First unit starting from Plaza, right at the Iwaida bridge, left in front of the Metropolitan Police Board, right at Home Ministry, pass Diet Building, Premier's Official Residence, Patent Bureau, Toranomom Street, pass under Shimbashi Railroad bridge, new Shimbashi bridge, Yuraku cho bridge, Metropolitan Government office, Wadakuramon and back to the Plaza.

(2) Second unit leaving Plaza, past Wadakuramon, Ote-machi, Gofyukubashi, turn left at Nihonbashi Tramcar crossing, Kanda Railroad Station, Sudacho, Ueno Hirokoji, Ueno Park and dispersing at Takenodai Plaza, Ueno Park.

2. Action: Following Agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and Government Section.

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28 Jan 1947  
 Time 1030 hours.

SUBJECT: Firing of Shots by Military Police at Haramachida

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. The Chief of the Jap Police at Haramachida called Major Grirson, Second Squadron, Fifth Cavalry on 24th January and informed him of the meeting to be held on 26th January. On the 26th of January the Japanese Police called T/Sgt. Edward G. McMahan, ASN 6113488, in charge of M.P. Detachment, 5th Cavalry consisting of 14 men at the 128th Station Hospital. The Police Chief stated that "it looked like there would be trouble." According to reports the Japanese were orderly. The Military Police dispersed the crowd. Thirteen (13) shots were fired--7 by Sgt. McMahan and six (6) by PFC Gerald H. Lovelett, ASN 35482953. These shots were fired into the air. One of the shots ricocheted off of a steel upright and hit a Japanese in the calf of the leg.

b. The Japanese is expected to be laid up about two or three weeks. Two men of the 25th CIC were there at the time. They were not notified of this incident *by the Cavalry.*

c. The Japanese that was hit/<sup>was</sup> HIROSHII KATO, 633 Taina Sagamihara, Age 20, Mechanic for the Electric Car Company TAK Line. He is now in the Haramachida Hospital.

2. Action: A full written report is being prepared by the 1st Cavalry Division to the Commanding General, 8th Army. A request is being made to G-2 8th Army to further the report.

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Hour: 2020  
Date: 27 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Mass Meeting and Demonstration

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information

a. A mass meeting and demonstration is scheduled to be held at the Imperial Palace Plaza by the Joint Struggle Committee of the All-Japan Labor Unions and the Executive Committee for the overthrow of the Yoshida Cabinet from 1000 to 1630 hours 28 January 1947.

b. The purpose of this meeting is "to express desire to create a democratic Japan worthy of the workers, too overthrow the Yoshida Cabinet, and to tide over the Crisis."

c. It is expected that 500,000 persons will be present.

d. Location: (Coord: 679.4-1419.7) Responsible person: Takamaro HASE (Secretary General of the Joint Fight Committee of the All-Japan Government and Public Employees' Union), #960, 5-chome, Nishi-Shinagawa, Shinagawa-ku.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, Provost Marshal, ESS and G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1945

Date: 27 January 1947

SUBJECT: Conference between Cabinet Members and members of  
Central Labor Relations Committee

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information

a. A conference between the Central Labor Relations Committee, mediation board in the present labor crisis, and members of the cabinet was held at 1850 hours today. The conference lasted for only a few minutes. Premier Yoshida was not present. The group held only a preliminary discussion seeking an agenda for a meeting which will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 1000 hours.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS.

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Hour: 1800

Date: 27 January 1947

SUBJECT: Hidachi Works Union

TO : Chief of Staff ✓

1. CIC reports the labor dispute at the Hidachi Works; which produces telephones, communications equipment, iceboxes, transformers and other electrical appliances for the occupation forces, has been satisfactorily settled on the following basis:

a. A total increase of ¥15,000,000 of which ¥3,000,000 will be to equalize the wages between the various departments and employees.

b. Average pay will be increased from ¥800 to ¥1,300.

c. A special winter bonus of ¥26,000,000 which will be paid out to the employees at the rate of ¥500 each. Family men will receive an extra bonus of from ¥100 to ¥150 per dependent while ex-soldiers will also be allotted special bonuses for clothing and initial expenses.

d. The distinction between the factory employees and office workers will be removed and similar differences between foremen and workers will be eliminated. For example, foremen will receive the same pay as workers except for a special foremen bonus each month.

e. The management will recognize the collective bargaining rights of the union.

f. A central committee composed of management and union heads will be set up and this committee will discuss any changes that may be made in the company's organization and principle policies.

g. Any change in the labor agreement will first be discussed by this central committee.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1530  
Date: 27 January 1947

SUBJECT: KIKUNAMI Stabbing

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Information received by CIC discloses that MAKI, Konen, leader of the Shin-ei Taishu To (New People's Party), who was arrested in connection with the KIKUNAMI stabbing, would be released by the Metropolitan Police Board this afternoon, 27 Jan 47. No evidence was found to substantiate suspicion that MAKI had paid the assailants of KIKUNAMI in an assassination conspiracy. There was no evidence that MAKI is connected with any outside organizations.

b. The two assailants OTSUKA, Hiro and SAKUNA, Ryutaro will be tried in a Japanese court on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1150  
Date: 27 January 1947

SUBJECT: All-Japan Government Workers and Public Officials Unions  
Joint Struggle Committee

TO : Chief of Staff

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1. Information:

a. Information received by CIC discloses that at a meeting of the Joint Struggle Committee of Government employees yesterday, 26 Jan 47, the representatives declared that their intention to strike is unchanged. According to the union leaders, the Government has still not shown sufficient willingness to listen to the union demands and to cooperate.

b. The Central Labor Relations Committee has asked for a conference today, 27 Jan 47, of all Cabinet Ministers with the members of the Central Labor Relations Committee. The conference is to be held at 1800 hours and possibilities of averting the strike are to be discussed.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff PEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS, CCS, CTS and G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 0940  
Date: 27 January 1947

SUBJECT: Dispersion of Mass Meeting by Military Police

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. A meeting of approximately 500 persons, representing several unions, scheduled to begin at 1315 hours, 26 Jan 47, was being conducted in an orderly manner at Haramachida Station, Tokyo, when at 1345 hours two (2) 1st Cavalry Brigade Military Police, stationed near the 128th Station Hospital, arrived on the scene and dispersed the meeting by firing approximately twelve (12) blanks. One blank is believed to have injured a twenty (20) year old union member who received hospital treatment and was released.

b. The Military Police stated that they had not received any notification from their headquarters that a meeting was to take place and, therefore, acted according to their orders which are to disperse any group meetings consisting of more than ten (10) persons.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, G-2 1st Cavalry and G-2 8th Army.

*Investigation continues.*

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Hour: 1720  
Date: 26 January 1947

SUBJECT: Meeting and Demonstration at Fukuoka Ken

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. A mass meeting and demonstration was held by the All-Japan Iron Manufacturers Labor Unions, Korean League, All-Japan Postal Service Unions, All-Japan Government Railway Workers' Union and fifty-two (52) other organizations at 1300 hours on 25 Jan 47, at Katsuyama Park, Kokura Shi, Fukuoka Ken.

b. About 10,000 members of the above mentioned organizations assembled to listen to speeches on the themes of uniting the workers of Japan for the forthcoming nationwide strike, planned for 1 Feb 47, and advocating the abolishment of the Yoshida Cabinet.

c. ITO, Hiroshi (Communist, member of executive committee for the abolishment of the Yoshida Cabinet) was detained by the 24th Division pending examination of the paper which he had read to the assembly, then released.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff PEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and G-2 8th Army.

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## SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1915

Date: 25 January 1947

SUBJECT: Secret Conference Between Government Leaders and Representatives of All Government Unions, and Initiation of "Preliminary Strike" by Employees of Japan Express Company

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information: (from Jiji Press articles submitted to CCD for censorship at 1600 this date)

a. Through the good offices of the Central Labor Relations Committee, the conversations between the Government leaders and the representatives of the All Government and other public office workers unions was held at the Premier's official residence at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. At the meeting the Government was represented by three State Ministers, State Minister Shidehara, Welfare Minister Kawai, and State Minister Uehara, (Premier Yoshida was absent owing to illness), while the labor unions were represented by twenty representatives. Views were exchanged between them behind closed doors.

b. A "preliminary strike" was started by employees of the Japan Express Company today to prepare the ground for an allout walkout scheduled to begin on 1 February, Jiji Press learned. As the deadline for the "preliminary strike" arrived at midnight last night, the trucking workers placed the business of the company under their "business control". At the same time, union headquarters instructed nine chapters throughout the country to go ahead with the strike plan in disregard of "misleading rumors." The central struggle committee of the union, the instructions said, is determined to "fight it out" until all of the union demands are accepted.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1025  
Date: 25 January 1947

SUBJECT: Meeting of Communications and Transportation Employees and Strike Leaders.

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Strike leaders and the city council met at Hiroshima City Hall, Hiroshima-shi, Hiroshima-ken, at 1400 hours, 24 Jan 47 to discuss the pending strike scheduled for 1 February 1947.

b. Labor Union heads demanded that the minimum wage of the workers involved be raised and asked sufficient money to fill up the accumulated shortage of living expenses since July of last year.

c. They asked for a 1500 yen per month salary plus 300 yen for each dependent and that the minimum salary be placed at 650 yen.

d. Iishida, Akio, the head of the Hiroshima Communications Union said that no mail, telegraph, or telephone communications of the Japanese would be processed until the demands were met. This will include communications sent by Japanese to the Occupation Forces.

2. Action taken: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, ESS, G-2 8th Army, Civil Transportation Section, and Civil Communications Section.

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Hour: 2015  
Date: 24 January 1947

SUBJECT: Liberal Club and Anti-Strike Rally

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

- a. The Liberal Club with headquarters located in the same room as the Liberal Party at Marunouchi, Kojimachi-ku, Tokyo, consists of 175 members who were defeated as Liberal Party candidates for office in the last election.
- b. The rally scheduled by the club for 29 January 1947 has been postponed until 1 February 1947 due to the requests of a number of unspecified groups to participate in the rally.
- c. Speakers who will address passing pedestrians will leave the club headquarters at 1300 hours on the following dates: 25, 26, and 27 January 1947 to deliver five-minute speeches. Twenty club members will accompany each speaker.

d. Officers of the club are as follows:

MATSUOKA, Matsuhei	Chairman
TAKAGI, Matsukichi	Secretary
SHIMOZAWA, Hideo	Director
TSUTSUMI, Hachiro	"
MIYAKE, Noriyoshi	"
ISSHIKI, Okisaburo	"
KUROKAWA, Takeo	"
TAKAHARA, Masateka	"
KIKUCHI, Giro	"
WATANABE, Masao	"
IWATA, Kosaku	"
KOSAKA, Shukichi	"
ISHIZAKI, Naosaburo	"
GOTO, Takeo	"
YAMAGUCHI, Hisayoshi	"

2. Action taken:

Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC; Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP; ESS; G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 2000

Date: 24 January 1947

SUBJECT: Kikunami Incident

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CIC reports the two assailants in the Kikunami Incident will probably be charged with violence. The weapon used and the amateurish manner in which the assault was made does not support the theories of a planned assassination or a "paid job." Further it does not appear the two assailants were connected with outside sources.

b. There is no evidence of an affiliation between MAKI, Konen, leader of the New Peoples Party, and other political blocks. He appears to be strongly anti-communistic in his political beliefs and at several meetings of the New Peoples Party he has denounced the radical tactics of the labor leaders. He knew the assailants of KIKUNAMI only slightly.

## 2. Action taken:

Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC;  
 Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP; ESS; G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1945  
Date: 24 January 1947

SUBJECT: Proposed Strike of All Japan Iron and Steel Industry Workers Union (Kanto District Only)

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

CIC reports that the 15,200 members of the All Japan Iron and Steel Industry Workers Union (Kanto District only), affiliate of the National Congress of Industrial Organization, will, in conjunction with the government employees, go on strike on 1 February 1947.

2. Action taken:

Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC; Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP; ESS; G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1930  
Date: 24 January 1947

SUBJECT: Proposed Strike of Radio Workers Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports information has been received that unless their demands of a pay raise of 700 yen per month and discharge of certain members of the management are not met, members of the Japan Broadcasting Corporation branch of the AJNRWU will go on strike simultaneously with the Joint Struggle Committee on 1 February 1947.

b. In the negotiations being conducted at the present time between the management and union, the management has agreed to the pay raise, but will not agree to the union dictation of personnel policy.

2. Action:

Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC; Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP; ESS; G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1930  
Date: 24 January 1947

SUBJECT: News Item to Be Published 25 January 1947 Regarding an Alleged Arrest Order of Labor Union Leaders by Japanese Government

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

CCD reports the following news item will be published by the Jiji Tsushin press 25 January 1947:

"According to information from authentic sources the reactionary Yoshida cabinet has revealed its true character at last. It has been brought to light that the government issued a secret directive ordering the wholesale arrest of the executive staff of the labor unions of all Japan government and public offices. It is presumed that the scope of the executive staff will extend over a considerably wide area and it is generally believed that vice chiefs of central executive committees, chiefs of business bureaus, departmental chiefs, and youth action units of the central and local governments will be arrested."

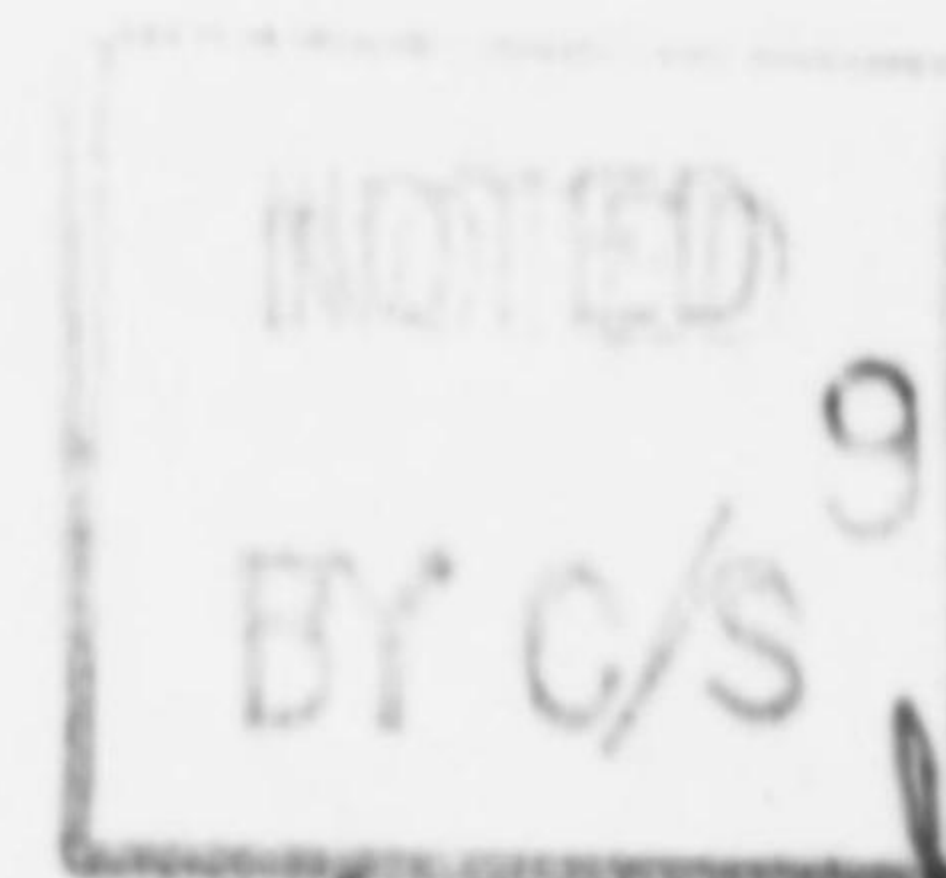
2. Action:

Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC; Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP; ESS; G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1900  
Date: 24 January 1947SUBJECT: News Item to Be Published 25 January 1947 Regarding Prevention  
of Threatened General Strike of Government Employees

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

CCD reports the following news item will be published by the  
Jiji Press, 25 January 1947:

"Indications are that the threatened general strike of government and public workers will be averted at the last moment in a way similar to the pattern of settlement of the electrical workers' dispute last November. Most of the settlement through mutual concessions mounted to date as it was reported that the Central Labor Relations Committee launched fresh mediation efforts yesterday in an attempt to bring the government and its employees together on a compromise formula. This committee was instrumental in heading off the threatened walkout of the electrical workers at the eleventh hour. These sources said that both the government and the workers were now more inclined than before to settle the dispute through mediation as a result of a new development in the situation which they would not specify. The change in the situation according to Dr. Suehiro, chairman of the committee, is to approach both the government and the labor unions with fresh mediation proposals. Dr. Suehiro outlined his mediation formula on broad terms at his conference with union leaders yesterday evening. The mediation formula centered around further concessions on the part of the government in regard to wage demands and approval of the proposed abolition of the earned income taxes. While there may be further dickering, indications are that the committee mediation efforts will prove successful and walkout will be averted at the eleventh hour."

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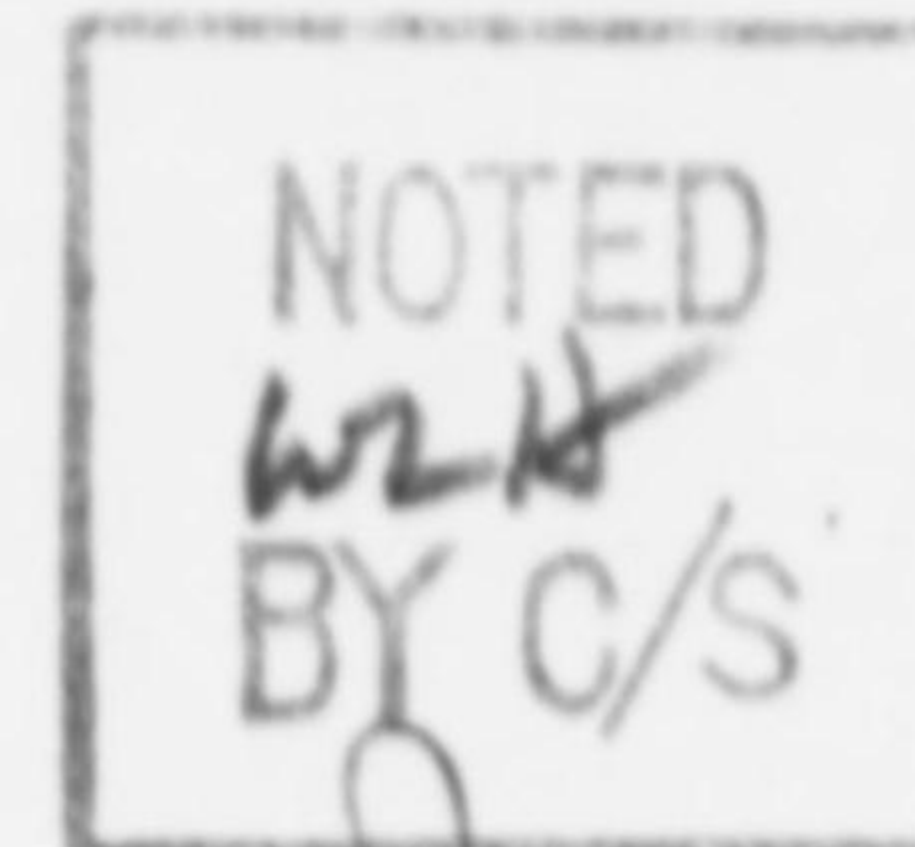
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## SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1700

Date: 24 January 1947

SUBJECT: Meeting and Demonstration of Unions in Imperial Palace Plaza

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. Reference Spot Intelligence Report, dated 1430 hours 24 Jan 47,  
 subject: "Meeting and Demonstration of Unions in Imperial Palace Plaza".

b. Further information from CIC discloses that the meeting of the  
 above mentioned unions was concluded by 1350 hours. Many speeches were made.  
 The crowd was orderly and spirited with much singing and waving of red flags.  
 The demonstration portion of the meeting started at 1400 hours with approxi-  
 mately 6,000 persons in the line of march.

c. As of 1420 hours the crowd was still in front of the Premier's  
 residence. Attempts were made to cause the crowd to mill around the entrance  
 but the crowd was kept moving by the Japanese police. Six (6) of the demon-  
 strators who were granted entrance to the Premier's residence were to be re-  
 ceived by the Premier's secretary.

d. As of 1430 hours, 20 to 25 of the representatives had been ad-  
 mitted to the Premier's residence. The balance of the demonstrators proceeded  
 along the route of march in an orderly manner singing the "Red Flag" song.

e. As of 1445 hours the parade had passed the Premier's residence and  
 was progressing in an orderly fashion back to the Nanko Bronze Statue. People  
 were still singing but not with as much spirit as formerly.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC,  
 Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and G-2 8th Army.

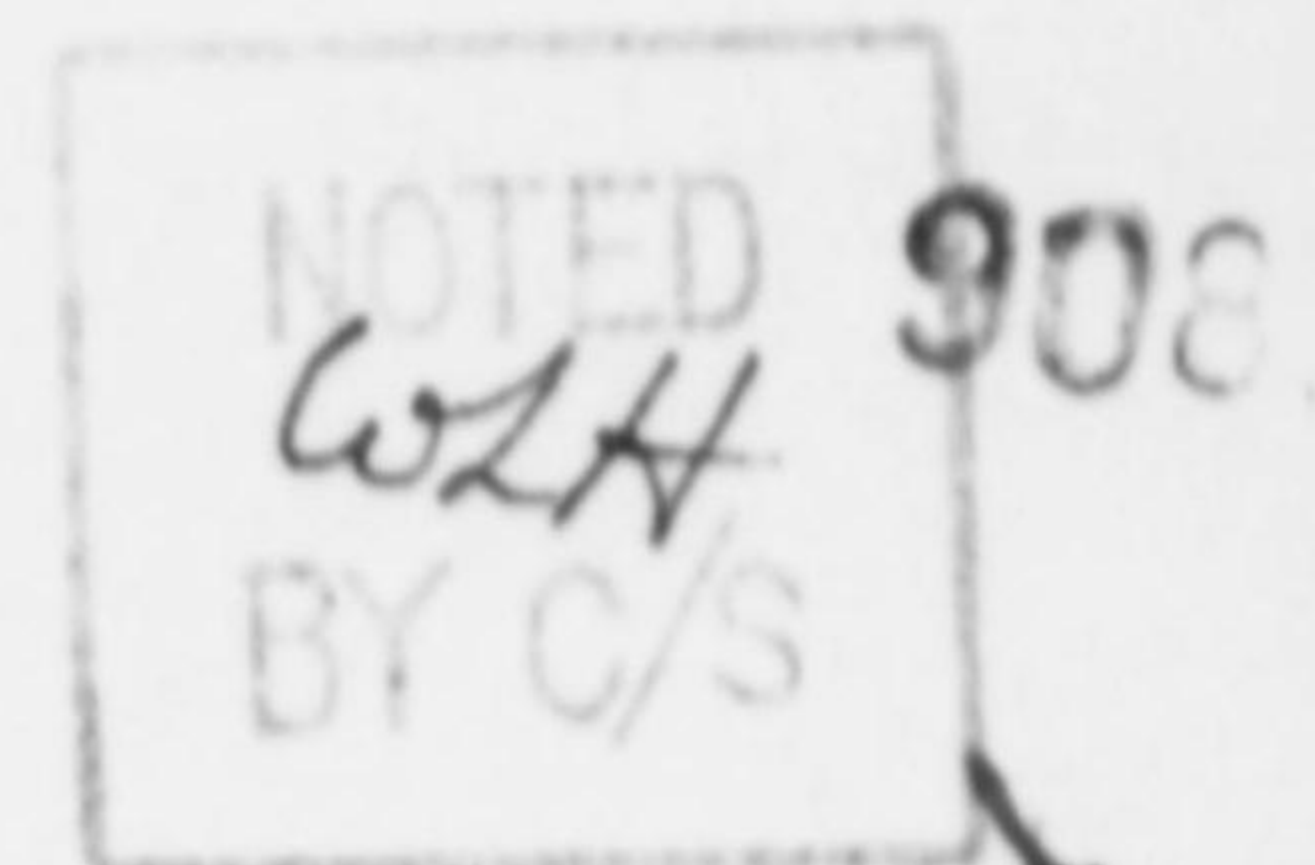
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Hour: 1600  
 Date: 24 January 1947

SUBJECT: National Labor Unions Joint Rally

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the national labor unions will stage a mass rally at Imperial Palace Plaza on 28 Jan 47, with an attendance expected not to exceed 300,000. The assembly will be at 1000 hours, the speeches will start at 1030 hours and the demonstration will start at 1300 hours. The demonstration will be in two groups with one group to parade toward the Diet Building and the other group to parade toward Ueno Park.

b. There will be four speakers from the Joint Struggle Committee of Government Workers' Unions.

c. The following organizations will each be represented by one speaker:

- (1) National Congress of Industrial Organizations
- (2) National Federation of Labor
- (3) Japan Congress of Labor
- (4) Japan Express Trucking Company Workers' Union
- (5) Executive Committee to Oppose Bureaucratic Oppression
- (6) Executive Committee to Surmount the Coal Crisis
- (7) The Federation for the Reconstruction of Kanto Warehouses
- (8) Japan Farmers Association
- (9) Council to Overcome the Electrical Crisis
- (10) Council for the Rehabilitation of Industry
- (11) Council of Electrical Communication
- (12) Citizens Organization
- (13) Womens Organization
- (14) Socialist Party
- (15) Communist Party

d. It is probable that there will also be speakers from the minor parties.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS, CCS and G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1430  
Date: 24 January 1947

SUBJECT: Meeting and Demonstration of Unions in Imperial Palace Plaza

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that approximately 5,000 people are present, with more arriving from different parts of the city, at a meeting and demonstration conducted by approximately twelve (12) unions in the Imperial Palace Plaza. The people are waving red flags and singing various labor songs.

b. The meeting was scheduled to commence at 1300 hours, 24 Jan 47, the demonstration at 1400 hours and dispersal time set for 1630 hours.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe the situation and significant developments will be reported.

b. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and G-2 8th Army.

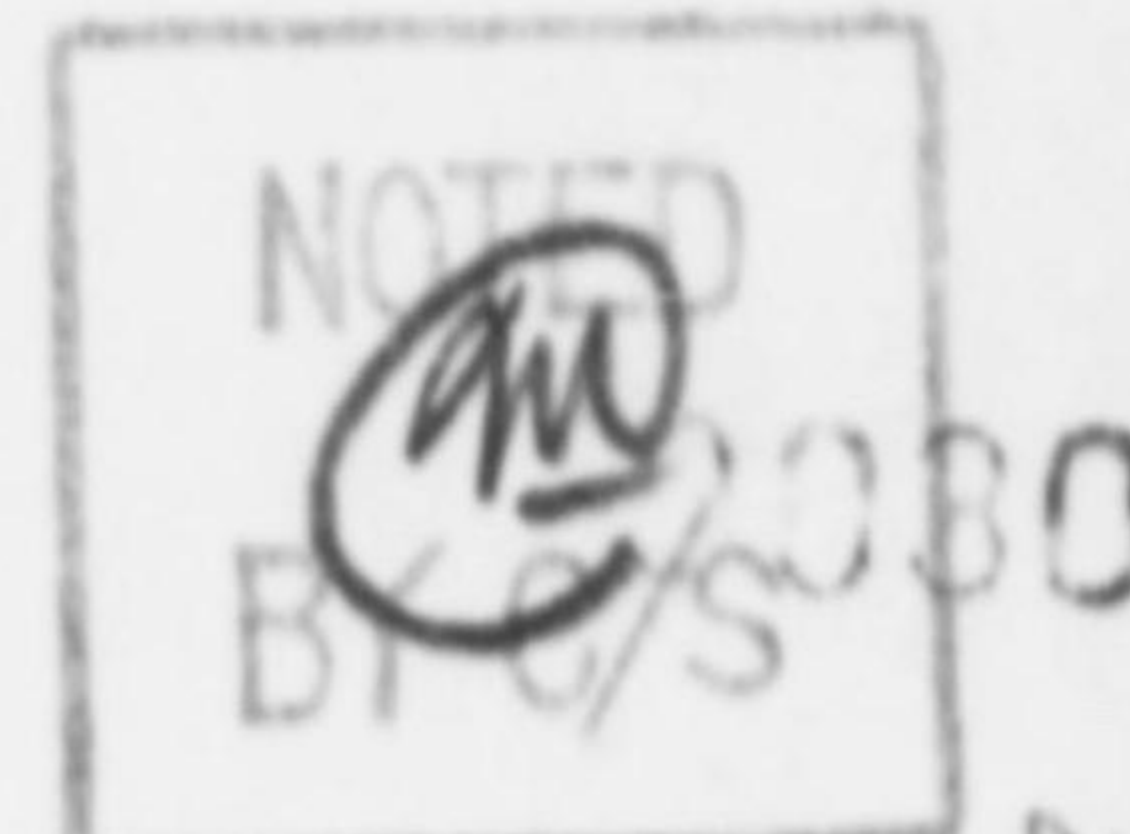
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Hour: 1020  
 Date: 24 January 1947

SUBJECT: Mass Meetings and Demonstrations of the Government Workers' Union  
 TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CIC reports that meetings and demonstrations by Government Workers' Union occurred throughout Akita City on 23 Jan 47 at locations, hours and with number of participants as listed below:

- (1) Honjo-machi, 1000-1300 hours, 350 participants
- (2) Obate-machi, 1000-1300 hours, 1400 participants
- (3) Yokote-machi, 1000-1200 hours, 1000 participants
- (4) Uzawa-machi, 1000-1300 hours, 800 participants
- (5) Tsuchizaki-machi, 1000-1400 hours, 1500 participants
- (6) Minamoto-machi, this place of meeting not covered

b. The purpose of the meetings and demonstrations was to gain public sympathy, to encourage the workers to strike and to give formal notice of the 1 Feb 47 strike.

c. Members of the Government Workers' Union assembled from various towns for mass meetings and to hear speeches by representatives of the various unions.

d. A strike declaration was read and demonstration parade followed in all places except Tsuchizaki.

e. Today, 24 Jan 47, representatives from each local meeting will meet in Akita City for a discussion to coordinate further happenings.

## 2. Action:

a. CIC is observing the situation and significant developments will be reported.

b. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, CTS, CCS, ESS and G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1900

Date: 23 January 1947

SUBJECT: Social Democrats' 3 Point Stand on 1 February Strike

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. A reliable source disclosed to CIC that the executive committee of the Social Democratic party met this morning at the Diet Building and discussed the labor situation. The committee decided what stand the party should take in regards to the threatened 1 February strike. The approved three (3) point plan is as follows:

- (1) To avert "by all means", the forthcoming general strike on February 1 and to strive for amicable settlement, because of the grave crisis facing Japanese economy.
- (2) To maintain that the present Government is entirely responsible for allowing the current labor dispute to enter the present "undesirable" stage. Therefore it should hold the Government responsible for the settlement of the dispute before the actual start of the strike.
- (3) To maintain that the Yoshida Cabinet should resign en bloc if the Cabinet lacks confidence in its ability to settle the strike. The Cabinet should also assume responsibility for the current trouble and make every effort to have the strike postponed.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and G-2 8th Army.

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Date: 23 January 1947

SUBJECT: Social Democrats' 3 Point Stand on 1 February Strike

TO : Chief of Staff

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2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1200  
Date: 23 January 1947

SUBJECT: Mass Meeting and Demonstration in Kyoto

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:
  - a. A mass meeting and demonstration sponsored by the Social Democratic Party will be held in Kyoto on 28 Jan 47 between 1000 and 1600 hours.
  - b. The purpose of the meeting and demonstration is "to strike down" the Yoshida Cabinet and establish democracy.
  - c. The program will include speeches in the morning by representatives of all labor unions followed in the afternoon by a parade to the Prefectural Government Headquarters. It is expected that some 50,000 people will take part.
2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS and G-2 8th Army.

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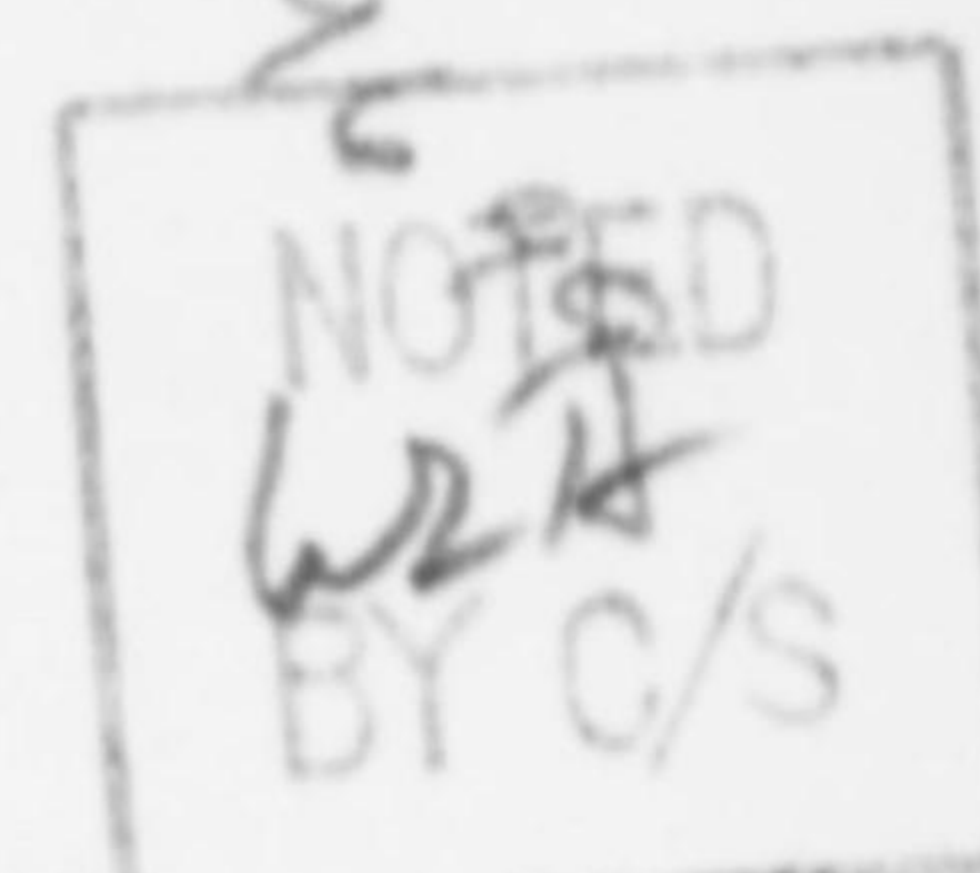


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Hour: 1905

Date: 22 January 1947

SUBJECT: Surrender of Kikunami's Assailants

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. Reference Spot Intelligence report dated 1615 hours, 21 January 1947  
 subject: Stabbing of CIO Leader (KIKUNAMI, Katsumi).

b. Information received by CIC and CCD reveals that at 1600 hours, 22 January 1947, two persons, SAKUMA, Ryutaro, 21, and OTSUKA, Hiro, 25, surrendered to the Metropolitan Military Police. They stated that they were the assailants of KIKUNAMI, Katsuo. At the time of the surrender they were accompanied by MAKI, Konen, Chairman of the Conservative Writers' Party, also referred to as "New Peoples' Party" (Shinei Taishuto), allegedly a rightist organization. The two assailants claim to be members of said party.

c. The assailants stated that upon seeing an article in the newspapers concerning the impending strike they became apprehensive as to its effects on the people and decided to see KIKUNAMI to talk things over. They stated that on the night in question they visited KIKUNAMI and talked with him for about 25 minutes without being able to convince him to agree with their point of view. That in sudden anger, SAKUMA threw up his hands and upset the Kotatsu (Japanese charcoal heater). KIKUNAMI then raised his arms as if to strike SAKUMA, whereupon SAKUMA struck him. While this was going on OTSUKA pulled out his knife and stabbed KIKUNAMI. The two then fled. In their haste OTSUKA left his weapon behind, while SAKUMA ran off with KIKUNAMI's shoes.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS, G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1545  
Date: 22 January 1947

SUBJECT: All-Japan Government Workers' and Public  
Officials' Unions Joint Struggle Committee

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Information received by CIC discloses that the unions will resume negotiations with the Government if the latter makes a mediatory proposal. The success of the mediation will depend on the extent that the Government yields to the union demands.

b. The following is a complete list of the eleven (11) unions, with their respective memberships which total 1,778,000 and the names of the responsible leaders, that are now members of the Joint Struggle Committee:

- (1) General Federation of National Railway Workers' Union - 540,000 (Kokutetsu Rodo Kumiai So Rengokai) - SUZUKI, Seiichi
- (2) All-Japan Communication Workers' Union - 380,000 (Zen Koku Teishin Jugyoin Kumiai) - DOBASHI, Kazuyoshi
- (3) All-Japan Federated Council of Teachers' Unions - 320,000 (Zen Koku Kyooiin Kumiai Kyogikai) - IWAMA, Masao
- (4) All-Japan Government Officials' Union - 83,000 (Zen Koku Kanko Shokuin Rodo Kumiai) - MIZUGUCHI, Kozo
- (5) All-Japan Public Officials' Union - 230,000 (Zen Koku Kokyo Dantai Shokuin Rodo Kumiai Rengokai) - URABE, Hideo
- (6) Finance Ministry Government Monopoly Laborers' Union - 27,000 (Okurasho Sangengyo Rodo Kumiai Rengo Kumiai) - OKADA, Shiichi
- (7) Japan Metropolis and City Workers' Union - 70,000 (Nippon Toshi Rodo Kumiai Domei) - HARADA, Mitsuo
- (8) Conference of All-Japan Medical Workers' Unions - 18,000 (Zen Nippon Ikkyo Jugyoin Kumiai) - GOTO, Reizo
- (9) Conference of National University, College and Higher School Teachers' Unions - 30,000 (Zenkoku Daigaku Kosen Kyoshokuin Kyooiin Kai) - TSURUOKA, Shinzo
- (10) National Tax-Collectors' Labor Union - 30,000 (Zenkoku Zaimu Rodo Kumiai) - KAWAKAMI, Yoshimi
- (11) Tokyo Municipal (Public Utilities) Workers' Union - 50,000 (Tokyo To Shokuin Rodo Kumiai Rengokai) - SHIGEMORI, Hisaji

c. These unions are all scheduled to participate in the general strike of 1 Feb 47. Also planning to strike on said date, but not a member of the Joint Struggle Committee, is the Japan Express Trucking Company Workers' Union.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS, CI&E, Civil Communications Section, Civil Transportation Section, Public Health and Welfare Section and G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1530  
Date: 22 January 1947

SUBJECT: Proposed Strike of Postal Employees

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CCD reports the following information, obtained from foreign nationals employed at the District Postal Station, on proposed strike of postal employees:

- (1) On 21 Jan 47 from 0900 to 1300 hours a meeting of Tokyo Central Post Office Branch of the All-Japan Communications Laborers' Union was held at Tokyo Central Post Office. All personnel of the Post Office were present. The president of the Tokyo Central Post Office Branch is KOBAYASHI, Sakai.
- (2) The meeting was addressed by KUMAMOTO, Torazo-member of the Socialist Party and NAGATA, Akiko-member of the Communist Party, who are not employees of the Tokyo Central Post Office.
- (3) It was announced that a strike will be called at 0001, 1 Feb 47.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP and G-2 8th Army.

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Hour: 1430  
 Date: 22 January 1947

SUBJECT: National Congress of Industrial Organizations

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. Information received by CIC discloses that according to the National Congress of Industrial Organizations the attack on their chief, KIKUNAMI, was a premeditated act by the Fascist group to block the spreading Leftist influence and support the reactionary Yoshida Cabinet. The National Congress of Industrial Organizations expects further trouble during the coming rally for the downfall of the Yoshida Cabinet on 28 Jan 47, sponsored jointly by Government Workers' Joint Strike Committee.

b. The National Congress of Industrial Organizations claims that it is no coincidence that the "Jiyu Club", or Liberal Club, will hold a meeting at the Palace Plaza on the same date.

c. The Liberal Club is a Liberal Party sponsored organization which is gathering the independent unions and thugs into the club. The leader of said club is MATSUOKA, Matsue whose party affiliations are unknown.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS, G-2 8th Army.

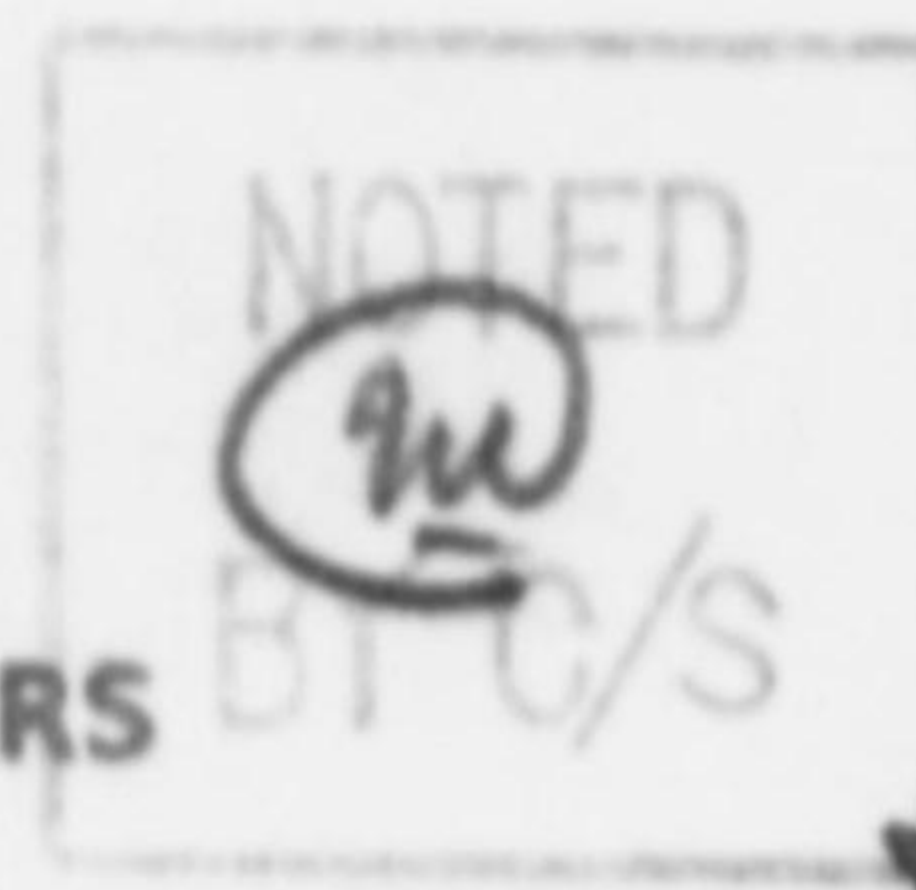
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Hour: 1420

Date: 22 January 1947

SUBJECT: The Chinese Commercial and Industrial Association

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. Information received through CIC discloses that according to the officials of the General Chinese Association in Japan, an application has been filed with the Chinese Mission for the establishment of a new Chinese commercial and industrial association under the direction of Mr. Ko Kin-Ken, the Managing Director of the Economic Co-operative Society of Chinese residents in Japan. Said organization will have Dr. Ryu Mei-Den as its president with Chin Li-Kwei (President of the General Chinese Association in Japan), Shu Sho-Sai (Honorary President of the Tokyo Chinese Association) and Ri En-Ki (ex-Auditor of the Taisei Fire Insurance Company) as its advisers.

b. The association primarily aims at the protection of the Chinese residents' economy and stabilization of their livelihood as well as development of industries in their homeland. The association will perform the following functions:

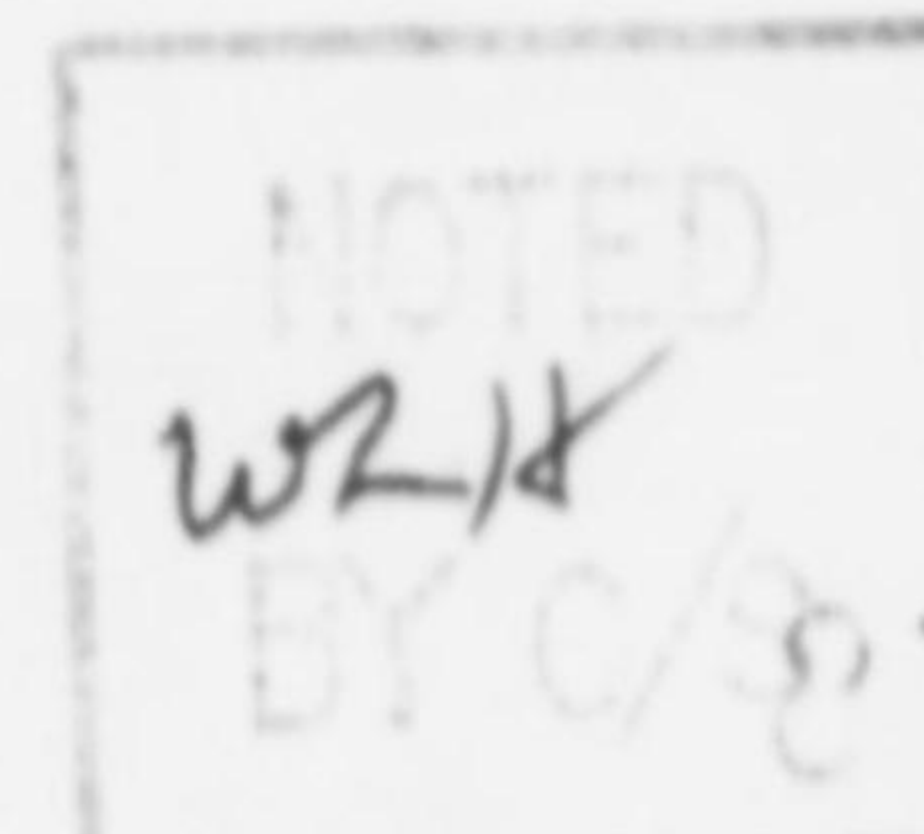
- (1) Giving services in the purchase of materials and marketing of products.
- (2) Rationalization of enterprise, increase in efficiency and advice for technical improvements.
- (3) International trade and exchange of technical knowledge.
- (4) Investigations and studies into financial institutions and economic conditions.
- (5) Publication of an organ journal and books and propaganda.
- (6) Public relations, petitions and representations.
- (7) Encouragement and commendation for inventions.
- (8) Facilities for mutual aid and public welfare.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS, CI&E, Public Health & Welfare Section, G-2 8th Army.

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CISHour: 1615  
Date: 21 January 1947

SUBJECT: Stabbing of CIO Leader

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CIC reports that KIKUNAMI, Katsumi, chairman of the advisory group of the Japanese CIO, was seriously stabbed at his home 15632 Matsubara cho, Setagaya, Kazuynhi, Kobayashi, Tokyo, by an assailant at 2030 hours last night, 20 Jan 47. He is now confined to his home in a critical condition.

b. Information further reveals that the assailant, a Japanese dressed in an aviator's uniform, visited KIKUNAMI's home at about said hours and gained entrance by giving the name of NAMIKI, leader of the Electric Workers' Union. After being taken to KIKUNAMI, he is alleged to have said he was a member of the Suintaishu, which is a part of the Asakufa, a notorious underworld gang. He then pulled a knife from his pocket and attacked KIKUNAMI, wounding him five (5) times. He then escaped and has not as yet been identified by the police.

c. KIKUNAMI was a London correspondent for the Asahi agency before the war. He is also the president of the Japan Newspaper and Radio Workers' Union and led the Yomuri strike. He is alleged to be a secret member of the Communist party. Information indicates that KIKUNAMI has been opposing the coalition movement of the Liberal Progressive and Social Democratic Party Cabinet.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP and G-2 8th Army, ESS.

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Hour: 1430  
Date: 21 January 1947

SUBJECT: Japan Congress of Labor Unions

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Information received by CIC reveals that the Japan Congress of Labor Unions has decided on the stand it would take regarding the 1 Feb 47 strike planned by the Joint Struggle Committee of the All-Japan Government and Public Officials Workers' Union.

b. The stand of the JCLU is that it would support the strike provided workers of the AJGPOWU are in favor of it and if said strike is being held for purely economic measures. The JCLU feels that if the strike is of a political nature or is being instigated by a minority of the workers, such as pro-Communist, there is no justification for it. The JCLU further contends that labor unions should use strike tactics as the final alternative and only in the event that negotiations are not successful. If either the management or the Government fails to negotiate, the unions are justified to strike until arrangements for negotiations are made.

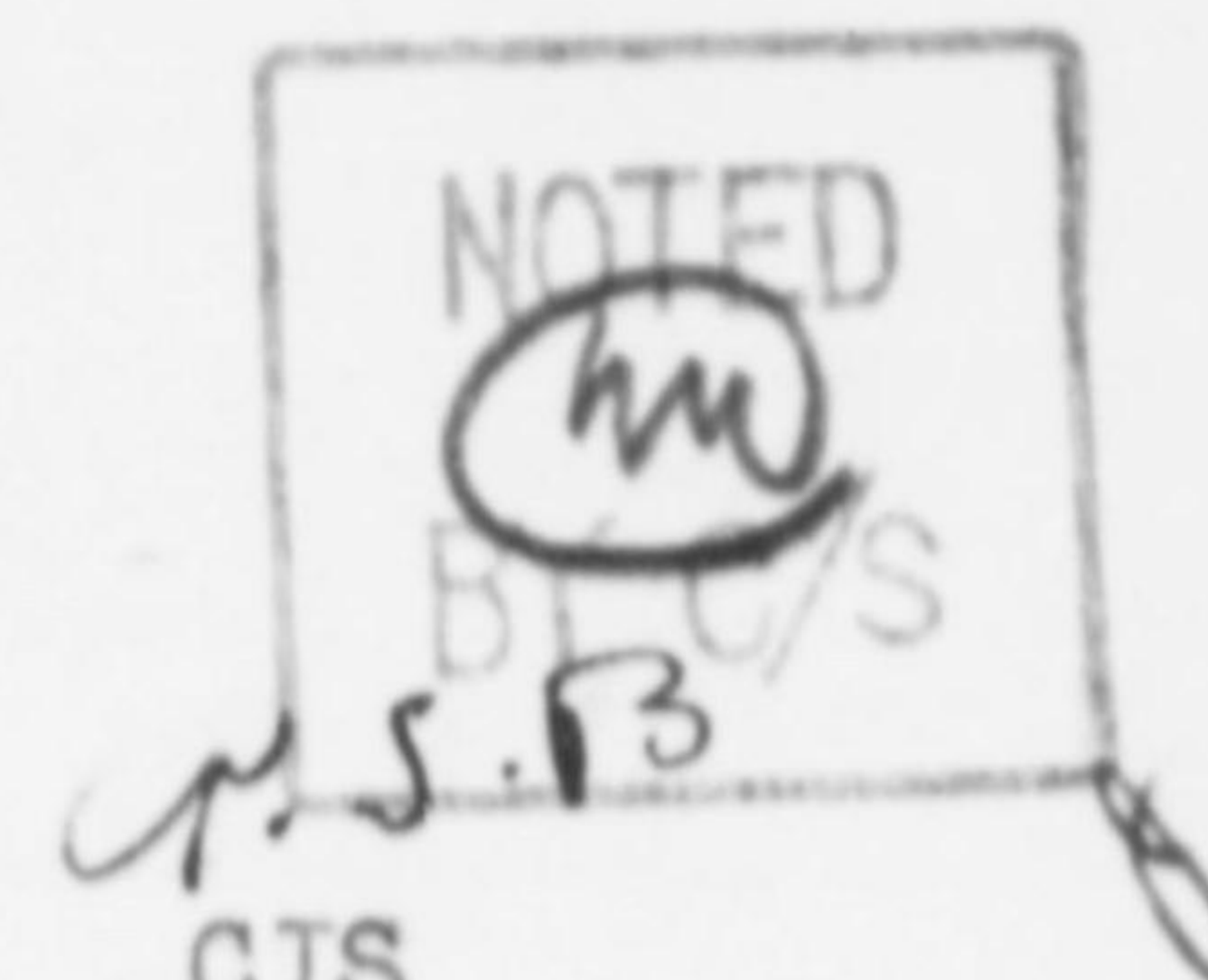
c. Information further discloses that MITAMURA, Shiro, a leader of the JCLU and a former Communist, said that the Communists want to get all the support of the laboring classes without contributing anything substantial to the workers. MITAMURA further stated that the Communists are instigating and actively advocating strikes not as Communists but by using undercover methods and that their instigations are purely for political reasons rather than for the workers' welfare.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP, ESS, CI&E, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1000

Date: 20 January 1947

SUBJECT: Propaganda Broadcast Originating in Moscow

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. The following is an extract from a propaganda \*broadcast beamed in English to Japan from Moscow at 8:00 PM JCT, 19 Jan 47. The program was intercepted by FBIB. The subject of the broadcast is an "Izvestia" editorial about Great Britain and postwar Japan.

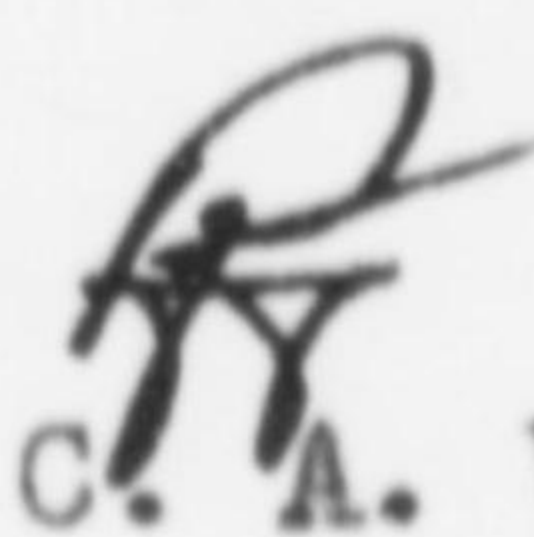
(1) "The present Yoshida Cabinet is anti-popular, waging a struggle against the democratic elements and faithfully defending the interests of the land owners and big industrialists.

"It is clear to the world that such a situation is primarily due to the support of the Japanese reactionaries which they have received from American occupation authorities, contrary to the spirit of the Potsdam Declaration.

"The same policy is pursued by British ruling circles. Despite the opposition they encounter, official circles in Britain constantly emphasize their approval of it."

\*Note:-Complete wax transcript of broadcast or typed copy of text will be furnished on request to G-2.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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Hour: 1745  
Date: 19 January 1947

SUBJECT: Meeting of Labor Unions in Miyagi Ken

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that at 1000 hours 19 January 1947 representatives from various governmental and industrial unions in Miyagi Ken met in Sendai with the Government Railway Worker's Union and the Electrical Workers Union for the purpose of forming a single cooperative struggle committee of all labor unions in Miyagi Ken. The government Railway Worker's Union and the Electrical Worker's Union acted as leaders for the Government Labor Union and the Industrial Unions respectively.

2. Action:

a. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army, ESS, CI&E.

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Hour: 1730  
Date: 19 January 1947

SUBJECT: Meeting and Demonstration of the Sendai Post Office Insurance Bureau  
TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that 1000 members of the above captioned union held a meeting at 1000 hours 18 January 1947 at Sendai. The purpose of said meeting was to announce the intentions of this organization, which is an affiliate of the All-Japan Communications Worker's Union, to go on strike 1 February 1947. The meeting was orderly and nothing of derogatory nature was observed or heard.

2. Action:

a. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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Date: 19 January 1947

SUBJECT: Meeting and Demonstration, Shimizu City, Shizuoka Prefecture

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CIC reports that a meeting and demonstration of labor unions was held between the hours of 0930 and 1330, 19 January 1947 in Shimizu City, Shizuoka Prefecture. 1200 people, representing the following labor unions, attended:

- (1) The Branch of the Educational Workmen's Association in Shizuoka Prefecture
- (2) The Workmen's Association of Shimizu
- (3) The Branch of the Workmen's Association of all Marine Offices, Tokai
- (4) The Branch of all Railway Employees Association
- (5) The Branch of Nagoya Customs House Employees Association
- (6) The Employees Association of Shimizu Municipal Office
- (7) The Branch of all Communication Employees Association

b. Agreement was reached to participate in the proposed general strike if ordered. 50 large Red flags were observed in the demonstration. Nothing of a derogatory nature was reported.

## 2. Action:

a. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, G-2 Eighth Army, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section.

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Hour: 1700  
Date: 19 January 1947

SUBJECT: Mass Meeting and Demonstration, Isesaki City, Gumma Prefecture

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that a mass meeting and demonstration of Communist and Social Democratic Party members was held in Isesaki City at 1000 hours 19 January 1947 in the North Primary School. The purpose of the meeting was to denounce the Yoshida Cabinet and to promote "a people's front" cabinet in its place. 300 people were present. Communist and Social Democratic leaders made speeches. The meeting and demonstration were followed by a parade through the city. Nothing of a derogatory nature was reported.

2. Action:

a. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, G-2 Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1400  
Date: 19 January 47

SUBJECT: Meetings and Demonstrations

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. At a meeting held on 18 January 1947 by the Young Men's Department of the Tokyo Electric Communication Bureau of the All-Japan Communication Workers' Union for the purpose of "planning their collaboration" in the strike which has been called by the All-Japan Central Joint Struggle Committee for 1 February 1947, it was announced that said union would also join in said strike. Precautions will be taken not to interfere with the Occupation Forces' communications.

2. Action:

a. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1210  
 Date: 19 January 1947

SUBJECT: Mass Meeting at Atami, Shizuoka Prefecture

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CIC reports that a meeting sponsored by the Council of Atami District Labor Unions Joint Conflict Committee was held at Atami, Shizuoka Prefecture at 1830 hours 18 January 1947. Four hundred persons were in attendance. Two Red flags were displayed. The purpose of the meeting was stated as: "To secure rights to live and to prepare to go out on a joint strike at any time." SHIGA, Yoshio, Communist member of Parliament, visited the meeting and spoke for forty minutes. The meeting resulted in the following decisions:

- (1) The All Japan Transportation Company Labor Union will go out on strike starting 0001 hours 25 January 1947.
- (2) A resolution was sent to the respective Central Conflict headquarters that the labor union affiliated with the Atami Joint Conflict committee was all ready to strike in case of need to attain its aims.

b. The meeting closed with the singing of the "International."

## 2. Action:

a. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1110  
Date: 19 January 1947

SUBJECT: Democratic Education Conference

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. Information received by CIC discloses that there will be a meeting of the Democratic Education Conference in Kanda Kyoiku Kaikan, 26 February 1947. At said meeting it will be charged that the government is neglecting the Japanese educational system and that the present system is unsatisfactory and undemocratic. The conference will ask the support of all interested persons and organizations, such as parents-teacher associations, in the following program:

- (1) Extend compulsory education by national appropriation.
- (2) Establish more schools.
- (3) Increase wages of teachers.
- (4) Increase number of teachers.
- (5) Eliminate undemocratic method of education.
- (6) Generalize higher education among the people.
- (7) Promote education of farmers and laborers.
- (8) Public control of all education.

## 2. Action:

a. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Information and Education, G-2 Eighth Army.

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## SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1000

Date: 19 January 1947

SUBJECT: All-Japan Government Workers and Public Officials Unions  
(Joint Struggle Committee)

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. Information received by CIC discloses that at the meeting held by the delegates of the above captioned unions at 1300, 18 January 1947 on the eighth floor of the Transportation Ministry Building, the following unions decided to start their strike simultaneously on 1 February 1947:

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| (1) General Federation of National Railway Workers Union                           | - 540,000 |
| (2) All-Japan Communication Workers Union  | - 380,000 |
| (3) All-Japan Federated Council of Teachers Unions                                 | - 320,000 |
| (4) All-Japan Government Officials Union   | - 80,000  |
| (5) All-Japan Public Officials Union   | - 230,000 |
| (6) Finance Ministry Laborers Union<br>(Government Printing, Mint, and Tobacco)    | - 27,000  |
| (7) Japan Metropolis and City Workers Union  | - 140,000 |
| (8) Conference of All-Japan Medical Instruments Workers<br>Union                   | - 18,000  |
| (9) Conference of National University, College and<br>Higher School Teachers Union | - 30,000  |
| (10) National Tax-Collectors Labor Union   | - 30,000  |
| (11) Tokyo Public Utilities Workers Union  | - 50,000  |

b. The duration of the strike will be uncertain due to the low financial resources of the unions. Negotiations with the government have been discontinued by the Government Employee Unions. The government is considered insincere and much too slow, and the workers in general want a new cabinet headed by the Social Democrats. No interference with Occupation Force facilities is being planned. The Railway Union, for example, intends to move all occupation passengers and freight. The Japanese essential freight, such as food stuff, fuels and vital industrial materials, will also be carried. However, Japanese passengers, non-essential freight or internal mail will be stopped.

## 2. Action:

a. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army. E.S.S. C.I.E.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 0915  
Date: 19 January 1947

SUBJECT: Labor Meeting at Inanachi-machi, Nagano-ken

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:
  - a. CIC reports that 500 members of the Communication Labor Union, Office Workers Labor Union, Railroad Labor Union and Local Office Workers Union will hold a mass rally at 1100 hours 19 February 47 in Inanachi-machi, Nagano-ken for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of striking for higher wages, better treatment and better living conditions.
  - b. Further information will be reported as obtained.

2. Action:
  - a. The following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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**SPOT INTELLIGENCE**

Hour: 2000  
Date: 18 January 1947

SUBJECT: Demonstration Shimizu City, Shizuoka Prefecture

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the representatives of 7 Labor Unions will hold a mass meeting and demonstration at 0900 hours, 19 January 1947, for the purpose of reaching an agreement for participation in proposed general strike.

b. Further information will be reported as obtained.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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**SPOT INTELLIGENCE**

Hour: 1930  
Date: 18 January 1947

SUBJECT: Demonstration of  
Government and Office Workers Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that when the demonstration of the Government and Office Workers Union which approximated 8000 persons passed the Prime Minister's residence there was some shouting, but the demonstrators did not stop. No demands were presented to the Prime Minister by representatives of the demonstrators. The crowd was very orderly and began disbursing about 1630 hours at the Nanko Statue. Disbursal was completed by 1640 hours.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1730  
Date: 18 January 1947

SUBJECT: All-Japan Communication Workers Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the All Japan Communication Workers Union held their meeting which had been set for 1400 hours, 18 January 1947, at Kanda Tokyo-To according to schedule.

b. At said meeting it was announced that the union would go on strike 1 February 1947. Following the meeting a demonstration which comprised 150 people was held. Various labor union flags were carried. The predominant banner bore the following legend: "Five Hundred Yen is not Enough". Nothing derogatory to the Occupation has been reported as having been heard or seen. The demonstration was officially over at 1453 hours.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1730  
Date: 18 January 1947

**SUBJECT:** Probable Strike of Telephone Co., Telegraph Co.,  
PO Workers Teachers Union in Bochigi Ken

**TO :** Chief of Staff

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- 1. Information:
  - a. CIC reports that in order to get action on their demands the above-captioned unions have threatened to go on strike at 0001 hours, 1 February 1947. The Armed Forces telephone system will not be affected by said strike.
  - b. Further information will be reported as obtained.

- 2. Action:
  - a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1730  
Date: 18 January 1947

SUBJECT: San-Tawa Districts Young Men and Women Association

TO : Chief of Staff

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1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the above-captioned association held a meeting today, 18 January 1947, at 1000 hours. The main purpose of said meeting was stated to be the overthrow of the Yoshida Cabinet and the forming of a more Democratic Government.

b. A Communist Speaker, Keichi Ito, who received the greatest ovation, told the meeting that the young men and women should join the labor unions for the purpose of obtaining more power. Other speakers covered the subject of high cost of living and low wages.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, G-2 Eighth Army, Military Government.

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Hour: 1730  
Date: 18 January 1947

SUBJECT: San-Tawa Districts Young Men and Women Association

TO : Chief of Staff

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1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the above-captioned association held a meeting today, 18 January 1947, at 1000 hours. The main purpose of said meeting was stated to be the overthrow of the Yoshida Cabinet and the forming of a more Democratic Government.

b. A Communist Speaker, Keichi Ito, who received the greatest ovation, told the meeting that the young men and women should join the labor unions for the purpose of obtaining more power. Other speakers covered the subject of high cost of living and low wages.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, G-2 Eighth Army, Military Government.

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**SPOT INTELLIGENCE**

Hour: 1600  
 Date: 18 January 1947

SUBJECT: Demonstration of Government and Office Workers' Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the meeting of the Government and Office Workers' Union is over and that the people are forming in order of line of march to begin the demonstration. Attempts are being made to inspire the crowd to sing the Red Flag Song. The principal speakers were:

OGAWA	Education Ministry
TSURUMI	Accounting Bureau
IKEDA	Metropolitan Police Bureau
KAGAWA	Agriculture & Forestry Ministry
HORIE	All Japan Hospital & Ambulance Union

The outstanding feature of the speeches was the fact that a strike for 1 February 1947 had been agreed upon.

As a result of the meeting it was agreed by the entire group to carry their decision to strike on the date heretofore mentioned directly to the Prime Minister's residence which they will pass on their line of march.

2. Further information will be reported as obtained.

3. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1530  
Date: 18 January 1947

SUBJECT: Demonstration of Government and Office Workers' Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. A crowd numbering between six and eight thousand people are present at the Imperial Palace Plaza for the meeting and demonstration of the Government and Office Workers' Union. At 1400 hours the meeting had officially begun. The crowd which at 1230 hours numbered about 1000 persons was still collecting slowly but in larger groups than at first. Trucks carrying demonstrators were coming in. The usual banners and slogans concerning wages and food were being displayed. Nothing derogatory however has been observed. The crowd is quiet, attentive and orderly. Several minor speakers have made introductory speeches. No attempt has been made to arouse the spirit of the crowd by singing or flag waving. Neither the names of the speakers, nor the subjects to be covered have as yet been obtained.

b. Further information will be reported as obtained.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1330  
Date: 18 January 1947

SUBJECT: All-Japan Government Workers and Public Officials Unions  
(Joint Struggle Committee)

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Information received through CIC discloses that a meeting of the Joint Struggle Committee will be held at 1300 hours, 18 January 1947, on the 8th floor of the Transportation Ministry Building for the purpose of discussing the final decision of the strike date and other matters pertaining to the strike. More than 200 delegates from the following unions will attend:

- General Federation of National Railway Workers Unions
- All-Japan Communication Workers Union
- All-Japan Federated Council of Teachers Union
- All-Japan Government Officials Union
- Finance Ministry Laborers Union
- Japan Express Trucking Company Workers Union

b. Further information will be reported as obtained.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications Section, G-2 Eighth Army.

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Hour: 1930  
Date: 17 Jan 47

SUBJECT: Stoppage of Military Travel.

TO : Chief of Staff

1. I presume this was called to your attention but am forwarding in case it was missed.

2. Col Kaylor, asst G-2, 8th Army, states that General Eichelberger has issued an order prohibiting the movement of military cars and military trains north of Tokyo until further notice. This because the Communications Section of the All-Japan Government Railway Workers Union has instituted their own form of "business control" in the northern area, which consists of monkeying with the electric signal system which controls the operations of the trains.

3. Col Kaylor further stated that Chief of Staff, 8th Army had been trying to get General Marquat to take some action, through the unions, but so far nothing definite had transpired.

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Hour: 1920  
Date: 17 Jan 47

SUBJECT: Stoppage of Military Travel.

TO : Chief of Staff

1. I presume this was called to your attention but am forwarding in case it was missed.

2. Col Kaylor, asst G-2, 8th Army, states that General Michelberger has issued an order prohibiting the movement of military cars and military trains north of Tokyo until further notice. This because the Communications Section of the All-Japan Government Railway Workers Union has instituted their own form of "business control" in the northern area, which consists of monkeying with the electric signal system which controls the operations of the trains.

3. Col Kaylor further stated that Chief of Staff, 8th Army had been trying to get General Marquette to take some action, through the unions, but so far nothing definite had transpired.

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**SPOT INTELLIGENCE**

Hour: 1800  
 Date: 17 January 1947

SUBJECT: Proposed Labor Demonstrations To Be Held in Japan This Weekend

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. Meetings will be held in the following locations during the week-end of 18, 19 January 1947:

Location	Time	Date	Attendance
Hachioji Station	0830-1800	18 Jan 47	Passers By
Yahato Shrine	1030-1300	18 Jan 47	Passers By
9th Primary School	1400-1500	18 Jan 47	Passers By
Shinjoka Station	0900-1200	18 Jan 47	Passers By
Shibuya Station	1300-1600	18 Jan 47	Passers By
Metropolitan 2nd Middle School	1000-1600	18 Jan 47	3000 expected
Tachikawa Station	1100-1700	18 Jan 47	Passers By
Tachikawa Station	1100-1700	19 Jan 47	Passers By
Kanda Post Office	1200-1530	18 Jan 47	500 expected
Imperial Palace Plaza	1230-1600	18 Jan 47	10,000 expected
Meguro Station	1300-1600	18 Jan 47	
		to 21 Jan 47	300 expected
Life Insurance Institute	1300-1600	18 Jan 47	600 expected
Nishi Arai Primary School	1300-1700	18 Jan 47	600 expected
Asama Primary School	1300-1700	18 Jan 47	300 expected
Kanda Kyoritsu Hall	1300-1600	18 Jan 47	
		and 19 Jan 47	2500 expected
Komatsugawa Primary School	1400-1600	18 Jan 47	200 expected
Senjo 3rd Primary School	1700-2100	18 Jan 47	1000 expected
3rd Iwafuchi Primary School	1800-2100	18 Jan 47	100 expected
Hachioji Station	0900-1200	19 Jan 47	Passers By
Hachioji Tokto Bus Stop	1300-1400	19 Jan 47	Passers By
Asakawa Station	1500-1600	19 Jan 47	Passers By
3rd Girls High School	1300-1600	19 Jan 47	200 expected
Sendai-Miyagi Pref.	1300 hrs.	18 Jan 47	1300 expected
Fuckushima City	1000 hrs.	19 Jan 47	3000 expected
Taira City	1000 hrs.	19 Jan 47	3000 expected
Wakamatsu	1000 hrs.	19 Jan 47	300 expected

2. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP,  
 Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC.

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**SPOT INTELLIGENCE**Hour: 1740  
Date: 17 January 1947NOTED  
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SUBJECT: National Congress of Government Railway Workers' Union

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the N.C.G.R.W.U. has decided their strike date as of 1 February 1947. Strike orders were distributed from the N.C.G.R.W.U. Headquarters 16 January 1947 to Field Headquarters throughout Japan. The decision will be announced to the public on 18 January 1947. The following plan will be used for the control of the railway, telephone and telegraph lines:

- (1) 1st stage - Beginning 0001 hours, 16 January, priority will be given to union messages over official\* messages.
- (2) 2nd stage - Beginning 0001 hours, 25 January, union will screen out any official\* messages which they (union) may decide as being directed against the unions' operations.
- (3) 3rd stage - Beginning 0001 hours, 31 January, (or 24 hours prior to general strike enforcement) all official\* messages will be stopped.

\* - Does not include messages pertaining to railway operations maintained in the interests of the occupational forces or RTO business. Such messages will receive highest priority as traffic warrants.

b. The N.C.G.R.W.U. also plans to control the automobiles of the transportation ministry. This will not mean absolute union control of all vehicles but only necessary control to facilitate use of certain vehicles for the unions' use.

## 2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section, Civil Communications' Section, G-2, Eighth Army.

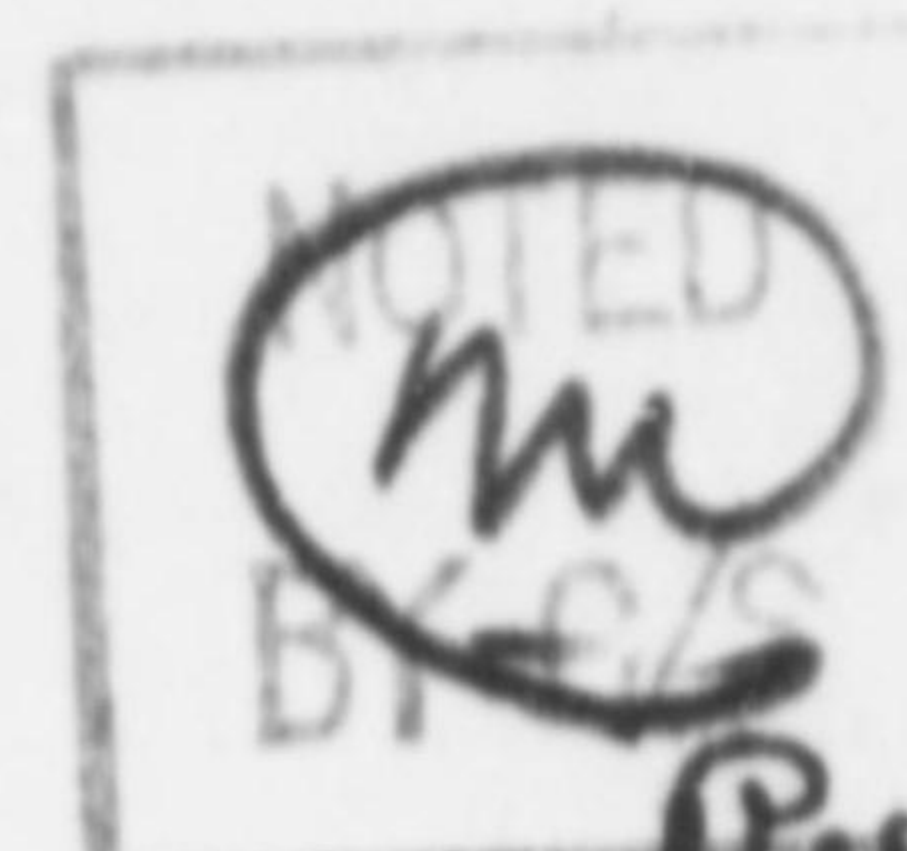
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Hour: 1555  
Date: 17 January 1947

SUBJECT: Demonstration of Auto Industrial Workers

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. The Auto Industrial Workers' meeting held in Hibiya Park, Tokyo, today terminated at 1300 hours. The meeting was orderly and nothing was presented derogatory to the Occupation.

b. Following the meeting the crowd, approximating 10,000 people, organized in a march which moved from Hibiya Park, via Radio Tokyo, Toronomon Intersection, Finance Building, the Imperial Palace Plaza, the Ministry of Transportation to Tokiabashi Park which is the dispersal point.

c. The march was orderly and no untoward actions have been noted. A number of red flags were observed in the hands of the marchers and the band played the "Red Flag" march.

2. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Economic and Scientific Section.

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Hour: 1515  
Date: 17 January 1947

SUBJECT: Issuance of Railway Strike Orders

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. According to CIC, the Tohoku District Government Railway Workers Union received orders today from the Tokyo Headquarters of the Union to go on strike at 0000 hours, 1 February 1947. Trains operating for occupational forces will not be affected. Although the strike is scheduled for 1 February 1947, the Tohoku Union has orders to automatically go on strike in the event of any acts of oppression by the Police before that time.

b. Tohoku District of the Government Railway Workers Union includes the following prefectures: Aomori, Akita, Iwate, Yamagata, Miyagi and Fukushima.

2. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, Deputy Chief of Staff, SCAP, Civil Transportation Section.

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Hour: 1315  
Date: 17 January 1947

SUBJECT: Soviet Report on Misbehavior of U.S. Army personnel.

TO : Chief of Staff

Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP

1. During a conversation between Col Pash and General Derevyanko at 1100 on 17 January 1947, General Derevyanko brought up the following incident:
  - a. At 0200, 15 January 1947, a jeep, serial #20723397, First Cavalry Division, drove up to the residence of Mr. VARSHAVSKY, Soviet correspondent, at 775 Shibuya-ku, Sendagaya, 4-chome, and six (6) enlisted men forced open the gate of his residence. Upon being confronted by Mr. VARSHAVSKY they said that they wanted some Russian girls and were willing to pay American dollars or Yen.
  - b. Mr. VARSHAVSKY informed them that there was no one residing in the house other than he and his wife. He requested the people to depart.
  - c. At 2115, 15 January 1947, six (6) men returned with the same demand.
  - d. Mr. VARSHAVSKY contacted the Soviet Embassy and a Duty Officer was dispatched to this residence. The American Enlisted Men made the same demand upon being confronted by the Soviet Duty Officer and, realizing that they had gone too far, they requested that the matter be dropped and forgotten. They requested further that this incident be not reported inasmuch as they feared to get in to trouble.
2. Three (3) of the six (6) men involved were identified as:
  - T/5 Jack Williams
  - Clyde L. Webber
  - Jimmie R. Baker
 All men are from the 27th Ord. (M.M.) Co., APO 201.
3. General Derevyanko states that at no time did they try to use force or become unruly.
4. General Derevyanko is submitting a letter to Headquarters on this incident.
5. Action; Following agencies notified: Tokyo PM, 1st Cav Div, G-2 8th Army.

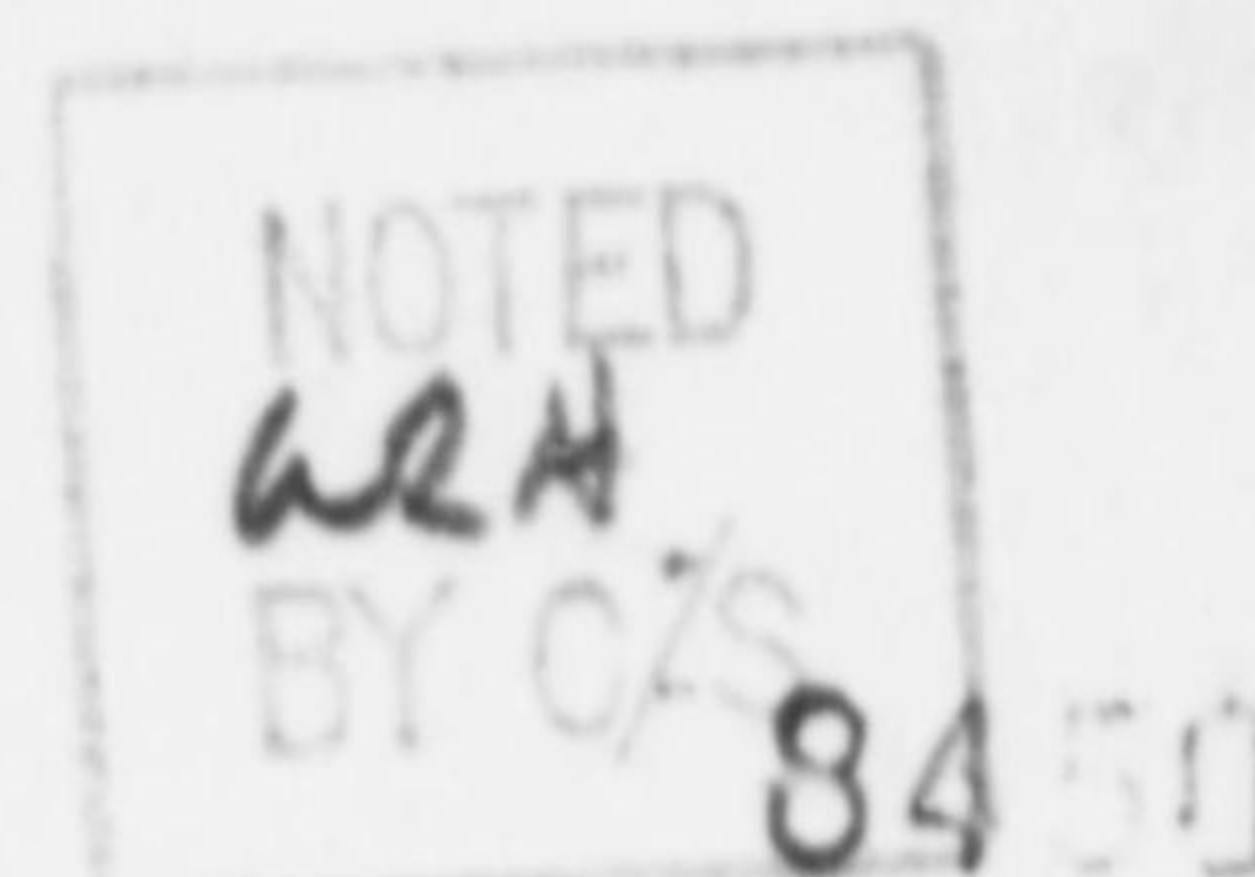
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Hour: 1130  
 Date: 17 January 1947

SUBJECT: Demonstration of Auto Industrial Workers, Hibiya Park

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. At 1100 hours today approximately 6,000 people had arrived in Hibiya Park, Tokyo to attend a meeting and demonstration of the Auto Industrial Workers. Sponsors of the meeting anticipate 15,000 will attend. The crowd was orderly and displayed no enthusiasm. Even though a band played the "Red Flag Song", the entire group present did not join in the singing. Speaking was begun at 1045 hours. The crowd consists mostly of young people with about ten per cent women. Placards, now being translated, indicate mostly a protest against living conditions. Many of the demonstrators are wearing red arm bands.

b. The purpose of the demonstration is to send a petition to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to aid the automobile industry.

c. After the mass meeting the group will parade from Hibiya Park, via Radio Tokyo, to Toranomon intersection, Finance Building, Metropolitan Police Board, Imperial Palace Plaza, Babasaki Monument, Wadakure Monument, NYK Building and then to Tokyo Station for dispersal.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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FROM : Lt. Col. D. S. Tait  
SUBJECT : Stoppage of Military Travel.  
TO : General Willoughby.

1. Col. Kayler, asst G-2 8th Army, states that General Eichelberger has issued an order prohibiting the movement of military cars and military trains north of Tokyo until further notice. This because the Communications Section of the All-Japan Government Railway Workers Union has instituted their own form of "business control" in the northern area, which consists of monkeying with the electric signal system which controls the operations of the trains.
2. Col. Kayler further stated that Chief of Staff 8th Army had been trying to get General Marquette to take some action, through the unions, but so far nothing definite had transpired.

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## SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1815

Date: 16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Composition of Newly Created Joint Labor Policy Committee.

TO: Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, dated 1700 hours, 16 January 1947, subject: Organization of All-Japan Joint Policy Committee.

b. It is estimated that the Joint Labor Policy Committee will represent 6,000,000 workers and will give whole-hearted support to the All-Japan Government Workers' and Public Officials' unions in their anticipated strike.

## c. The following unions will be represented on the Committee:

- (1) General Federation of National Railways Workers Union
- (2) All-Japan Communication Workers Union
- (3) All-Japan Government Officials Union
- (4) All-Japan Public Officials Union
- (5) All-Japan Federated Council of Teachers Unions
- (6) All-Japan Public Utilities Workers Union
- (7) Finance Ministry Laborers Union
- (8) National Congress of Industrial Organizations
- (9) Japan Federation of Trade Unions
- (10) Japan Congress of Labor Unions
- (11) All-Japan Seamans Union
- (12) International Electrical and Communications Union
- (13) All-Japan Traffic and Transportation Federation
- (14) Japan Trucking Express Company Labor Union
- (15) All-Japan Stage and Screen Workers Union
- (16) Japan Electrical Supply Workers Union
- (17) All-Japan Machine-Tool Workers Union
- (18) National Life Insurance Workers Union
- (19) All-Japan Chemical Laborers Union
- (20) All-Japan Electrical Industry Workers Union
- (21) All-Japan Iron and Steel Industrial Workers Union
- (22) All-Japan Printing and Publication Workers Union
- (23) All-Japan Stevedores Labor Union
- (24) All-Japan Newspaper and Radio Workers Union
- (25) All-Japan Coal Miners Labor Union
- (26) All-Japan Shipbuilders Labor Union
- (27) All-Japan Marine Transportation Workers Union
- (28) Tokyo Rapid Transit Railway Union

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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Hour: 1700

Date: 16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Organization of All-Japan Joint Policy Committee

TO : Chief of Staff

## 1. Information:

a. CCD sources indicate that Kyodo Press reports that twenty-seven (27) labor unions today joined in the establishment of an All-Japan Joint Policy Committee at a meeting at the Transportation Ministry.

b. Sixty (60) delegates representing the National Congress of Industrial Organizations, General Federations of Labor Unions, Council of Labor Unions, government labor unions and others participated and decided on the following four-point policy:

- (1) Unification of labor for common objective.
- (2) Establishment of central and provincial committee.
- (3) Common objective:
  - (a) opposition to dismissal
  - (b) payment of winter "crisis" fund
  - (c) conclusion of labor contract
  - (d) establishment of minimum wages
  - (e) payment of salaries and wages in cash
  - (f) abolishment of earned income tax and raising of exemption on combined income tax to ¥50,000
  - (g) abolishment of Labor Relations Adjustment Law
  - (h) opposition to illegal oppression by authorities
  - (i) establishment of a democratic government
- (4) Slogan:
  - (a) "Democratic Reconstruction of Industries"
  - (b) "Employment of Jobless"
  - (c) "Do Away with all Blackmarkets"
  - (d) "Complete Democratization of Government Offices"
  - (e) "Oppose all Harmful Taxes"

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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Hour: 1520  
Date: 16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Railway Communications in Tohoku District Taken over by Government  
Railway Workers' Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the Tohoku District of the Government Railway Workers' Union received orders from the Tokyo Headquarters of the Government Railway Workers' Union to take over control of railway communications.

b. This action was effected at 2400 hours, 15 Jan 47, according to prearranged plans and without difficulty.

c. The Tohoku District includes the following prefectures: Aomori, Akita, Iwate, Yamagata, Miyagi and Fukushima.

d. The transmission of labor information will be given priority over the transmission of railway information but railway messages will be sent if time and facilities permit.

e. The reason for this move by the Railway Workers' Union was to obtain a communications system in order to coordinate action among the railway unions throughout the country during the critical period currently existing.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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Hour: 1500  
Date: 16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Meeting of Joint Struggle Committee of Public Officials' and Government Workers' Unions

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the Joint Struggle Committee of the Public Officials' and Government Workers' Unions is holding a meeting at the present time at the Transportation Ministry for the purpose of discussing a final date by which the Government will be asked to meet the unions' demands.

b. An interview today by a CIC agent with a spokesman of the Teachers' Union indicated that the Government's reply to the Joint Struggle Committee's demands (as reported in Spot Intelligence Report dated 1130 hours, 16 Jan 47, subject: "Government Replies to Demands of All-Japan Government Workers' and Public Officials' Unions (Joint Struggle Committee)) was totally unsatisfactory to subject union and, as a consequence, the union feels that it has been forced into a position where it will have to resort to a strike in order to gain its demands. Representatives of the Teachers' Union are in attendance at the meeting of the Joint Struggle Committee as indicated in paragraph 1a, above.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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Hour: 1500  
Date: 16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Activities of Korean Organizations

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that information obtained from the Japanese police indicates that a petition is being circulated among all Korean organizations throughout Japan. The petition requests the acquittal of ten (10) Koreans who were arrested during a demonstration in Tokyo on 20 Dec 46.

b. The Koreans expect to obtain 600,000 signatures through Korean organizations and 400,000 additional signatures from labor organizations, in particular CIO.

c. Korean organizations are attempting to secure the backing of the Japan Communist party in the development of subject petition.

d. The petition is to be presented to the Commanding General, First Cavalry Division, Saitama Prefecture. The date for the presentation is unknown.

2. Action:

a. The entire movement is under observation of CIC and subsequent developments will be reported.

b. Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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Hour: 1345  
Date: 16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Strike Activities of Railway Communications Workers

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, dated 1930 hours, 15 January 1947, subject: "Information on Strike Situation Obtained through Interview by 441st CIC Det."

b. CIC today interviewed a key official of the Transportation Ministry and determined that no unusual developments have resulted from the hampering operations of communication (railway) lines by the railway workers. The official stated that lines used by the occupation forces are open and in operation. It was his opinion that these hampering techniques will be limited to ineffective measures.

c. CIC has been assured by union leaders that any strike measures directed against the Transportation Ministry will not affect the occupation forces and that every precaution will be taken to guarantee this.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1130

Date: 16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Government Replies to Demands of All-Japan Government Workers'  
 and Public Officials' Unions (Joint Struggle Committee)

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Following is the government's replies, as obtained by CIC, to the demands presented to the government by the Joint Struggle Committee of the All-Japan Government Workers' and Public Officials' Unions during the demonstration on 11 Jan 47 together with the presented demands:

- (1) UNIONS' DEMAND: Establishment of minimum basic salary. (Minimum wage for 16 year olds and above ¥650). GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: Wages and salaries inquiry council (Kyuyo Shingikai) to be participated in by the representatives of Workers' Unions will be inaugurated very shortly, and along with its inauguration the "Board of Committee for Better Treatment of the Government and Public Officials" is expected to start its activity. In view of this fact, it is to be hoped that a concrete solution of the problem is made at as early a date as possible with a whole-hearted assistance by the participating Unions.
- (2) UNIONS' DEMAND: Immediate payment of the balance of year-end allowance. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: Please note that we have done our best as far as was possible. Until such time Wage and Salary System is definitely established, some vicissitude is expected, and we are doing our best to see that a temporary allowance is paid at the time.
- (3) UNIONS' DEMAND: Immediate conclusion of collective bargaining agreement. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: We have, of course, no objection at all to the conclusion of a rational collective agreement. We have, at the same time, no intention of making the so-called unjustifiable dismissal.
- (4) UNIONS' DEMAND: Abolition and revision of all existing discriminating treatment. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: If there actually exists a discriminatory treatment of an unjustifiable nature, we will, of course, see to it that the abolition or revision of same is accordingly made.
- (5) UNIONS' DEMAND: Payment of cold-weathered district allowance. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: Regarding the proposed cold-weathered district allowance, the matter is under consideration.
- (6) UNIONS' DEMAND: Abolition of the Labor Relations Adjustment Law. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: It is by no means an "oppression" to make no payment to strikers. Please note that it is in accordance with the general principle of wage (or salary) payment.
- (7) UNIONS' DEMAND: Abolition of earned income tax. GOVERNMENT'S

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REPLY: We will make a substantial and wholesale revision of earned income tax.

- (8) UNIONS' DEMAND: Raising the exemptions of combined income tax to ¥30,000. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: With reference to combined income tax, the matter is under our careful consideration.
- (9) UNIONS' DEMAND: Abolition of offensive Imperial Ordinance No. 591. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: Imperial Ordinance No. 591 cannot be abolished. We do not think it oppressive.
- (10) UNIONS' DEMAND: Opposition to Government and Police oppression. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: We are now making an investigation about the concrete instances.
- (11) UNIONS' DEMAND: Cancellation of the phrase "Futeino-to" (rebellious) used in the New Year message by the Premier and apology thereof. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: It is regretted that the Premier's New Year's message has been misunderstood.
- (12) UNIONS' DEMAND: Opposition to unjustifiable dismissal. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: See reply to 1, a, (3) above.
- (13) UNIONS' DEMAND: Payment in cash of salaries and allowances. GOVERNMENT'S REPLY: We are giving the matter our consideration.

2. Action: Following agencies notified: Deputy Chief of Staff FEC and Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP.

*for Bethune*  
C. A. W.