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REPORT ON INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

(First half of February 1951)

VII. Shimane Prefectural Economic Investigation Bureau.

A General Affairs Section

1. Re various conferences convened

(a) The 50th Conference of Shimane Prefectural Economic Investigation Council.

(1) Date: 14 February

(2) Attendants: 12 members

(3) Agenda:

(I) Plan for Investigation of Restaurants.

The explantion made herein was:

With the sudden exchage of international situation, pertinent measures should be taken to maintain reinforcement of law and ordinance concerning the staple food.

By this reason, we were planing to investigate restaurants irregularly more than one time a month.

Our object of the investigation would be placed on the illegal use of sugar, addition to business operation without license and meal offer without exchage of meal-coupon.

The bill approved unanimously.

(II) Condition of Rice Crop Delivery

Official in charge of Shimane Prefectural Government reported:

The delivery completed as of February end and its percentage became 102.73%.

(III) Supplying with Meal for School-Children

Reported:

This supply system is to be excercised in or at the municipalized area, and 100 gms bread supply per person has been enforced since 13 February at Matsue and Hamada but Izumo due to scarcity of desire.

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(IV) Interim Report on Investigation of Condition of both Delivered Rice Crop's Collection and its Custody.

Reported herein were:

(1) There were seen more quanitity of rice crop than the one written in the ledger at some Agricultural Cooperatives.

(2) Condition of Defrayment for Delivered Rice Crop's Charge.

Calculation of interests' difference between temporary payments and settle acounts was not proper at some agricultural cooperatives:

It had been payed for the members of cooperatives without retracing to the time of delivery.

(Refer to activities of food section....B--2)

(3) Condition of Custody

There were seen the damage by rats due to incompletion of the facilities at some cooperatives.

(V) Investigation on Transportation of Tobacco's Package.

It was reported that Matsue Management Branch, Hamada and Izumo Operating Branch of Nittsu was investigated by 22 investigator in its aggregated numbers during 8 January to 25.

(VI) Delivery of Rape-seed Oil, yield in 1950 year.

Explained:

20 factories, picked up were investigated and discovered that 41% of delivery's allotment quantity had been sold off to the Kodan.

B. Food Section.

1. Special Investigation of Restaurants.

(a) Outline:

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Our investigation was made on business license and operating condition of hotels and restaurants at Ushi-mura, Ohara-gun, and Misumi-machi, Naka-gun.

Cases Investigated	Violation Cases This Period	Violation Cases Pending from Previous Period	Violation Cases Disposed Admonition	Violation Cases Disposed Administrative Disposal Requested	Pending Cases
7	2	0	2	0	0

(b) Gist of Violation

Hotel-managers of "Ushio-So" and "Shima-Ya" at Ushio-mura, Ohara-gun, and at Misumi-machi, Naka-gun were subject to our admonition on the ground that their collection of meal coupon from their passengers was incomplete in the case of our in spection visit.

We requested to present a written apology after admonished them strictly so as to do not same failure at future.

2. Special Investigation of Staple Food

(a) Outline:

8 collective agencies of rice crop were subject of our investigation on condition of the collected crop and of custody.

Cases Investigated	Violation Cases This Period	Violation Cases Pending from Previous Period	Violation Cases Disposed Admonition	Violation Cases Disposed Administrative Disposal Requested	Pending Cases
8	0	0	0	0	0

(b) Extraordinary Matters, Discovered.

(1) Excessive rice, amounting to 183.9 kgs in total was discovered at UshiO-mura Agricultural Cooperative, Ushio-mura, Ohara-gun, and at Mitoya-machi's, Iishi-gun, then we made instruction to Shimane Prefectural Food Office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to take step of purchase.

(2) Charge of the delivered rice crop is to be debited to the deliverer's deposite-account under the date of delivery.

But there were seen no fulfilment of this system at Kubota-mura Agricultural Cooperative, Kubota-mura, Hikawa-gun and another 3 cooperatives.

Then we instructed to them to take corrective measures.

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(3) Discovered 3 cases of bad condition of custody (including 1 case of mingled arragement of rice, barley and rape-seed, and 2 cases of damage by rats) were subject of our admonition.

C. Materials Section I.

1. Investigation on Transportation of Leave-tobacco's Packs, engaging a whole goods-waggon.

Investigation on the transported leaves-tobacco packs, engaged a whole goods-waggon in 1949 and 1950 fiscal year has been excercised at Matsue Management Branch of Nittsu since 11 February and discovered no particular matters:

Our main object is placed on the contrast between the requested quantity of transportation by Monopoly Corporation and actual transported one, and on the basic data of its calculation.

The result will be reported after its completion (May be 18 February)

2. Various Investigations:

(a) Investigation on Delivery Condition of Rape-seed oil to the Oil Stuffs Corporation.

20 factories, picked up from among designated 66 oil factories in this pref. were investigated.

As the result, it was found that completion of delivery of the oil will be attained by 11 factories and be completed partly by 9 factories and recognized that continuous surveillance should be kept to propel the delivery.

The delivery condition through this pref. follows:

Alloted Quantity of the Seeds-delivery in This Pref. in 1950 year (A)	Alloted Quantity of the seeds to the Kodan of this pref. (B)	$\frac{B}{A}$
209,655 kg	177,255 kg	84%

Alloted Quantity to the Designated Factories by the Kodan (C)	Delivered Quantity (D)	$\frac{D}{C}$	Remarks:
53,176 kl	22,308 kl	41%	Those figures stand on 12 Feb. '51.

(b) Productive Condition of Vitamin-oil which was produced from shark's liver.

As the livers of shark which is fished in this pref. excellent in quality, a portion is refining in this pref. for export and some of them are consigning to another prefs. as the raw materials.

It's notable for development of the industry in this district.

Condition of the catch and of the oil production are as follows:

Catched Quantity of the shark within a year	Liver classified by color	Percentage of the Catched Quantity	Oil's Quantity in Liver	Oil's Quantity / Liver's Quantity (%)	Productive amount of the oil	Suitable or no suitable / Quantity for export	Figures Calculated in Number of Drums	Amount per Drum	Amount	Remarks
500,000 kan	Black	10%	5,000 kan	65%	3,250 kan	Suitable 26,000 kan	541	Around ¥100,000.	¥54,100,000	20,000 unit
	Gray	70%	35,000 kan	"	22,750 kan					
Contained liver quantity is 50,000 kan	Red & White	20%	10,000 kan	"	6,500 kan	No suitable 130 6,500 kan		¥30,000.	¥3,900,000	Lower unit

Note: The unit price stand on the present one of FOB

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(c) Investigation on movement of Iron Foundry.

Movement investigation was excercised on Minari Teikoku Iron Foundry which had been set to work since after end of January and on Kasubuchi Rissyo Iron Works, established newly.

As the result, it was found that the former was inactivity due to shortage of raw-materials and high price of fuel, the latter was taking step of establishment.

D. Materials Section II.

1. Investigation on Designated Imported Goods

Cases Investigated	Violation Cases This Period	Violation Cases Pending from previous period	Violation Cases disposed Admonition	Violation Cases disposed Administrative Disposal Requested	Pending cases	Quantity shifted to normal channel	Remarks
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	-

(a) Outline:

One grocery, 3 cakes-dealer and a Clothings-shop were investigated by 4 investigator at Hamada and Izumo cities, and one woolen yarn's case and 4 case of cakes-sale were discovered to be suspicious.

(b) Measures Taken:

The former, woollen yarn's case was shifted to Osaka Prefectural Bureau, as it was purchased from a dealer in Osaka:

The latter cases' source was found to be some of shops and dealer at Matsue, Hamada cities and Gotsu-machi, those are investigating continuously to make sure illegal or not.

2. Investigation on Supply and Demand Condition of Timber.

(a) Synopsis:

Investigation on supply and demand condition and price of timber which is used for materials of pulp, stake, tie, and veneer was made on four companies or dealer concerned at Matsue, Hamada cities, Masuda and another 2 towns.

(b) Measures Taken:

The result of investigation was reported to the regional EIB as a information.

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(Second half of Jan 1951)

VII. Shimane Prefectural Investigation Bureau.

A. General Affairs Section

1. Re various conferences convened.

a. The 49th consultive meeting on economics in the Shimane Pref.

(1) Date: January 24.
Attendants: 10 members

(2) Agenda:

1. Interim report on investigation of staple food.

It was reported that the control of transportation had been excercised in or at Matsue, Izumo, Hamada Cities, Yasugi, Taisha, Hirata, Ota-machi, and Toyokawa-mura, and violated 12 cases had transfered to the polices concerned:

Number of applicants to be registered as staple food retailers was 715, and all of them, except 19 applicants who refused themselves after that, are expecting to be entered.

2. Report on business

Various activities, excercised during the period from 1 to 15 January was reported by respective chief of Sections.

Above all, the report concerning supply and demand condition of pulp and timber was noteworthy, viz

The Pref. government planned 250,000 koku timbers to be used for pulp, on the contrary some companies are planning to cut down 400,000 koku.(it is overed 150,000 koku than the pref. plan) at present time, and it will lead to over-cutting down:

The development of event is very anxious.

b. Liaison conference on staple food control.

(1) Date: 27 January
Attendants: 20 members

(2) Location: Meeting room of Kanoashi District Police.

Officials concerned, such as servicing in Shimane, Yamaguchi E. I. B., NRP of both Shimane and Yamaguchi Pref., Abukita district police station, Yamaguchi municipal, Ogori, Masuda, Nichihara and Tsuwano-machi autonomous police, exchanged their opinions and confered about staple food control.

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2. Education and publicity.

Economic consultive meeting was held at public-hall of Tsuwano-machi on 26th January 1 p.m.

Representatives of consumers, business-operators, some Womens' Association, totaled number of 25, ~~was~~ were met and confered about current economic situation.

B. Food Section

1. Special Investigation on restaurant business

a. Synopsis.

Operating condition of restaurants in Oda-machi, Anno-gun was investigated.

Cases investigated	Violation cases		Violation cases Disposed		Pending cases
	This period	Pending from previous period	Admonition	Administrative disposal requested	
6	1	0	0	1	0

b. Type of violation

Meal coupon restaurant operator, named Toshinobu Nagao at Oda-machi, Anno-gun had been present food for customers without coupon, and administrative disposal was requested as a result of discovered fact.

2. Special Investigation on staple food.

New registered condition of staple food (retailers), including ex-Kodan's ration stations, ensuing coming transfer to private organs ~~was~~ were examined, but no extra orginal matters was discovered.

3. Investigation concerning illegal distribution and reception of sugar.

Distribution condition of sugar for house-hold ration was investigated at Ota-machi, Anno-gun and Tsunozu-machi, Naka-gun, but no illegal fact was discovered.

C. Materials Section I.

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Cases investigated	Violation cases This period/16 Jan - 31	Pending from pervious period	Violation cases Disposed Administration	Transfered to servillance squad	Goods shifted to normal channel
23	0	0	0	0	0

1. Continued Investigation of the fertilizer distribution Kodan's prefectural liquidiation office.

Outline:

Continued investigation concerning disposal of relesed fertilizer of administrative bureau and the Kodan during last December, was carried on the Shimane prefectural office of the Kodan at closing stage. As the result of investigation, it was found that there were no illegal disposal, and all fertilizer owned by the Kodan amounting to 3,160 tons standing at end of December was contracted to be purchased by some buyers of another pref. during January due to anticipation of coming infration or re-control: Though the contents of contracts was no illegal, we are keeping surveillance.

2. Investigation concerning transportation agent of tobacco package.

Investigation of management branch in Matsue, operative branch in Izumo and Hamada cities of Nittsu was excercised. No illegal fact was found, but we adviced the respective management branch to take some disposal , as the present fare of package was several and no unity, and as the surveillance concerning management for operative branch is imperfect.
(These detail was alredy reported to the regional EIB)

3. Investigation on delivery condition of rape-seed and rape seed oil.

There are seen now a situation to prevent delivery of rape-seed and the oil allotteed before its decontrol to oil stuffs Kodan, viz.

Prior to delivery to the Kodan, oil factories are selling the oil in advance which is made by using alloted materials by the Kodan to another oil dealer, as the price of oil is raising and as demand is increasing by and by with the decontroll:

Then we are investigating the condition of oil factories which are doing bad delivery since 25 January, and will be continued till the begining of February.

The result will be reported.

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Investigation concerning matters of special order.

Outline:

With the request of respective officials of the Chugoku Civil Affairs Region, we investigated 9 petroleum dealers and 3 consumers to examine the condition of conversion of coupon in to petroleum using for agricultural and fishery category.

Alredy it had been reported.

D. Materials Section II.

1. General condition.

We made investigation on current economical condition on this pref. and studied various enconomic control laws and regulations, as we had recieved no instruction from the regional EIB.

2. Investigated circumstances.

a. Investigation on fiber products' market.

(1) Condition on arrival of goods and on its sale.

There are no tendency to speculative purchase by sellers and are no shop-arounding by consumers, as arrival of goods is smoothly.

(2) Step of price (Whole sale's.)

Items	Index Aug '50	Nov. '50	15 Jan '51	Index Nov. '51	15 Jan. '51
Staple fiber textiles	100	77	92	100	120
Rayon textiles	100	83	96	100	115
Cotton "	100	71	107	100	150
Woolen "	100	91	109	100	120
Silk "	100	77	92	100	120

Cotton and woolen textiles price overed some degree than the peak price of August 1951, as we see above table.

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Generally speaking, there are upward tendency of price compare with most declined time of November 1950, and are tend to expect to strengthen the control.

b. Demand and supply condition of timber using for pulp.

We investigated the above condition at Shimane prefecture government, Matsue forestry station and companies concerned as follows:

(1) Estimated quantity of timber in this pref,

Total quantity owned by government, pref. and civilian .....91,522,700 koku

(2) Possible quantity of cutting down within a year ..... 3,930,000 koku

Items... Needle leaf tree .....(1,330,000 koku)
Broad-leaved tree .....(2,600,000 koku)

(3) Program of cutting down within 1951 fiscal year ..... 3,930,000 koku

Items... Needle leaf tree .....(1,470,000 koku)
Broad-leaved tree .....(2,460,000 koku)

(4) The condition of demand and supply within 1951 fiscal year.

Though the demand and supply maintained its balance within planned quantity at 1950 fiscal year, we are confronting with considerable problem, viz.

Not only the demand of timber using for general building works and for pulp-factories, constructed [redacted] is increasing at 1951 fiscal year compare with 1950 fiscal years', but also newly constructed factories such as Nippon pulp co. etc. are depending upon timber of this pref., amounting to 400,000 koku.

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(First half of Jan. 1951)

VII. Shimane Prefectural Economic Investigation Bureau

A. General Affairs Section

1. Re Various Conferences Convened.

a. The 48th consultive meeting for the investigation on economics in the Shimane Prefecture.

(1) Date: Jan. 10

(2) Attendants: 10 members

(3) Agenda:

1. Special Investigation of Staple food.

Concerning of the sheduled program explanation was made, viz.

For the purpose of clarification of various violation obstructing rice crop delivery and disturbing the control of main food, and of detection of brokers flowing rice crop to illegal channels and illegal rice crop collector; further more, for the prevention of illegal deeds, committing by distributing agents on its transfering stage to private's organ and to keep the control of main foods, this examination would be excercised during 1 December and end of March. Then the bill was approved by all members.

2. Investigation of distributed sugar illegally.

It was explained that the examination would be carried out jointly with respective section of Shimane Pref., in or at some abstracted cities and villages for the purpose of prevention of illegal receipt of sugar, and the investigation would be done by checking up distributed population of sugar with number of recipients of staple food and of census.

Then the bill was approved unanimously.

3. Suggestion on interests of arrearage of delivered rice crop which was bought out by government.

It was reported that there were some examples of the unpaid interests of arrearage at all in some banks.

On the contrary agricultural coopartives were paing the interest for farmers delivered rice crop.

Then the EIB suggested to make a proposal to the agents concerned in order to make them take respective measures, but the suggestion was preserved by next conference for some committees' opinion.

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4. Examination on transportation of packages of tabacco.

Explanation was made as follows:

The investigation on management branch and 3 operative branch of Nittsu and its sub-carriers would be done.

Searching inquiry would be to examine the suitability of their basic factors for figuring out transport charges of packages of tobacco in their contracts and to compere contract carriage fare with actual fare.

Result: Approved unanimously.

5. Report on directive transportation of tobacco & distribution for each retail shop of these.

It is reported that examination of 1 magement branch and 3 operative branch exercised by 28 investigators in cumulative total from 7 December to 20.

6. Report on Special Investigation of Imported Goods.

Reported that 11 confectionaries, 42 retail shops of cakes, 3 tea-rooms, 3 brokers, 6 transportors, and 5 miscellaneous shops, totaled number 70 concerned was investigated, but no particular case discovered and 4 cases was subject of our admonition.

7. Report on Business.

Each respective chief of sections reported at the conference about activities during latter half of December.

8. Surveillance Squad: none.

D. Food Section

1. Special investigation of restaurant business.

a. Cut line.

Our investigation was made in Matsue City on how the restaurants were licensed and their operational situations.

Investigated cases	Violation Cases				
	This period/	Pending from previous period	Admonition/	Administrative Disposal Requested	/Pending Cases
4	3	0	2	1	0

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b. Type of Violation.

1. Name: Taeko Yamamoto
Location: Matsue City

Light meal restaurant operator, mentioned above was managing business without license, and requested administrative disposal.

2. Name: Teruko Hara (female)
Neme: Yoshiko Maeda (")

Both of them were subject to our admonition on account of their failure to show up their licenses at their shops.

2. Special Investigation of Staple Food.

a, With the cooperation of Municipal Police of Izumo City, control of transported goods was exercised:

Date	Location	Classification/Quantity/Violation Cases of Food.		
8 Jan	Izumo city	Polished rice	9,700 kg	3

b. Type of violation:

Type of all these cases were illegaly purchase of consumers through abnormal route and transfered to police officials accompanied by.

3. Re various conference convened.

Sub-committee's meeting of staple food was held at the Shimane Pref MIB's meeting room, and the details of main program of food special investigation was confered.

E. Material First Section

Cases Investigated	Violation Cases This period	Violation Cases Pending from previous period	Disposed Admonition	Disposed Transferred to surveillance squad	Pending Cases	Quantity shifted to regular route
3	0	0	0	0	0	0

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1. Continued investigation of the fertilizer distribution Kodan's prefectural liquidiation office.

Outline:

Continued investigation from previous period was carried on the Shimane prefectural liqudiation office of Fertilizer Cooperation at closing stage; viz.

On accounting and released fertilizer owned by the Kodan, examination was continued from the end of last Dec.

The result will be reported in next's.

2. Investigation on transported packages of tobacco.

Synopsis:

About actual management of various operative charges in connection with transportation of packages of tobacco, (include of mixed loading) management branch in Matsue and operative branches in Izumo and Hamada city are being investigated from 8 Jan. and expecting to be completed by Jan 25.

3. Investigation of actual Economic Situation.

Outline:

During this period:

1. Situation of supply and demand of petroleum in connection with revised rice.

2. Rised situation of rubber and leather work's price.

3. Advanced price condition concerning of non iron metals and iron scraps.

4. Reconstructed situation of agricultural cooperatives having many debt. etc:

Items mentioned above were investigated through many dealers concerned in Matsue mainly, and discovered that there were no making excessive profits and coopertives concerned were making efforts to its reconstruction:

These result of investigation was reported to the ETA.

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F. Material Second Section

(From 21 Dec to 5 Jan '51)

1. Investigation on Designated import goods.

a. Outline:

Re investigation was made for a foreign trader in Matsue city by 2 Economic Investigators in cumulative total.

b. The condition of violation

1. Name of the firm: Sanin Japan & USA Foreign trade Stocked Company (Sanin Nichibei Boeki K. K.)

Location: No.65, Suetsugu-hon-machi, Matsue.

It was discovered that the company purchased 15 Lbs "C and H Sugar," ~~(this conception is doubtful)~~ ¥210.00 - ¥220.00 per a Lbs from Japan Exchange trade Stock Company (Nippon Koeki, K. K.) 1-chome, Uchisaiwai-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo during last Nov. & Dec., and sold to Mr. Hossoku Omura, who ~~xx~~ was operating retail shop of cakes in Matsue and to other 5 persons per a Lbs ¥282.50 - ¥303.60.

Then this sect. requested to present a statement of the failure and made him swear to do no illegal business in future.

2. Discovered violation case investigated during Nov.

It was discovered that Mr. Katsutoshi Kakinoki, whole-saler of cakes, living in Tamachi, Hamada City purchased cakes covered with granulated sugar from a firm named Yokoozi (whole-saler of cakes), living in Minami-Kawaraya-cho, Minami-ku, Osaka city.

Then admonition was done for him.

Remarks: The violation case pending in the previous report was stated in article 1. mentioned above (Sanin Japan & USA Foreign Trade Stock Company's case.)

c. Total list of dicovered violation cases during the period.the import good investigation was completed generally at the end last December:

Results was as follows:

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Number of investigators/Cases as of in cumlative	Violation	Situation of business		
		Quantity	Amount	Exceeded amount on control price
70	7	20.412 k	¥12,600.	¥11,241.93

Remarks: 1) All number of violation cases ware 7, out of which 4 cases' quantities were written; for another 3 cases, covering cakes with sugar, it was impossible to presume the quantity.

2) Presumed amount was figured out from black market price.

General results (including of Invest. was made by food sect. From August 1950 to October 1950) of special invest. of sugar were as follows:

Number of Invest.	Violation cases	Situation of business		
		Quantity	Amount	Exceeded amount on control price
113	17	923.412 k	¥152,839.2	¥86,260.93

d. Effect and Reflection of this Investigation.

This examination's object was placed on the cakes were made from imported or smuggled sugar and on cubic sugar which was presumed to be relief goods.

That reason was that there were no registrated dealer and designated consumer of designated import goods within this district under the Shimane KIB's juristiction.

Then this investigation became lukewarm and possitive one.

But we belive firmly that considerble effect to make the dealer of sugar amd sugar products conscious of the sprit of Economic control law.

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REPORT ON BUSINESS ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED TO BE EXECUTED
(Second Half of March, Year of 1950)

VI. Shimane Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. Report on schedule of various conference:

Name of conference	Date	Place	Contents	Participants
Economic Investigation Conference	25 Mar.	EIA Matsue City	Subjects for discussion are undecided.	Committeemen of the Economic Investigation Conference.

2. Matters concerning educat on and publicity:

a. A stabilizing round-table conference for living is scheduled to be held at Minari-machi, Nita-gun and Tsuwano-machi, Shikaashi-gun during the period from 16 March till 31 March.

b. The schedule for the itinerant exhibition for education publicity was not made because of bad weather, however, it is scheduled to be executed occasionally.

A-2 Inspection Unit:

Matters handled:

a. The violated case of cotton fishing net between Yosabuto Nooji and Matsuichi Matsuoka is scheduled to be indicted after the investigation thereof.

b. The case of selling without the ticket of fishing net by Iida Co., Ltd. of Takashimaya is scheduled to be disposed after the investigation of the actual fact.

B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on staple foods.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance: Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
16 and 17 of March	Kitsugi-machi, Oohara-gun and Ayo-machi, Oohara-gun	Mill	Honda Mill Plant Ayo-mura Agr. Coop. Ass'n.	1. Existence or non-existence of illegal disposition and illegal obtaining of raw materials.

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22 and 23 of March.	Naoe-mura, Hikawa-gun and Daito-machi, Oohara-gun	Manufacturing of noodles.	Endo Noodles Manufacturing Plant and Tobita Noodles Manufacturing Plant.	2. Disposition of manufactured goods. 3. Disposition of by-products.
28, 29 and 30 of Mar.	Matsue City, Yasuki-machi, Noogi-gun and Hirata-machi, Hikawa-gun	Mill	Minamine and Ito Plant Matsura and Mishima Plant Shimada and Yasuki Agr. Coop. Ass'n.	4. Condition of observation of processing conditions.

b. Education and publicity: None

2. Special Surveillance on Food-dispensing Business and Black-market (illegal) Confectioneries.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of organ	Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
15 and 16 of March	Hamada City	Food-dispensing restaurant and Manufacturer of confectioneries.		1. Giving staple foods without tickets. 2. Operation of business without permission.
27 and 28 of March	Yasuki-machi	Ditto		3. Existence or non-existence of purchasing of staple foods in large quantity. 4. Manufacturing of illegal confectioneries under pretext of entrust.

b. Education and publicity: None

Report on schedule of various conference:

Name of Conference	Date	Place	Contents	Participants	Section in charge
Staple Food Sub-committee Meeting	18 Mar.	Matsue City	Report on the investigation already made. Adjustment and others	Prefecture, Food Office, Prefectural HQs NRP and Municipal Police.	Food Section

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			of investigation and control in the future.		
Food-dispensing Sub-committee Meeting	25 Mar.	Ditto	Execution, confirmation and control of the Adjustment Law.	Prefecture, Matsue Branch of Hiroshima Finance Office, Matsue Taxation Office, Prefectural HQs NRP and Municipal Police	Ditto,

3. Special Surveillance on Controlled Aquatic Products.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 16 Mar.	Oki Area	Shipping Organ	Saki Fishing	1. Execution of dividing of goods.
		Ditto	Urago ditto	
To 22 Mar.		Ditto	Shimane Aquatic Products Co., Ltd.	2. Observation of the official price.
From 23 Mar.	Iiishi Area	Ditto	Higashi Susa Fisheries Mkt.	3. Propriety of delivery to consumers of rationed goods.
To 25 Mar.		Ditto	Tonbara ditto.	4. Existence and non-existence of mixed shipment of controlled fisheries and non-controlled fisheries.
From 26 Mar.	Nian Area	Producers	Niman Processed Aquatic Products Ass'n.	
		Shipping Organ	Niman-machi Fisheries Coop. Ass'n.	5. Investigation of the districts which are deemed as the sources of peddling of controlled fisheries.
To 31 Mar.		Ditto	Isodake ditto.	

C. Material Section I

a. Plan of Surveillance (from 16 March till 31 March):

Because no instruction was given regarding the special surveillance, it is difficult to make the bill of plan at present.

According to the secret instruction, the special surveillance for the petroleum (2nd surveillance) is seemed to be executed.

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C-2. Materials Investigation Unit:

1. Investigation on inventory of sugar, milk products and can goods possessed by the Food Stuffs Distributing Corporation.

(1) Outline:

Regarding this surveillance which has been executed since 20 January 1950, under the instruction of Hiroshima Regional Economic Investigation Agency, continuing the investigation against the branch office of this corporation, registered wholesalers and retailers, efforts are to be made to hold the actual condition and to collect administrative superintendence data.

This investigation is to be continued till 10 March.

D. Material Section II.

Special Surveillance on fertilizer.

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance		Main Emphasis of Surveillance
		Name of Organ	Name of Object	
From 16 Mar.	Onsen-mura, Nita-gun.	Designated traders	Onsen-mura Agr. Coop. Ass'n and 2 others.	Condition of demand and supply of fertilizer and illegal transaction thereof at the cold areas.
		Hinobori-mura, Oohara-gun		
To 31 Mar.		Kuraki-mura and Muikaichi-mura, Katari-gun	Farmers	6 cases of farmers.

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(First Half of Month of March, Year of 1950)

VI. Shimane Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. Schedule of Various Conference:

Name of Conference	Date	Place	Contents	Participants	Section in Charge
Economic Investigation Conference	10 Mar.		Subjects for discussion are undecided	Committeemen of the Economic Investigation Conference	

2. Matters concerning education and publicity:

a. An Economic Round-table conference for stabilizing the living is scheduled to be held at Mitoya-machi, Iishi-gun and Taisha-machi, Hikawa-gun during the period from 1 March to 15 March.

b. The schedule for the itinerant exhibition for education and publicity was not made because of bad weather, however, it is scheduled to be executed occasionally.

INVESTIGATERS' UNIT

1. Matters handled:

a. Investigation on the suspected violated case of Nippon Fishing Net Co., Ltd.

The investigation is scheduled to be executed regarding the suspected violation of fishing nets which were sold to each materials companies and fisheries associations in this prefecture by the above-mentioned company.

B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on staple foods.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance: Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
1, 2, 3 & 4 of March	Matsue City	Mill, Manufacturing of noodles and breads.	Processing plants	1. Existence or non-existence of illegal disposal and illegal obtaining of raw materials.
8 & 9 March	Masuda-machi	Refining of barley	Asai Barley Refining Factory.	2. Disposition of manufactured goods.
13 & 14 of March.	Hamada City	Mill	Miyashita Milling Factory	3. Disposition of by-products.
				4. Conditions of observation of processing conditions.

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b. Education and publicity: None

2. Special Surveillance on Food-Dispensing Business and black-market confectioneries.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Name of Object Surveillance	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
3 & 4 March	Masuda-machi	Food-Dispensing restaurant and confectioneries manufacturers.	-	1. Giving staple foods without tickets.
10 & 11 March	Oota-machi	Ditto	-	2. Operationof business without permission.
				3. Existence or non-existence of purchasing of staple foods in large quantity.
				4. Manufacturing of confectioneries under the pretext of entrust.

b. Education and publicity: None

SCHEDULE OF VARIOUS CONFERENCE

Name of Conference	Date	Place	Contents	Participants	Section in Charge
Staple Food Sub-Committee Meeting	6 Mar.	Matsue City	Report on investigation already made, adjustment of investigation and control which are to be made and others.	Prefectural Office, Food Office, Headquarters of National Rural Police and Municipal Police.	Food Section
Food-Dispensing Sub-Committee Meeting	13 Mar.	Ditto	Execution, confirmation and control of the Adjustment Law.	Prefectural Office, Matsue Branch of Hiroshima Finance Office, Matsue Taxation Office, Headquarters of Nation Rural Police and Municipal Police.	Ditto

3. Special Surveillance on Control Aquatic Products.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 1 to 4 of March	Keiun District	Producers (processing), Shipping organs	Keiun Aquatic Products Processing Ass'n. Keiun Fresh Fisheries and Shells Shipping Ass'n.	1. Propriety of divinding of goods. 2. Observation of the official price.

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Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	 Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 6 to 11 of March	Mishika District	Shipping Organ	Yoshida Fishery Coop. Ass'n.	3. Propriety of distribution to consumers.
		Ditto	Iiura ditto	4. Yield rate of processing raw and processed products and existence and non-existence of illegal disposition of raw fisheries.
		Ditto	Oohama Ditto	
		Receiving organ	Masuda-machi, Masuda Agr. Coop. Ass'n.	5. Existence and non-existence of mixed shipment of controlled fisheries and non-controlled fisheries.
		ditto	Takatsugawa Fishery Coop. Ass'n.	
From 13 to 15 of March	Matsue District	Authorized and registered retailers	Fresh Fisheries and Processed Aquatic Products Retailers.	

C. Material Section I.

1. Special Surveillance on Soap.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	 Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 1 March	Matsue City	Soap and cleaning materials	Makers in all districts.	In compliance with the comprehensive results of the special surveillance on soap which has been completed at the end of February, instructions and matters for paying attention are to be given and at the same time a round-table conference in order to secure the smooth distribution of soap and cleaning materials is to be held.
	Izumo City	Makers and soap wholesalers.	Traders concerning soap wholesaler.	
To 15 March	Hamada City	Consumers of big quantity	Factories which are consumers of big quantity.	

MATERIALS INVESTIGATION UNIT

Matters scheduled:

1. Investigation on inventory of sugar, milk products and can goods possedsed by the Foodstuff Distributing Corporation.

(1) Outline:

Under the instruction of Hiroshima Regional Economic Investigation Agency, regarding this surveillance which has been executed since 20 January 1950, continuing the investigation against the branch office of the said corporation and the registered wholesalers and retailers, efforts are to be made to hold the actual condition and to collect administrative superintendence data.

This investigation is to be continued till 10 March.

2. Investigation of informations.

(1) Outline:

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There is 1 case of information regarding the former military materials, however, as this information is being received, the investigation is to be made later on.

D. Material Section II.

1. Special Surveillance on Fertilizer.

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	 Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 1 March	Shimada, Iinashi and Arashima of Noogi-gun	Designated traders	Shimada-mura Agr. Coop. Ass'n. and 7 others.	1. Regarding the designated traders: 1) Whether they purchase illegally from the producers and sell illegally nr not. 2) Whether they distribute those fertilizer which shall be distributed before the price is revised, after January on purpose or not. 3) Existence or non-existence of bad quality and not enough of quantity.
	IzuHigashi, Nadawake and Naoe of Hikawa-gun Imafuku and Imaichi of Naka-gun	Farmers	Farmers and 16 cases.	2. Regarding the farmers: 1) Whether they purchase illegally or not. 2) If there is delay of receiving, what is the cause thereof. 3) Propriety of quantity of distribution.

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(Second Half of Month of February, year of 1950)

VI Shimane Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. Matters concerning education and publicity:

a. Round-table conference for living is scheduled to be held at Ezu-machi, Naka-gun and Masuda-machi, Mino-gun during the period from 16 February till 28 February 1950.

b. The schedule for the itinerant exhibition for education was not made because of bad weather, however, it is scheduled to be executed occasionally.

B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on staple foods.

a. Execution of surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
Feb. 17	Izumo City	Mill	Imaichi Kataoka Mill	1. Existence or non-existence of illegal disposition and illegal obtaining of raw materials.
" 20	Ditto	Manufacturing of bread	Taisei Yooko	
" 22	Naka-gun, Tonotsu-machi	Manufacturing of noodles	Inoue Noodle Mfg. Factory	2. Disposition of manufactured goods.
" 24	Hamada City	Mill	Miyashita Mill	3. Disposition of by-products. 4. Condition of observation of processing conditions.

b. Education and publicity: None

2. Special Surveillance on Food-dispensing business and black-market (illegal) confectioneries.

a. Execution of surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
Feb. 16	Matsue City	Restaurant Manufacturing of confectioneries		1. Giving staple foods without tickets. 2. Operation of business without permission 3. Existence or non-existence of purchasing of staple foods in large quantity. 4. Manufacturing and selling of confectioneries (Japanese) under pretext of entrust.
" 20	Izumo City Taisha	Hotel Restaurant		
" 23	Hamada City	Ditto		

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b. Education and publicity:

1. Utilization of newspapers and broadcasting on street regarding strengthen of utilizing of meal coupon.

2. Education and guidance against the Confectionery Makers' Association in Matsue, Izumo and Hamada cities.

3. Special Surveillance on controlled marine products.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 16 Feb. to 22 Feb.	Izumo City	Receiving organs Shipping organs	Imaichi Branch, Shimane Cooperative Marine Products	1. Propriety of dividing of goods. 2. Observation of the officiah price 3. Concurrence of shipping certificate and shipping quantity. 4. Existence and non-existence of mixed shipment of controlled fisheries and non-controlled fisheries. 5. Execut on of displaying of price.
		Receiving organs	Izumo Processing Marine Products Cooperative Association.	
		Retailers	Public authorized and registered retailers' stores in the city.	
From 23 Feb. to 28 Feb.	Mian District	Producers Shipping organs	Takuno-mura Fisheries Coop. Ass'n	
		Receiving organs	Anno Branch, Agr. Coop. Ass'n.	

C. Material Section I

1. Special Surveillance on Soap

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 11 Feb.	Matsue City Izumo City	1. Soap wholesalers	Shimane Prefecture Soap Wholesale Co., Ltd. & 5 others.	Investigate whether payment by receiving of soaps or whether by proper channel and also existence or non-existence of other actual goods on hand not listed in the book and soaps without marks
To 28 Feb.	Matsue City, Izumo City, Yasuki-machi, Etsu-machi, Mitoya-cho	2. Big consumers of soaps	Yamato Spinning Co. and 10 others.	Investigate existence or non-existence of false report on number of receiving persons, of facts of illegal purchase in large quantity and other actual condition of demand & supply.

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b. Education and publicity:

The round-table conference is scheduled to be held according to the result of surveillance against makers and wholesalers of soaps and cleaning materials.

Materials Investigation Unit

Matters scheduled:

1. Investigation on inventory of sugar, milk products and can goods possessed by the Food Distributing Corporation.

(1) Summary:

Regarding this surveillance which has been executed since 20 January 1950, under the instruction of Hiroshima Regional Economic Investigation Agency, continuing the investigation against the registered wholesalers and retailers in this prefecture, efforts are to be made to hold the actual condition and to collect administrative superintendence data. This investigation is to be continued till 10 March.

2. Presence at the inventory of materials possessed by the Industry Rehabilitation Corporation.

(1) Summary:

As being executed of investigation of inventory for complete utilization of all materials stored at the said corporation at present and also of reassurement of quantity and price of stocks, efforts are to be made to succeed the proper disposition with presence and cooperation at the execution thereof.

3. Investigation of informations to be received in the future.

D. Material Section II

1. Special Surveillance on Fertilizer

As the instruction was received regarding that the surveillance on fertilizer is to be executed in February from the Hiroshima Regional Economic Investigation Agency, collection of data regarding government offices concerned, Fertilizer Distribution Corporation and others and study of laws and regulations concerned are shheduled to be executed.

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VI Shimane Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. Matters concerning education and publicity:

a. A round-table conference for living is to be held at Oota-machi, Anno-gun and Kawamoto-machi, Oochi-gun during the period from 10, February to 15, February.

b. The plan for the moving exhibition for education and publicity cannot be made on account of bad condition of weather, however, it is scheduled to be executed opportunely.

B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on staple foods.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance		Main Emphasis of Surveillance
		Name of Organ	Name of Object	
2 Feb.	Matsue City (Shimada Sadamichi)	Secondary working Up.	Trademen	Illegal transaction of working-up trademen, false report and having or not having of surplus articles.
3 Feb.	Ditto (Nakasu Hiroshi)	Ditto	Ditto	
6 Feb.	Nogi-gun (Yasuda Agricultural Corporative Ass'n)	First working-up	Agricultural Corporative Ass'n.	
7 Feb.	Ditto (Iinashi Agr. Corp. Ass'n.)	Ditto	Ditto	
8 Feb.	Hamada City (Miyashita Wheat Cleaning)	Ditto	Trademen	
9 Feb.	MinOO-gun (Asai Wheat Cleaning)	Ditto	Ditto	
10 Feb.	Ditto (Toyota Agr. Corp. Ass'n)	Ditto	Agricultural Corporative Ass'n.	
13 Feb.	Ditto (Yasuda Agr. Corp. Ass'n	Ditto	Ditto	
14 Feb.	Masuda-machi (Minoo-gun (Shimane Mill)	Ditto	Trademen	

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b. Education and publicity:

None

2. Special Surveillance on drink and eat business and black-market (illegal) confection.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
1 & 2 Feb.	Matsue City	Restaurant		(1) Giving staple foods without ticket.
8 & 9 Feb.	Izumo City	Hotel		(2) Operation without permission.
13 & 14 Feb.	Hamada City	Mfg. and retail of confectionery		(3) Selling of confectionery, breads and etc. which are made by using of staple foods.

b. Education and publicity:

(i) By radio broadcasting and newspaper in respect of encouraging utilization of "outside eating ticket" (gai-shoku-ken)".

(ii) Encouragement and guidance of confectionery association.

3. Special Surveillance on controlled marine products.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 1 Feb.	Hamada City	Grade "Ko" Collection and shipping organs	Izumo Boat and Engine Boat "Soko-biki" Association	(1) Observation of official price.
		Ditto	Izumo Fisheries Corporative Ass'n.	(2) Execution of displaying of price.
		Ditto	Hamada Marine Products Collection & Shipping Ass'n.	(3) Execution of proper shipment.
		Designated consuming places. Receiving organs	Hamada Fisheries & Shells Corporative Ass'n.	(4) Concurrence of shipping certificate and shipping quantity.
To 10 Feb.		Ditto Retailers	Within Hamada City	(5) Existence or not existence of mixed shipment of controlled fisheries and non-controlled fisheries.

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Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	 Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 11 Feb.	Matsue City	Receiving organs	Working up marine products, Fujioka Store.	
		Ditto	Kunimitsu Shoji Co., Ltd.	
		Ditto	Shimane Marine Products Commercial Corporative Association.	
		Ditto	Central Marine Products Co., Ltd.	
To 15 Feb.		Retailers	Within Matsue City	

C. Material Section I
Scheduled Items
1. Special surveillance on soap.

a. Plan of surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	 Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 1 Feb.	Matsue City	Soap & Laundry. Manufacturers	Hiyoshi Industry and 13 others.	Prevention of illegal transaction at the time of production and distribution by using of rationed raw materials and encouraging of distribution through proper route.
	Izumo City Hamada City Nishita-machi, Masu			
To 15 Feb.	Tamachi, Hirata-machi			

Materials Investigation Unit

1. Investigation on inventory of sugar, milk products and can goods possessed by Foods Distributing Corporation.

(i) Brief Summary:

In accordance with the instruction from Hiroshima Regional E. A., the inventory regarding Shimane Branch of Foods Distributing Corporation, wholesale dealers and parts of retailers and investigation of data for the administrative supervision regarding the actual consuming condition of sugar generally in Shimane Prefecture are to be executed simultaneously. This investigation is to be completed by 10, March.

2. Investigation of information:

(i) Brief summary:

At present there is not any information received, however, in case of receiving any information, planned investigation shall be made immediately.

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D. Material Section II

1. Surveillance on Charcoal

a. Execution of Surveillance (Investigation for Violation)

The investigation regarding violated cases which were found when the surveillance during the period from November 1949 to the end of January 1950 had been executed, is scheduled to be executed.

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(Second Half of Month of January, Year of 1950)

VI. Shimane ~~Regional~~ Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. Matters concerning education and publicity:

a. Moving exhibition for education and publicity is scheduled to be held at Ezu-machi, Naka-gun; Masuda-cho, Mino-gun and Kawamoto-cho, Yuchi-gun utilizing the standing advertising board for education and publicity during the period from 20, January to 25, January.

2. Others.

a. As the new office building is to be completed by the end of January, this office is scheduled to be moved in.

B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on staple foods.

2. Special Surveillance on drink and eat business and black-market (illegal) confection.

3. Special Surveillance on controlled marine products.

a. Execution of Surveillance:

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance		Main Emphasis of Surveillance
		Name of Organ	Name of Object	
16 Jan.	Akae-mura, Nogi-gun	Working up, Collection, Custody and ration.	Agricultural Ass'n Office, Distribution Office and Village Office.	Illegal transaction of working-up trademen.
17 Jan.	Hahasato-mura, Nogi-gun	Ditto	Ditto	False report of working-up trademen.
From 17 Jan. to 18 Jan.	Matsue City	Hotel, Restaurant, and Retail and Mfg. of Confection.	None	1. Giving staple goods without ticket. 2. Operation without commission. 3. Control on giving staple foods.
18 Jan.	Ida-mura, Maya-gun Ibara-mura, Ochi-gun	Working up, Collection, custody and ration.	Agricultural Ass'n Office, Distribution Office and Village Office.	Having or not having of surplus articles and not registered rice.

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Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 16 Jan. to 20 Jan.	Keiun-machi	Grade (Otsu) Shipping Organ.	Keiun Fisheries and Shells Shipping Ass'n	1. Propriety of dividing and shipping.
	Ditto.	Working-up trademen.	Keiun Marine Products Working-up Ass'n.	2. Observance of official price.
	Matsue City	Working-up marine product collection and shipping organs.	Shimane Marine Products Wholesale Commercial Cooperative Ass'n.	3. Concurrence of shipping certificate and shipping quantity.
	Ditto.	Ditto.	Kokko Shoji Co., Ltd.	4. Comparitive percentage between quantity of working-up raw tissues and shipping quantity of working-up products, and propriety of shipping quantity by counting back of the remaining percentage.
	Ditto.	Ditto.	Shimane Marine Products.Co., Ltd.	5. Existence of illegal transaction of what was rationed as working-up raw materials beside control and as working-up raw materials.
20 Jan.	Hisaki-mura, and Iwano-mura, Hikawa-gun	Working-up collection, custody and ration.	Agricultural Ass'n Office, Distribution Office, Village office.	Illegality of collection
23 Jan.	Yotsumichi-cho, Izumo- City	Ditto.	Ditto.	Illegal receiving and distribution.
24 Jan.	Takahama-cho and Takamatsu-cho, Izumo City.	Collection, working-up, custody and ration.	Ditto.	Usurpation of clerks of distribution office.
From 24 to 25 Jan.	Hamada City	Hotel, restaurant and retail and mfg. of confection.		
25 Jan.	Tozu-mura, Hikawa- gun	Working-up collection, custody and ration.	Agricultrual Ass'n Office, Distribution Office, Village Office.	
26 Jan.	Kunitomi-mura, Hikawa-gun	Ditto.	Ditto.	
27 Jan.	Nadawake-mura, Hikawa-gun	Ditto.	Ditto.	

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Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance: Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
from 21 Jan. to 31 Jan.	Hamada City	Grade "ko" Collection and Shipping Organs.	Hamada Marine Products Collection and Shipping Ass'n.	
		Working-up trademen.	Matsumori Chikakazu Marine Products Working-up Ass'n.	
			Sanin Marine Products Working-up Cooperative Ass'n.	
			Tanaka Kiyonosuke Tanaka Factory.	

B. Education and publicity.

Date	Kind of Education and Publicity	Object	Place
20 Jan.	Broadcasting through radio regarding encourageing of utilization of "outside eating ticket" (gaishoku-ken)	General consumers.	Matsue City
17 Jan.	Encouragement and guidance of confectionery association.	Manufacturers and trade-men.	Ditto.
19 Jan.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Izumo-City
22 Jan.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Hamada City

C. Material Section I

1. Special surveillance on soap.

a. Execution of surveillance.

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance: Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 16 To 31 Jan.	Matsue City, Hamada City, Taisha-machi, Yasuki-machi and Hirata-machi.	Manufacturers	Asahi Chemistry Co. and 6 others.	Prevention of illegal transaction of rationed raw materials and products against the manufacturers.
		Suppliers	Hidachi, Yasuki Plant and 6 others.	Surveillance of actual condition of rationed and supply, against the suppliers.

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Materials Investigation Unit

1. Investigation of materials of soap mfg. factory and laundry factory:

(1) Brief summary:

a. At the same time of execution of surveillance on soap and laundry executed by the material Section1, the materials investigation against 5 object factories is scheduled to be executed.

b. Other planned investigations which are to be informed by the regional Investigation Board separately, are to be executed.

2. Investigation of information:

(1) Brief summary:

At present there is not any information received, however, in case of receiving any infromation, planned investigation shall be made immediately.

3. Arrangement administration:

Not applicable.

D. Material Section II

1. Surveillanceon Charcoal

a. Execution of Surveillance (Investigation for Violence)

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance Name of Organ	 Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance (Investigation for Violence)
From 16 Jan. To 31 Jan.	Matsue City	Charcoal Wholesale Trademen	1. Agricultural & Forestry Product Co., Ltd. 2. Fuel Selling Co., Ltd. 3. Wood and Charcoal Selling Co., Ltd. 4. Fuel Co., Ltd.	At first, the investigation of operation status of the main office, and as soon as the suspection of purchase and selling from outside of the appropriate route, is recognized, the investigation shall be spreaded gradually into those to whom they sell and those from whom they purchase.
	Dittol	Charcoal Retailers.	1. Shimane Truck Transportation Co., Ltd. 2. Iwami Traffic Automobile Transportation Co. Ltd.	As the fact in which some quantities are being purchased from outside of appropriate route was found, the investigation of company's agents and branch offices is to be made and the violence activity is to be examined into closely.

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DATE	SUBJECT	ISSUING HEADQUARTERS & INDORSEMENTS
18 Jan. 51	Report on Investigation Activities (First Half of January 1951)	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
3 Feb. 51	Report on Investigation Activities (Latter Half of January 1951)	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
18 Feb. 51	Report on Investigation Activities (First Half of February 1951)	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
3 March 51	Report on Inbestigation Activities (Latter Half of February 1951)	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
18 March 51	Report on Investigation Activities (First Half of March 1951)	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
3 April 51	Report on Investigation Activities (Latter Half of March 1951)	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
18 April 51	Report on Investigation Activities (First Half of April 1951)	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.

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REPORT ON INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

(First Half of April, 1951)

V. OKAYAMA PREFECTURAL ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION BUREAU

A. General Affairs Section

1. The Situation with Regard to the Conference Convened

Nil

2. The Condition Concerning the Activities on Enlightenment Publicity

a. Radio Broadcasting

(1) The prevention of the holding back or the hoarding up of nine items of the daily necessities and the utilization of "the daily necessities complaint consultation office".

The above subject matter was broadcast from the Okayama Broadcasting Station at the following time and date.

8 April	11.50 hrs.	
9 April	11.50 hrs.	14.15 hrs.
10 April	9.30 hrs.	

(2) The director of this EIB, Hideo Tokunaga, made the conversation broadcasting with the announcer regarding "the daily necessities complaint consultation office" from the Okayama Broadcasting Station at 6.30 p.m. on 13th April.

b. In order to prevent the holding back or hoarding up of the daily necessities and to urge the public the use of the daily necessities complaint consultation office, 400 sheets of poster produced by the Hiroshima Regional EB were distributed to five cities, main towns and villages, railway stations and buses stops in the prefecture.

3. Reorientation of Personnel

On 3rd April at 10 a.m., for the reference of the reorientation of personnels, the lectures on the "recent monetary circulation" was held for this EIB personnels by Mr. Shigemitsu Miyake, the chief of Okayama Branch of the Japan Bank.

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B. Food Section

1. Investigation into School Lunch

On 12th and 13th April, two economic investigators (a total of four) conducted the investigation at the Nadasaki primary school in Kojima-gun and its designated processing factory, Satoh bakery in Tamano city, into the school lunch.
The result of the investigation is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period.

2. The Enforcement of the Measures to Control the Prices of Daily Necessities

a. "MISO"

(1) Recent Demand and Supply

The demand and supply of "MISO" is well balanced, and there is no fear at present.

(2) Fluctuation of Price

The wholesale and retail prices show no change as compared with last period.

(3) Relation with Raw Material

The oil-extracted soy-bean and the soy-bean, albuminous raw material, are being obtained favorably. But there is a little fear of unfavorable developments in case of getting starchy raw material. In April 120 tons of imported broken rice was allocated as a raw material, but there is no prospect of getting starchy raw material at present.

b. Soy Sauce

(1) Recent Demand and Supply

The movement of soy sauce is favorable. The manufacturers work hard for selling.

(2) Fluctuation of Price

There is no change as compared with last period. The retail price of 1st grade soy sauce is ¥100 per one "sho" and 3rd grade ¥65 - 70.

(3) Relation with Raw Material

Due to the abolition of the controlled price of soda ash, the price of soda ash raised from about ¥21,000 to about ¥35,000 per one ton. This rise in price of soda ash increased the wholesale price of 3rd grade soy sauce by ¥0.95 per one "sho", but there is almost no influence to the retail price of soy sauce.

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(4) Complaint Consultation

The following consultation was made by the representative of the soy sauce manufacturers' association;

"It is very hard to get the wheat bran, raw material for soy sauce, so will you help us for getting the same."

So this EIB negociated with the Okayama Food Office to give priority to the soy sauce manufacturers for getting the wheat bran produced at the government entrusted processing factories in the prefecture. As a result, it is promising that they can get a considerable amount of wheat bran, with the cooperation of the Okayama Food Office.

c. Sugar

The sugar ration for home use for the month of March (830,000 "kin") completed. Consequently, the demand and supply of sugar is favarable.

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C. Material Section I

1. Measures to Control Holding Back or Hoarding Up of Daily Necessities

An investigation into the situation of demand and supply of clothes, "ZIKATABI", fertilizer and timber of nine items of daily necessities and the disposition of complaint consultation were conducted as follows:

a. Situation of Demand and Supply, and Fluctuation of Price

(1) Clothes

As to non-controlled items, the manufacturers and wholesellers canvass for the sale of the items and on the other hand the consumers' buying disposition has lost. Consequently, the prices show downward tendency.

On the contrary, the consumers are hunting for the controlled items.

(2) "ZIKATABI"

The much demand season of "ZIKATABI" passed, and the production and consumption decreased. So the demand and supply is well balanced for the time being. The price, as compared with last period, shows no change.

(3) Fertilizer

The production and shipment of fertilizer at the manufacturing factory in the prefecture (the Konoshima Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.) and the import of fertilizer from other prefectures are being done favorably, and there is no fresh demand at this season. So there is not much change in prices. But the demand of calcium cyanamide is still much because there was a shortage of calcium cyanamide hitherto.

(4) Timber

It is still difficult to get timber. The timber mills in the northern and the middle part of the prefecture are busily occupied by the orders from the Kobe and Osaka area. But as the consumers' buying disposition is weak in the prefecture, the prices are followed crablike course.

b. Disposition of Complaint Consultation

There were three complaint consultation accepted as following:

2 cases on "ZIKATABI"
1 case on clothes

The major example of the disposition of complaint consultation is as bellow.

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On 28th March, this EIB accepted the following consultation from Taro Miyake, the managing director of the Okayama-ken Soy Sauce Industrial Cooperative Association.

"As it is very difficult to obtain the cotton cloth for cotton sack to squeeze soy sauce in exchange for the ticket, our work does not make good progress."

Then on 4th April this EIB investigated the Ishii Textile Factory in Kurashiki city who is requested by the said association to buy 3000 lbs. of the cotton cloth in exchange for the ticket for the fourth quarter of 1950 fiscal year. As a result of the investigation, it was found that the Ishii Textile Factory refused to sell 1,280 lbs. of 3,000 lbs. owing to the reason that they have no more stock. But the further investigation revealed that the Ishii Textile Factory had many surplus cotton yarn. So this EIB advised the Ishii Textile Factory to sell 1,280 lbs. more cotton cloth, and the Ishii Textile Factory consented to sell. Moreover, the Ishii Textile Factory expressed their opinion that they would accept the ticket for 966 lbs. of cotton cloth which was requested to other manufacturer by the Soy Sauce Industrial Cooperative Association for materialization and was considered difficult to materialize.
So the result of the investigation was informed to the Okayama-ken Soy Sauce Industrial Cooperative Association.

2. Investigation into the Actual Stock of Oils and Fats Owned by the Oils and Fats Distribution Kodan

The investigation into the actual stock of oils and fats as of March ending will be held at the custodians of oils and fats owned by the Oils and Fats Distribution Kodan. As a first step for the investigation, on 10th and 14th April, 17 custodians in the prefecture were called together to this office and the explanation for making "the report on delivery and receipt of oils and fats owned by the Kodan" was made to them.

3. Auditing of the Food Distribution Kodan

In continuation to the last period, during the period from 2nd till 8th April, two economic investigators (a total of 10) conducted the auditing of the property disposition of the Okayama-ken Branch of the Food Distribution Kodan, and of the necessary number of days to pay the staple food prices into the "Government Food Control Special Account" from the Kodan, but the result is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period.

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D. Material Section II

D - I. No. 1 Unit

D - II. No. 2 Unit

1. Investigation into the Business of Labor at the Special Procurement Board

The result of the above subject investigation which was carried out during the last month is as follows:

a. Summary

The object period of investigation was for one year, from April 1950 till March 1951.
The number of Occupation Forces' laborers in the prefecture decreased remarkably due to the closure of the Okayama Civil Affairs Team and the movement of troop, and they are only 129 - 144 in number during a month. Consequently, since 18th July 1950 the Labor Administration Office closed down and their business was turned over to the Liaison Section of the Okayama Prefectural Government.

b. Expenditure for Entrusted Works

(1) The Comparison between the Total Amount Used Actually by the Liaison Section of the Prefectural Government and the Amount Apportioned from the Special Procurement Board

The personnel expenditure and the other various expenditures for each quarter of the 1950 fiscal year were examined and investigated, and found that every points were in order.

(2) The Delay of the Direction of Budget.

The direction of budget for each quarter was made average one month behind time.

(3) The regular number of personnel who are engaged exclusively in the labor administration business is 6, but there are actually 8, thus 2 are in excess of regular number.

(4) The Field Trip Expenses Was Paid to Those Personnels Who Are not Engaged in the Business Excludively

During the period from August 1950 till February 1951, the field trip expenses (seven cases, a total of ¥53,459) was paid to those personnel of the Liaison Section, who are not engaged in the labor administration business exclusively, when they made a field trip for labor administration business.

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c. Various Labor Expenses

As to the various labor expenses, the received amount from the Special Procurement Board and the actually paid amount by the Liaison Section of the Prefectural Government for each quarter were thoroughly examined and investigated, and found that every points were in order.

2. Investigation into Daily Necessities

During the period from 1st till 15th April, eight economic investigators (four teams) carried out the investigation into the demand and supply and the fluctuation of prices of soap and edible oil.

a. Result of Investigation

(1) Soap

The manufacturers and the wholesellers do not sell well. The reason is that the retailers have many stocks and the consumers' buying disposition are low tone. The manufacturers in other prefectures announced 10 - 12% raise in price since 1st April, but the retail price is followed crablike course at present and firmer tone in the future.
As to a caustic soda as a raw material, since 1st April the controlled price was abolished, and the price shows 160% of the controlled price at present.

(2) Edible Oil

The manufacturers held off producing, and the wholesellers held off buying, and they sold hastily. As a result, both parties increased the sales of edible oil. The retailers are increasing the buying-in and selling them hastily, so there is no tendency of holding back or hoarding up at present.
As a result, the selling price of soya bean oil("SHIRASHIMEYU") dropped 6% at producers, 2% at wholesellers and 18% at retailers.

b. Disposition of Complaint Consultation

There were two complaint consultation accepted and disposed of as following:

One case on soap.
One case on edible oil.

The major example of the disposition of complaint consultation is as follows:

(1) Summary

This EIB accepted the following consultation from the Kimura Shoji K.K. (Rep.- - - - - Kyuichi Kozai) edible oil wholeseller, Uno, Tamano city.

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"The Yukan Okayama Shinbun and the Yukan Sanyo Shinbun dated 9th April reported that the price of soya bean oil ("SHIRASHIMEYU") had dropped to ¥360 - 270 per one "sho" owing to the reason that soya bean would be imported in a large quantity, so do not hoard up the oil.
But according to the dealers' cost accounting, the soya bean oil can not be produced at this price, so this newspaper account brings about the confusion of the market. Moreover, during the period for seven days from 3rd April, the Kimura Shoji K.K. sold "SHIRASHIMEYU" at ¥360 wholesale-price and at ¥390 retail-price per one "sho" as a bargain sale week, but the retailers and the consumers say, after seeing the paper, that we were cheated.
So will you please investigate the source of the newspaper account and the ground of prices?"

(2) Measures Taken

As a result of investigating the newspaper company, it was found that they obtained the news from the Kyodo Tsushin. So the fact was informed to the Kimura Shoji K.K., and at the same time this EIB inquired the Central EIA about the truth of the newspaper account.

D - III Investigation Unit

Nil

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(Latter Half of March, 1951)

V. OKAYAMA PREFECTURAL ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION BUREAU

A. General Affairs Section

1. The Situation with Regard to the Conference Convened

Nil

2. The Condition Concerning the Activities on Enlightenment Publicity

a. In order to prevent the holding back or the hoarding up of nine items of daily necessities, and to request the general public to make use of the complaint consultation office, the following enlightenment publicity was conducted.

(1) The advertisement was inserted in the Sanyo Shinbun on 21st and 27th March, and in the Yukan Okayama on 28th March.

(2) 100,000 sheets of leaflet were printed and inserted in the Sanyo Shinbun and distributed to five cities and main towns and villages in the prefecture on 24th March.

b. On 30th March, a press conference with the pressmen of this city was held at this EIB. At the conference, the director of this EIB issued a statement in the form of conversation regarding the activities of the "Daily Necessities Complaint Consultation Office" during last one month.

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B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on Restaurant Business

a. Summary

On 23rd March, the above subject surveillance was conducted at Tsuyama city with two economic investigators and at Kojima city with four economic investigators.
The result is as follows:

	No. of Cases Investigated	No. of Violation Cases	Contents of Violation: Unlicensed Operation	Contents of Violation: Illegal Offer of Staple Food	Disposition: Reported to Public Hearing
Tsuyama city	7	3	2	1	3
Kojima city	22	4	0	4	4
Total	29	7	2	5	7

Remarks: i. Seven violation cases were sent to the prefectural restaurant business public hearing on 29th March.

ii. Number of unlicensed operation case decreased of late considerably, but there are still many restaurants who illegally serve staple food anticipaying the abolition of the "Restaurant Business Temporary Adjustment Law" and due to the favorable turn of foodstuff situation.

2. Investigation into School Lunch

a. Summary

The above subject investigation was conducted at the Uchisange primary school in Okayama city with two economic investigators on 20th March and at the Sarayama primary school in Tsuyama city, the Shimotsui primary school in Kojima city and the Ajino primary school in Kojima city with six economic investigators (three teams) on 22nd March.
The result of the investigation was good as a whole, but as there were some school who did not grasp the accurate number of children who receive school lunch, and also some designated bread factory who did not safekeep the flour well, this EIB called their attention to the matter.

3. Investigation into the Situation of Demand and Supply and the Fluctuation of Prices of "Miso", Soy Sauce and Sugar.

a. Summary

During the period from 14th till 16th March, seven economic investigators (a total of 20) carried out the above subject investigation at "miso" and soy associations in Okayama city and at main producing and consuming places , Tsuyama city and three other places.
The result of the investigation is as follows:

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(1) As to the demand and supply of "miso" and soy sauce, there was no change as compared with last period.

(2) The changes of the retail prices of "miso" and soy sauce are as follows:

"Miso", Red, Ordinary

(per 100 "monme")

June 1950	Oct. 1950	Dec. 1950	Jan. 1951	Feb. - March 1951
¥12.60	¥13	¥15	¥19	¥23
100%	103%	119%	151%	183%

Soy Sauce, 3rd grade

(per one "sho")

June 1950	Oct. 1950	Dec. 1950	Jan. 1951	Feb.- March 1951
¥50	¥50	¥60	¥60	¥70
100%	100%	120%	120%	140%

(3) The holding back or hoarding up of soy and "miso" by dealers or consumers was not seen.

(4) The sugar ration for home use for the month of February was already made and the sugar ration for the month of March is expected to be made in the near future. The sugar ration for business use for the fourth quarter of 1950 fiscal year is almost completed. Thus the ration is being made favorably.

4. Auditing of Food Distribution Kodan and Food Office

a. Summary

During the period from 16th till 30th March, three economic investigators (a total of 20) conducted the auditing of the property disposition of the Okayama-ken Branch of the Food Distribution Kodan and the necessary number of days to pay the staple food prices into the "Government Food Control Special Account" from the Kodan, but the result is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period.

The result of the audit of goods in stock at the Food Distribution Kodan and the audit of custody of staple food of Okayama Food Office, which were conducted at the previous period, are as follows:

(1) Audit of Goods in Stock at the Okayama-ken Branch of the Food Distribution Kodan

(a) The staple food that is not suitable for ration can be disposed of by the authorization instruction of the Economic Department Chief of the prefectural government to the staple food processing dealers.

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Neverthless, there were old staple foods such as 315 kgs. of hand-made noodle which was received last July and 615 kgs. of wheat which was received last September, etc. and they are left undisposed. So this EIB instructed the Kodan to dispose of them as soon as possible.

(b) As a result of auditing of the goods in stock at the rice polishing plants and the ration points of the Okayama, Kojima and Takahashi Sub-Branch Offices, at the Imamura ration point of the Okayama Sub-Branch Office, it was found that the sales report for the early part of last December reported 100 kgs. more flat "mugi" than the actual ration list. As it is suspected that they blackmarketted the flat "mugi" which was refused to receive as ration by the consumers, the case is now under investigation.

(2) Auditing of Custody and Management of Staple Food of Okayama Food Office

(a) Out of five business warehouses in the Okayama city which are entrusted by the Okayama Food Office to safekeep the staple food, the Fukushima warehouse and the Fujita warehouse of the Okayama Food Warehouse Co., Ltd. are equipped incompletly (converted from barrack) and are situated at an inconvenient distance from a railway.

(b) As a result of investigating five warehouses where the loss occured, at the No.7 warehouse of Fukuda-son, Oku-gun, the following facts were found:

i. the second floor of the warehouse was used as a public hall,
ii. the door of the warehouse was broken,
iii. there was a fear of fire and burglary,
iiii. the unpolished rice was stored directly on the concrete floor.

So this EIB gave them warning.

5. Conference with Food Distribution Kodan about Guidance of Improvement

Date: 14 March 13.00 - 16.30 hrs.
Place: Okayama EIB Conference Room
Those Present:
Okayama Branch of Food Distribution Kodan
Chief of Okayama Branch
Chief of Accounting Dept.
Chief of Business Dept.
Four chiefs of section
Potato Okayama-ken Office
Chief of Office
Packing Materials Okayama-ken Office
Chief of Office
Hiroshima Regional EB.
Chief of Audit Dept. and another

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Okayama EIB.
Chief of No. 1 Dept.
Chief of Food Section and three others

Deliberated Matters:

Based on the result of audit conducted since last October, the chief of Audit Department of the Hiroshima Regional EB pointed out chiefly the following matters and this EIB explained the same, then EIB required the Kodan the report regarding the measures taken against the following matters.

(a) Reimbursement of fictitious transport charges which was embezzled by the personnel of Okayama Branch of the Kodan.

(b) Reimbursement of intermediate profit, which was given by the Okayama Branch of Kodan to their relation company, the Okaryo Industry Co., Ltd.

(c) Collection of sales credit balance, ¥5,000,000 ,of the Potato Okayama-ken Office.

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C. Material Section I

1. Measures to Control Holding Back or Hoarding Up of Daily Necessities

An investigation into the situation of demand and supply of clothes, "ZIKATABI", fertilizer and timber of nine items of daily necessities and the disposition of complaint consultation were conducted as follows:

a. Situation of Demand and Supply

(1) Clothes

As to controlled items, as the official price of cotton yarn will be raised in the near future, the dealers are reluctant to sell the controlled items and on the other hand the consumers are hunting for the same. Consequently, the controlled items are short of goods.

As to non-controlled items, the manufacturers and wholesellers canvass for the sale of the items and on the other hand the consumers' bullish sentiment has lost. Consequently, the demand and supply of non-controlled items is favorable, and the prices of the same are followed crablike course or downward tendency.

(2) "ZIKATABI"

Due to the difficulty of getting raw materials (cotton cloth), the amount of production of the manufacturing factories in the prefecture has decreased, but as it is not the much demand season of "ZIKATABI" now, the demand and supply is well balanced for the time being.
The price of "ZIKATABI" is followed crablike course, though it keeps bullish tone anticipating the rise in official price of cotton cloth.

(3) Fertilizer

The production and shipment of fertilizer are being done favorably at the manufacturing factory in the perfecture (the Konoshima Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.), and the import of fertilizer from other prefecture is being made as planned, but there are some farmers at the northern part of prefecture who still do not buy the fertilizer for Spring use. The demand and supply of fertilizer is a little unbalanced due to the hoarding up of fertilizer anticipating the rise in price in the future. The price of calcium cyanamide jumped remarkably, and the prices of other fertilizer are followed crablike course.

(4) Timber

At the supplying surface, the stock of timber is on the decrease because it is difficult to obtain timber owing to the reasons that the decrease of timber resources and high price due to the purchase hunting of pulp dealers. At the

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demanding surface, there is not much demand due to the high price of timer and the monetary stringency of consumers. Thus the demand and supply of timber is balanced for the time being. Consequently, the price of timber is followed crablike course, a bullish tone at the supplying surface and a weak buying disposition at the consuming surface.

b. Disposition of Complaint Consultation

There were five complaint consultation accepted as following.

2 cases on clothes
1 case on "ZIKATABI"
1 case on fertilizer
1 case on timber

The major example of the disposition of complaint consultation is as below.

(1) On 23rd March, this EIB accepted the following consultation from Taneo Oka, the representative of the Tsurigane Rubber Industry Co., Ltd., Daiku, Okayama city.

"Though the Tsurigane Rubber Industry Co., Ltd. was allocated the coupon for the cotton cloth for rubber shoes, as it is difficult to get the cotton cloth in exchange for that coupon, the production of rubber shoes is being hindered. So please help us for getting cotton cloth in exchange for that coupon."

Then this EIB investigated the Kyokuto Trading Co., Ltd., Okayama Branch who was entrusted by the Tsurigane Rubber Industry Co., Ltd. to get cotton cloth in exchange for the coupon, and found that the Kyokuto Trading Co., Ltd., Okayama Branch entrusted the Etoh Weaving Co., Ltd. in Kurashiki city to weave the cloth. As a result of investigating the Etoh Weaving Co., Ltd., it was found that 94% of the received amount of cotton yarn was entrusted by the wholesellers to weave cotton cloth in exchange for the coupons since last April and 83% of the received amount of cotton yarn was shipped out after they were woven into cotton cloth up to date.
So this EIB instructed the Etoh Weaving Co., Ltd. to produce cotton cloth with all their might and to ship out all products immediately.

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D. Material Section II

D - I. No. 1 Unit

D - II. No. 2 Unit

1. Investigation into the Business of Labor at the Special Procurement Board

a. Summary

On the basis of the Central EIA, during the period from 1 March till 31 March, six economic investigators carried out the investigation of the business of labor which is delegated to the prefectural government by the Special Procurement Board.

b. Result of Investigation

The result of the investigation is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period.

2. Investigation into Daily Necessities

a. Summary

During the period from 16 till 31 March, in order to suppress the unproper rise in price of soap and edible oil, 10 economic investigators (five teams) carried out the investigation of soap and edible oil.

b. Result of Investigation

(1) Soap

Since the middle part of January the consumers' aggressive buying started, and at the middle part of February the stock in hand of wholesellers became all out showing the tendency of dearth of goods, but in March the consumers bullish support has gradually decreased. There is no uneasiness of holding back or hoarding up of soap at present.
As to the price of soap, as compared with the price of last December it shows about 20% increase, but at present it is followed crablike course.

(2) Edible Oil

In January there was consumers' aggressive buying, but since February the demand of edible oil decreased extremely, and the same tendency was seen at the latter part of March. There is no tendency of holding back or hoarding up of edible oil at present because the edible oil dealers push the sale of oil or hold off buying and also oil does not sell well at the consuming market.
Consequently, the selling price of wholesellers shows the tendency of gradual fall.

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D - III. Investigation Unit

1. The Condition of the Disposal of Violation Cases

Cases Handled	Disposition of Cases: Indicted	Not Indicted	Transferred	Cases Not Yet Disposed	Administrative Disposal
(1)	1	0	0	0	0

Note: The figure in the parenthesis denotes the number of case brought over from previous period.

2. The Gist of Case

a. Teruji Kiyama and two others

Feed Broker
Kamiishii, Okayama city

(1) Outline

Please refer to heading (1). of a. of 2. of C-III of previous report.

(2) Measures Taken

The case was indicted to the Okayama District Prosecutors' Office on 16 March, 1951.

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REPORT ON INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

(First Half of March, 1951)

V. OKAYAMA PREFECTURAL ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION BUREAU

A. General Affairs Section

1. The Situation with Regard to the Conference Convened

The 37th Okayama Prefectural Economic Investigation Deliberating Conference

(1) Date: 12 March 13.30 - 14.10 hrs.

(2) Place: Okayama EIB Conference Room

(3) Attendance:

Mr. R.G.Stradley of the Chugoku Civil Affairs Region
13 Committee out of 17

(4) Absentee:

Chief of Okayama Tax Office
Chief of Tamano Maritime Transportation Bureau
Chief of Okayama Forestry Office
Okayama Mayor

(5) Subjects of Deliberation:

(a) Measures to control holding back or hoarding up of daily necessities.

(b) Investigation into the business of labor at the Special Procurement Board.

(6) Subjects of Report:

(a) Interim report of the result of investigation into school lunch.

(b) Investigation into various work-charges for a transportation of tobacco by freight train (less than car load freight) at the Nippon Express Company.

2. The Condition Concerning the Activities on Enlightenment Publicity

a. Insertion on Newspaper and Radio Broadcasting

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On 7th March, a press conference with the pressmen of this city was held at this EIB. At the conference, the chief of this EIB issued a statement in the form of conversation regarding the measures to control holding back or hoarding up of daily necessities, and on 8th March the Yukan Sanyo published the article regarding the conversation.
On the basis of the above conversation, the following subject matters were broadcast from the Okayama Broadcasting Station.

"The establishment of the Livelihood Materials Grievance Consultation Office"
at a local news hour on 7th and 8th March

"The prevention of holding back or hoarding up of daily necessities"
at a spot news hour on 10th and 11th March

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B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on Restaurant Business

a. Summary

On 1st March, three economic investigators conducted the above subject surveillance at Okayama city. The result is as follows:

	No.of Cases Investigated	No. of Violation Cases	Contents of: Violation: Unlicensed Operation	Disposition: Reported to Public Hearing
Okayama city:	20	7	7	7

Remarks: i. The kind of business of seven violators are six light food restaurants and one hotel.

ii. Seven violation cases were sent to the prefectural restaurant business public hearing on 5th March.

b. The Result of the Prefectural Restaurant Business Public Hearing

The 13th Prefectural Restaurant Business Public Hearing was held on 27th February 1951 at the Okayama Prefectural Assembly Hall and the following disposition was made.

Cases Sent from:	Closing Up Shop	Suspension of Business	Admonition	Total
EIB	19	0	0	19
Police	0	0	0	0
Total	19	0	0	19

Remarks: The kind of business of 19 violators were 18 light food restaurants and one tea-shop.

2. Special Investigation on Staple Food

a. The Result of the Investigation Conducted at the Previous Period

The three cases of unproper use of coupons, which was reported at the previous period, are still under investigation. (Please refer to heading (a) of (1) of b. of 2. of B.)

b. Summary of Investigation Conducted at This Period

(1) Investigation into the Business of Privately-Operated Staple Food Retailers

On 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th March, seven economic investigators (a total of 28) conducted the investigation at the "Staple Food Enterprise Association" on the Tobacco Monopoly Public Corporation Street, Shimoishii, Okayama city, (Rep. - - - Kumao Kageyama)

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and three others into whether or not there are any instances of illegal disposition of staple food and the situation of the handling coupons.
As a result, unproper use of coupons, illegal disposal of wheat and illegal purchase of rice, etc. or a total of four suspected violation cases were found, and they are under investigation now.

No. of Cases Investigated	Cases of Violation: This Period	Cases of Violation: Cases Pending from Previous Period	Violation Cases Disposed: Admonition	Violation Cases Disposed: Indicted	Violation Cases Disposed: Cases Not Yet Disposed	Quantity of Materials Channelled into Official Routes
12	4	3	0	0	7	0

3. Investigation into School Lunch

a. Summary

On 5th and 6th March, two economic investigators (a total of four) carried out the investigation at the Tama Primary School in Tamano city and another primary school into school lunch. As a result, both schools and designated bakeries operated properly, that no violation was found.

4. The Investigation into the Situation of Demand and Supply and the Fluctuation of Prices of "Miso", Soy Sauce and Sugar.

a. Summary

On 7th, 8th and 9th March, five economic investigators (a total of 15) conducted the investigation into the situation of demand and supply and the fluctuation of prices of "miso" (bean paste), soy sauce and sugar in the prefecture.
The result of the investigation is as follows:

(1) The total amount of the stock of "miso" and soy sauce in hand (including semi-products and its raw materials) of dealers can meet the future six months demand.

(2) There is a trend of gradual rise in prices of "miso" and soy sauce, due to the prospect that it will be difficult to obtain the raw materials after June 1951.

(3) The sugar ration for home use for the month of January and February is being made, and the sugar ration for business use for the third quarter of 1950 fiscal year is being made. Both ration are being made satisfactorily.

5. Auditing of Food Distribution Kodan and Food Office

During the period from 1st till 15th March, three economic investigators (a total of 25) conducted the audit of goods in stock at the Food Distribution Kodan and the audit of custody of staple food at the warehouses of the Okayama Food Office and the business warehouses entrusted by the Okayama Food Office, but the result is under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period.

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C. Material Section I

C - I. No. 1 Unit

C - II. No. 2 Unit

1. Investigation into the Business of Labor at the Special Procurement Board

a. Summary

On the basis of the Central EIA, during the period from 1 March till 31 March, six economic investigators have been carrying out the investigation of the business of labor which is delegated to the prefectural government by the Special Procurement Board.

As the Japanese Government supply laborers to the Occupation Forces, on the request of the Allied Forces, and pay the necessary expenditures for the same from the "Expenditure relating to the Occupation Forces", the purpose of this investigation is to investigate the actual state of the payment for this expenditures and to contribute to the retrenchment of the mational expenditures.

b. Result of Investigation

The result of the investigation will be reported after the investigation completed.

C - III. Investigation Unit

1. The Condition of the Disposal of Violation Cases

Cases Handled	Disposition of Cases				Administrative Disposal
	Indicted	Not Indicted	Transferred	Cases Not Yet Disposed	
1	0	0	0	1	0

2. Outline of the Case

a. Teruji Kiyama and two others

Feed Broker
Kamiishii, Okayama city

(1) Outline

The suspect Teruji Kiyama illegally purchased 20 bales of 5th grade wheat, which was distributed to Fukutaro Takata, soy sauce mamufacturer, No. 21, Hirose-cho, Okayama city, through the Okayama-ken Soy Sauce Industry Association as a material for soy sauce, from Fukutaro Takata at ¥1,460 per bale or a total of ¥29,200 around the end of November, 1950. Then Teruji Kiyama illegally sold the same to Taisaku Negi, flour miller, Amase-cho, Okayama city, around the end of November 1950 at ¥1,560 per bale or a total of ¥31,200 which exceeded the official price.

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The suspect Taisaku Negi milled flour from thus purchased wheat and illegally sold 30 "kan" of flour to Ono Bakery, Shimoishii, Okayama city, at ¥230 per "kan" or a total of ¥6,896, which exceeded the official price, in 15 times during the period from December 1950 till February 1951.

(2) Measures Taken

The case is expected to be indicted to the Okayama District Prosecutor's Office after the completion of the investigation.

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D. Material Section II

1. Investigation into Designated Daily Necessities

On 9th and 10th March, four economic investigators (two teams) carried out the investigation at Okayama city and Kurashiki city into the sales situation and the name of shops from where purchased of the designated daily necessities which are suspected as black-marketted goods. The result of the investigation is as follows:

a. The Okayama ACC Co., Ltd.

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No. 31, Saidaiji-cho, Okayama city

The party has purchased a little amount of Arden lemon candy drops, Societe jelly beans, PAMPA corned beef, Nestle's chocolate flavor, Pure Mary Ellen's marmalade and Tea Garden jelly, etc. from their head office, ACC Co., Ltd., 3 cho-me, Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo. But none of those goods has mark or stamp indicating the regular released goods, that the matter was reported to the Hiroshima Regional EB for their information.

b. The Sanyo Trading Co.

No. 863, Honmachi, Kurashiki city

They have not purchased any goods since last transaction which was reported at the previous period.

c. Yoshio Senoo

Dealer in miscellaneous goods and broker
No. 61, Kaminishigawa, Okayama city

As we detected that the party had received 10 cases of foreign made goods from Kobe city on 7th March, we investigated the goods. As a result, it was found that the party had purchased foreign made soap, chocolate, chewing-gum and biscuit, etc. amounting to ¥59,000 from Genri Company and six other shops under girder-bridge of Sannomiya, Kobe city. But none of those goods has mark or stamp indicating the regular released goods, that the matter was reported to the Hiroshima Regional EB for their information.

2. Investigation into the Production and Demand and Supply, etc. of Superphosphate of Lime

On the basis of the Central EIA, during the period from 28th February till 3rd March, eight economic investigators (three teams) carried out the investigation into the state of production, demand and supply and prices, etc. of superphosphate of lime at one manufactory, 10 wholesellers and nine retailers. The synthesized result of the investigation is as follows:

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a. At the Konoshima Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., Konoshima-soto-son, Oda-gun, Okayama prefecture, a superphosphate of lime is being produced satisfactorily. They produced 10,037 tons in January this year and 10,948 tons in February this year. As compared with the amount of production for the same month of last year, it shows 158% and 106% respectively. On the other hand the amount of stock on hand as of February ending this year (8,691 tons) showed 271% as compared with that of last year, but this is due to the decrease in shipment during February on account of the bad weather, the wharf damage and the Chinese New Year, and we can not consider that this is due to their reluctancy of selling.

b. The holding back or hoarding up of superphosphate of lime was not seen at wholesellers and retailers. The average amount of stock on hand as of February ending this year was 5,003 bags (@37.5 kgs.) at sole wholeseller, 375 bags at wholeseller and 424 bags at retailer. As compared with the amount of stock on hand of last few months, the above amount is not considered umusually much.
But in expectation of increased value, during the period from last December till last January, there were many purchasing orders made to the wholesellers and the retailers, but they refused to accept the orders because of the bad prospect of fresh supply of goods in the future.

c. Price

Influenced by a rise in price of general commodities, the price of superphosphate of lime is also increasing gradually.

per one bale (@ 37.5 kgs.)
component - - - 16.5%

	1950 Aug.	1950 Sept.	1950 Oct.	1950 Nov.	1950 Dec.	1951 Jan.	1951 Feb.	Remarks
Maker	¥318	¥318	¥318	¥323	¥323	¥333	¥333	The ceiling price based on the GHQ Memorandum is ¥363.12
Sole-wholeseller	-	-	323	328	328	338	340	
Wholeseller	324	321	319	325	328	335	343	
Retailer	335	335	331	342	350	355	370	

d. Distribution of Superphosphate of Lime to Farmers

The farm houses were not directly investigated this time, but according to the dealers' information, the farm houses of the southern part of prefecture bought already superphosphate of lime for Spring use (as compared with last few years, purchase was made one or two months earlier) and the farm houses of the northern part of prefecture are expected to complete the purchase of necessary amount by the end of March. After May or June, it is considered that there will be not much transaction of fertilizer.

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(Latter Half of February, 1951)

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A. General Affairs Section

1. The Situation with Regard to the Conference Convened

Nil

2. The Condition Concerning the Activities on Enlightenment Publicity

a. Insertion on Newspaper

On 25th February, the following matters were inserted on the Sanyo Shinbun, Mainichi Shinbun, Asahi Shinbun and Yukan Sanyo.

"The Livelihood Materials Consultation Office" was established in this EIB where the consuming public can bring in their complaints on price rises of nine daily necessities, including clothing materials, sugar, bean paste, soy, edible oil, soap, fertilizers, rubber-soled socks and timber, in order to have profiteering merchants admonished or disciplined.

3. Reorientation of Personnel

On 23rd February from 10 a.m. to noon, the lecture on the "Recent Electric Power Situation" was held for this EIB personnels by Mr. Tadanori Tomita, the chief of Okayama Branch of the Chugoku Power Distribution Co., Ltd..

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B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on Restaurant Business

a. Summary

On 16th February, two economic investigators conducted the above subject surveillance at Okayama city. As a result, three unlicensed dealers (light food restaurant) were exposed as following, and these cases were reported to the hearing of the prefectural food dispensing business on 23rd February.

	No.of Cases Investigated	No. of Violation Cases	Contents of Violation: Unlicensed Operation	Disposition: Reported to Public Hearing
Okayama city	7	3	3	3

2. Special Surveillance on Staple Food

a. Summary of the Investigation Conducted at the Previous Period

As to the volley-raid conducted against those private blackmarket rice collection spots centering around Okayama Station, the detail was reported at the previous report. (Please refer to heading (1) of a. of 2. of B.). Masao Nishiyama and two others, the suspects under investigation, were sent to the Okayama District Procurators' Office together with all documents concerned from Okayama Municipal Police.

b. Summary of the Investigation Conducted at This Period.

(1) Investigation into the Business of Privately-Operated Staple Food Retailers

(a) Summary

On 20th and 21st February, six economic investigators (a total of 12) carried out the investigation at privately-operated staple food retailers in Tsuyama city and two other places with the main emphasis laid on investigating into whether or not there are any instances of illegal disposition of staple food and the situation of handling the coupons (staple food selective purchasing tickets).
As a result, three cases of unproper use of coupons were found and the cases are still under investigation.

No. of Cases Investigated	Cases of Violation: This Period	Cases of Violation: Cases Pending from Previous Period	Violation Cases Disposed: Admonition	Violation Cases Disposed: Indicted	Violation Cases Disposed: Cases Not Yet Disposed	Quantity of Materials channelled into Official Routes
4	3	0	0	0	3	0

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(b) Opinion

There is a tendency that bakeries, confectioneries and noodle makers collect illegally "staple food selective purchasing ticket" from consumers, and exchange it for flour, and use thus obtained flour as a materials for processed staple foods.

3. Investigation into School Lunch

a. Summary

On 15th and 16th February, four economic investigators (a total of 8) carried out the investigation at Nishi primary school in Kurashiki city and another primary school into school lunch (each course from purchasing flour to consumption).
As a result, both schools use flour properly in obedience to the purport that the flour is donated by U.S.A., that no violation was found.

4. Auditing of Food Distribution Kodan

a. Summary

In continuation to the last period, during the period from 16th till 19th February, two economic investigators (a total of four) conducted the audit of the Okayama-ken Branch of the Food Distribution Kodan. As a result the following unproper facts were found.
Moreover, since 20th February the auditing of goods in stock is being conducted.

(1) Distribution Incentive Expenditure

The "distribution incentive expenditure" is the expenditure appropriated for the recreation of non-clerical worker of staple food ration point and rice polishing point.
The apportioned amount of "distribution incentive expenditure" from the Food Distribution Kodan, Head Office to the Okayama Branch Office for the period from April 1950 till June 1950 was ¥259,000 and for the period from July 1950 till September 1950 was ¥237,000 or a total of ¥496,000, and the Okayama Branch Office retained 50% of ¥496,000 at their office and used it for base-ball and other sports, movies and utensils.
Despite the extra supplementary budget ¥593,000 apportioned last September ending was to be paid only for the workers cf ration points to be placed under private management, the Okayama Branch Office of the Food Distribution Kodan paid ¥76,185 out of ¥593,000 even to 124 workers of sub-branch offices and their rice-polishing points which were not placed under private management.

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(2) Relation with Second Company

The Okaryo Industry Co., Ltd. collect the Kodan's empty containers such as straw bales, paper bags and wooden cases, etc.. This company have 21 branch offices in this prefecture and 17 branch offices are in the same offices with the sub-branch offices of the Food Distribution Kodan. At seven branch offices out of this 17 branch offices, the personnels of the sub-branch offices of the Food Distribution Kodan are the non-regular member of the company staff.. The salary of the non-regular member of the company staff is ¥1,000 - ¥2,000 per month. In case of the field trip of the non-regular member, the company pays the expenses. But the company do not pay house rent, telephone charges and water and electric charges because the company's branch offices are in the same offices with the Kodan's sub-branch offices.
Besides, the Kodan allow the company to use the werehouses and safes of Kodan's sub-branch if necessary, thus the Kodan give many conveniences to the company. This non-bright relation between the Kodan and the company has been continued since July 1948, the setting up of the company.

The above result of the audit will be reported to the Central EIA through the Hiroshima Reginal EB, and it will be used as a materials of official recommendation for improvement.

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C. Material Section I

C - I. No. 1 Unit

C - II. No. 2 Unit

1. Investigation into the Allocation of Rape-Seed for Oil Pressing and the Delivery of Rape-Seed Oil

a. Summary

During the period from 9th till 23rd February, six economic investigators carried out the above subject investigation.

b. Result of Investigation

(1) Delivery of Rape-Seed Oil to Kodan from Oil Pressing Factories

Of 51 designated oil pressing factories, eight completed the delivery, 13 delivered a part of their quota and 30 delivered none.
The allocation of rape-seed produced in 1950 for oil pressing and the delivery of rape-seed oil to the Kodan from oil pressing factories are as follows:

(As of January ending, 1951)

The amount of allocated rape-seed and the amount of rape-seed disposed of by the prefectural government - - - - - 387,011.162 kgs.

The amount of rape-seed oil to be delivered from the above amount of rape-seed - - - 116,104 kgs.

The delivered amount of rape-seed oil - - - - - - - - - - 48,357.089 kgs.

Balance - - - - - - - - - - - - - 67,746.911 kgs.

The delivery percentage - - - - - - 41.6 %

(2) The Causes of Poor Delivery

(a) The Oil Pressers Expect the Sale of Government Oil

As there was the instance that the Oils and Fats Distribution Corporation stopped to buy the rice-bran oil before the decontrol of rice-bran oil which was taken place in March, 1950, the oil pressers expect that the same measures will be taken even in the case of rape-seed oil. Thus the oil pressers are expecting the sale of government oil and are withholding the delivery.

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(b) The Influence from the Delivery Price and Highest Bid Price

The delivered oil are being sold by the Kodan by bidding at present. The highest bid price and the delivery price are ¥63,000 and ¥21,692 per one drum (181.5 kgs.) respectively. There is too much difference between two prices.

(c) The Distrust against the Attitude of Kodan

The attitude of the Kodan is obscure. For instance, while the Kodan is urging the delivery of rape-seed oil produced in 1950 to oil pressers, on the other hand the Kodan, after having purchased the rape-seed oil produced in 1949, ordered the oil pressers to safe-keep the most part of purchased oil (about 60 tons, 80%). In addition, the Kodan has not paid the custody fee to the oil pressers nor issued any shipment instruction.
Moreover, in view of the disorder of Kodan's accounting in general, the oil pressers rather wait for the chance for free disposition than contribute to the making up the loss of Kodan.

(d) The Delay of Payment

The delay of payment for delivered oil is one of dissatisfaction of oil pressers. The payment is usually made more than one month behind time. On the contrary the oil pressers must pay the price of rape-seed in advance when they purchase the same. Thus the oil pressers are in a monetary difficulty.

(3) Opinion

We deem that the following reasons hindered the oil pressers from the delivery of rape-seed oil.

i. The prefectural government, being in charge of guidance and supervision for oil pressers, and the Oils and Fats Distribution Corporation, being the purchasing agency of rape-seed oil, delayed to take the measures to be taken in advance.

ii. Big difference between delivery price and highest bid price.

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2. Investigation into Transporter on the Transport Charges of Tobacco

a. Summary

During the period from 12th till 20th February, five economic investigators carried out the investigation at the Okayama Branch Office of the Nippon Express Company into the transportation program of the Tobacco Monopoly Public Corporation and the actual results of the transportation by the Nippon Express Company, concerning the transportation of the leaf-tobacco by freight train.

b. Result of Investigation

The average loading amount of leaf-tobacco per one ton freight train, based on the original contract between Nippon Express Company and Nippon Tobacco Monopoly Public Corporation, is 210 kgs. during the 1949 fiscal year and 228 kgs. during the 1950 fiscal year. For the above, the actually loaded amount during the 1949 fiscal year and 1950 fiscal year are 203 kgs. and 248 kgs. respectively. Thus the difference was comparatively small.

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1. The Situation Concerning the Disposal of Illegal Cases

Nil

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D. Material Section II

1. Investigation into Designated Imported Daily Necessities

During the period from 13th till 17th February, seven economic investigators (three teams) carried out the investigation at Okayama city, Tamano city and other places into the sales situation and the name of shops from where purchased of the designated imported daily necessities which are suspected as blackmarketted goods. The result of the investigation is as follows:

a. The Okayama ACC Co., Ltd.

Rep. - - - - - Sakuo Kondo
No. 31, Saidaiji-cho, Okayama city

(1) Summary

The party purchased nine lbs. of coarse wool yarn and one lb. of semi-fine wool yarn or a total of 10 lbs. at ¥17,340 on 29th November 1950 from ACC Co., Ltd., c/o Katakura Building 3 cho-me, Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo. As a result of investigating this wool yarn, the quality was inferior and it beared trade mark as "TEIYO-HAI".

(2) Measures Taken

We can not consider that such a inferior quality wool yarn was imported for PX goods. So it is suspected that the said wool yarn is the goods blackmarketted from SPS or the home made goods camouflaged as imported goods. The case was reported to the Hiroshima Regional EB.

b. Katsuaki Ando

Yarn retailer
No. 2964, Kasaoka-cho, Oda-gun

(1) Summary

The party purchased 30 lbs. of wool yarn from the Sanyo Trading Co., No. 863, Honmachi, Kurashiki city, at ¥1,800 per lb. or a total of ¥54,000 last January. As a result of investigating this wool yarn, it was found that the quality was inferior and it beared trade mark as "Front Line". The Sanyo Trading Co. purchased the same from the Nichibei Tsusho Kosha, No. 2/4 Muromachi, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo as reported at the previous period report.

(2) Measures Taken

The case was reported to the Hiroshima Regional EB together with the case listed in the preceding paragraph (a.).

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REPORT ON INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

(First Half of February, 1951)

V. OKAYAMA PREFECTURAL ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION BUREAU

A. General Affairs Section

1. The Situation with Regard to the Conference Convened

The 36th Okayama Prefectural Economic Investigation Deliberating Conference

(1) Date: 12 February 13.00 - 15.30 hrs.

(2) Place: Okayama EIB Conference Room

(3) Attendance:

All Committee present
Colonel Papen of GHQ.
Mr. Henry Keisel of the Chugoku Civil Affairs Region

(4) Subject of Deliberation:

Program of investigation into school lunch

(5) Subject of Reports:

(a) Interim report on the result of investigation into staple food

The result of the investigation which was carried out by this EIB was reported. After that, the representatives of N.R.P. Okayama-ken Hq., Okayama Municipal Police Hq. and Okayama Railway Public Safety Officer reported the results of their control concerning the illegal transportation of staple food.

(b) Report on the condition of rice delivery, registration of staple food retailer shop and operation of "staple food selective purchasing ticket" system

The Chief of Food Section of the Okayama Prefectural Government reported the above matters.

(c) The result of the investigation of petroleum products demand and supply condition in agricultural villages.

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B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on Restaurant Business

a. Summary

On 1st and 2nd February, four economic investigators (a total of eight) carried out the investigation into the operation of unlicensed restaurant business at Tamano city and Kasaoka-cho, Oda-gun. The result is as follows:

	No.of Cases Investigated	No.of Violation Cases	Contents of Violation: Unlicensed Operation	Disposition: Reported to Public Hearing
Tamano city	30	4	4	4
Kasaoka-cho	25	7	7	7
Total	55	11	11	11

Remarks:

i The kinds of business of 11 unlicensed dealers are 10 light food restaurants and one tea-shop.

ii 11 discovered violation cases were reported to the hearing of the prefectural food dispensing business on 9th February.

2. Special Surveillance on Staple Food

a. Summary of the Investigation Conducted at the Previous Period (Regarding the Control of Illegal Transportation of Staple Food)

(1) At the previous period report, we reported that we had conducted the investigation of the private blackmarket rice collection spots centering around Okayama Station and "Nakasuji" in front of the Okayama Station. (Please refer to heading (1) of d. of 2. of B. of last report) The materials collected by the investigation was coordinated to the Okayama Municipal Police Hq. on 3rd February. On the basis of this materials, on 9th February Okayama Municipal Police Hq. conducted the volley-raid against those private blackmarket rice collection spots, the result of which is as follows:

Masao Nishiyama, No. 73 Kaminishigawa, Okayama city, and two others were apprehended and a total of six bales of rice and soy-bean was confiscated. The suspects are held for examination now.

(2) At the previous period report, the matters concerning the illegal transportation of staple food by utilizing the Kishin Railway Line was reported. (Please refer to heading (2) of d. of 2. of B. of last report.)
As a result of the control riding on the trains in cooperation with this EIB, NRP. Aida Area Police Station and Tsuyama Branch of Railway Public Safety Office, the following was found:

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Tokiko Ando and four others were caught in the very act against the "Food Management Law" and a total of 55 Kgs. of rice, soy-beans and red-beans were confiscated. This case was sent to the procurators' office from the NRP. Aida area police station.

Moreover, the real circumstances that blackmarket rice are being actively transported out of Katsuta-cho, Katsuta-gun by the Shinki Bus (operating between Tsuyama city - Hayashino-cho - Katsuta-cho - Sayo-cho) was coordinated by this EIB to the NRP. Aida area police station requesting their control. As a result, on 3rd February, the NRP. Aida area police station conducted the raid on the bus at prefectural road in Yoshino-son, Aida-gun and confiscated a total of 702 Kgs. of rice, soy-beans and red-beans.

b. Summary of the Investigation Carried Out at this Period

(1) Investigation into the Course of Collection and Custody of Staple Food

(a) Summary

During the period from 24th January till 10th February, 12 economic investigators (a total of 48) carried out the investigation into the collection and custody of staple food and the payment for rice delivery, etc. at 26 designated staple food collection dealers (22 agr. coop. assns. and four individual dealers).
As a result, the following 32 defects were found:

Bad arrangement of books	7
Payments for rice delivery are made behind time	11
Bad custody	8
Other defects	6

(b) Measures Taken

The result of the investigation was reported to the committee at the 36th Okayama Prefectural Economic Investigation Deliberating Conference which was held on 12th February. Besides, this EIB informed the discovered defects to the Okayama Food Office and Okayama-ken Sales Agricultural Cooperative Association Federation and requested their thorough-going supervision and guidance.

3. Investigation into Sugar to be Distributed to Home

a. Summary

Please see under heading 3. of B. of last report.

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b. Result of Investigation

Place Investigated	No.of Person Registered for Receiving Staple Food Ration (A)	No.of Person Registered for Receiving Sugar Distribution (B)	B - A
Katsuta-cho, Katsuta-gun	4,025	4,111	86
Hirono-son, Katsuta-gun	2,345	2,345	0
Ibara-cho, Shitsuki-gun	13,190	13,276	86

Remarks: Number of person registered for receiving staple food ration includes the number of those farmers who have whole year retention rice and those farmers who have a part year retention rice.

In case of Katsuta-cho and Ibara-cho, the number of persons who are registered for receiving sugar distribution exceeded the number of persons who are registered for receiving staple food ration as above list. The main causes for this are that the confirming the number of persons, who are registered for receiving sugar distribution, by town offices is inaccurate and the registered sugar retailers reported unlawfully more number. On the basis of the result of this surveillance, this EIB requested the Economic Department of the prefectural government to exercise the thorough-going supervision and guidance over the distribution business of the city, town and village offices and over the registered sugar retailers.

4. Auditing of the Food Distribution Kodan

a. Summary

In continuation to the last period, during the period from 5th till 15th February two economic investigators (a total of 18) conducted the auditing of the Food Distribution Kodan. The result of the audit up to date is as follows:

(1) The Potato and Starch, Okayama-ken Office

(a) The income during the period from April till December 1950 was ¥173,502 (the income yielded by the purchase and sales of 3,766 "kan" of Irish potato and 852 "kan"of sweet potato was ¥ 20,810). Against this income, ¥ 388,201 for business management expenditure, ¥ 1,621,361 for personnel expenditure and ¥ 312,806 for field trip expenses, conference expenses and other expenditures or a total of ¥ 2,322,368 was spent causing ¥ 2,148,866 loss. This is a heavy national loss.

(b) As to the money spent for business expenditure and administration expenditure during the above period, there is no particular illegal case.

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(c) This office owed the Okayama Food Office ¥ 1,424,170 , the penalty (the total amount of daily interest in arrears) (¥ 0.03 per diem for ¥ 100 for each day over two weeks after the payment date set) for the unpaid price of potato (chiefly sweet potato produced in 1949), as of March ending 1950, but still this amount is unsettled now due to short of fund.

(2) The Packing Materials, Okayama-ken Office

As to the money spent for work expenditure and administration expenditure, there was no special case. But the payment of over-time-work allowance of personnel expenditure for four personnel is out of touch with real circumstances varying the amount too much every month as follows:

¥ 3,131	for the month of August 1950
¥ 1,758	for the month of September 1950
¥ 5,812	for the month of October 1950
¥ 1,322	for the month of November 1950
¥ 15,685	for the month of December 1950

(3) The Distribution Business Bureau, Okayama-ken Branch Office

The result of the auditing is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period.

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C. Material Section I

C - I. No. 1 Unit

C - II. No. 2 Unit

1. Investigation into Transporter on the Transport Charges of Tobacco

a. Summary

On the basis of the Central EIA's instruction, since 12 February five economic investigators have been investigating at the Okayama Branch Office of the Nippon Express Company into the transportation program of the Tobacco Monopoly Public Corporation and the actual results of the transportation by the Nippon Express Company, concerning the transportation of the leaf-tobacco by freight train.

b. Result of Investigation

The result of the investigation will be reported at the next period.

2. Investigation into the Allocation of Rape-Seed for Oil Pressing and the Delivery of Rape-Seed Oil

a. Summary

On the basis of the Hiroshima Regional EB's instruction, since 9 February six economic investigators(three teams) have been investigating at Kan Fujino, oil presser, and 14 other oil pressers into the allocation of rape-seed for oil pressing from prefectural government to oil pressers and the delivery of rape-seed oil to Kodan from oil pressers.

b. Result of Investigation

The result of the investigation will be reported at the next period.

C - III. Investigation Unit

1. The Situation Concerning the Disposal of Illegal Cases

Nil

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D. Material Section II

1. Investigation into Designated Imported Daily Necessities

During the period from 6th till 9th February, seven economic investigators (three teams) carried out the investigation into the status of sales and the sources of the goods designated by the "Regulations for Distribution of Designated Imported Daily Necessities" at Okayama city, Tsuyama city and other places. The result is as follows:

a. Source of Goods

Purchased from	Wholeseller	Retailer
Nichibei Tsusho Kosha (No.2/4 Muromachi, Nihonbashi,Chuo-ku, Tokyo)	Sanyo Trading Shokai (Shigeki Sakamoto) (No.863 Motomachi, Kurashiki city)	Katsuaki Ando and Three other shops.
ACC Co., Ltd. (3 chome, Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo)	Okayama ACC Co.,Ltd. (Saidaiji-cho, Okayama city)	Shinsuke Kawai (No.518 Heiwa-cho, Kurashiki city)
	Takeshi Koyama (Hayashino-cho,Aida-gun)	Ukida Shoten (Kyo-machi,Tsuyama city)
		Four other shops. (Being connected directly with ACC Co.,Ltd.in Tokyo)
Unknown (Kobe city) under investigation	Senoo Shoten (Kaminishigawa,Okayama city)	Yuji Susuki (No.9, 5 bancho,Okayama city) and seven other shops
Suzuya Foodstuff Co. (No.56/3, Okachimachi, Daitoh-ku, Tokyo)	Kakudo Shoten (Kaminishigawa, Okayama city)	Masao Takata (Ebisu-machi, Kurashiki city)
Mitate Shoji Co.,Ltd. (No.19/2, Okachimachi, Daitoh-ku, Tokyo)		and another shop

b. Whether of Not There is the Mark That Shows the Regular Released Goods

As a result of the investigation, it was found that the canned fig, drops and canned peanut on sale at shops of A.C.C. Co., Ltd. party bear the regular mark and stamp indicating the regular released goods, but other goods on sale have no mark and stamp indicating the regular released goods.

c. Goods on Sale

The kinds of goods on sale are foodstuff, such as chocolate and candy, woollen yarn, soap and razor blades, etc..
Moreover, the foreign made cakes are being displayed at the most of cake-shops in Okayama city.

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d. Special Phenomenon

Sanyo Trading Shokai, No. 863, Motomachi, Kurashiki city, bought the goods amounting to ¥ 3,000,000 from Nichibei Tsusho Kosha, Tokyo Office, and transported the same on 23rd December 1950 to here by a 15 tons chartered freight train, in the form of goods delivered to the Police Reserve, Mizushima Camp, and sold the same to retailers under their influence. The main goods among them are peanut amounting to ¥ 760,000 and woollen yarn amounting to ¥ 870,000. The investigation into this case is being carried out because the amount transacted for one time is too much.

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(Latter Half of January, 1951)

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A. General Affairs Section

1. The Situation with Regard to the Conferences Convened

Nil.

2. The Situation Concerning the Activities on Enlightenment Publicity

Nil

B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on Food Dispensing Business

a. Summary

On 19th January two economic investigators carried out the above subject surveillance at Kurashiki city with the main emphasis laid on investigating the operation of unlicensed business and the illegal offer of staple food. As a result, the following violation facts were discovered.

	No. of Violation Cases	Contents of Violation: Unlicensed Operation	Contents of Violation: Illegal Offer	Disposition: Reported to Hearing
Kurashiki city	5	5	0	5

Remarks: i The kinds of business of five unlicensed dealers are light food restaurant.
ii The five discovered violation cases were reported to the hearing of the prefectural food dispensing business on 24th January.

b. The Public Hearing Conference of the Food Dispensing Business

The 12th public hearing conference of the food dispensing business was held on 27th January at the prefectural assembly hall. The result of the disposition is as follows:

Cases Sent from	Closing up Shops	Suspension of Business	Admonition	Total
EIB	9	0	0	9
Police	0	0	0	0
Total	9	0	0	9

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2. Special Surveillance on Staple Food

a. Summary of the Investigation Conducted at the Previous Period

Please see under heading 3. of B. of the previous activities report.

b. Result of the Investigation Conducted at the Previous Period

(1) The Status of the Transporting Out of the Black-Market Rice

The name of stations on the Kishin Railway Line chiefly used by black-market peddlers are Innosho, Tsuyama, Higashi-Tsuyama, Ohsaki, Katsumada, Hayashino, Emi, Doi, (or a total of eight stations in the Okayama prefecture) and Kozuki, Sayo, Tokusa and Mikazuki (or a total of four stations in the Hyogo prefecture). The presumed number of blackmarket peddlers who rode on train during the period from 1st December till 8th January are about 300 persons. As compared with last year, the number decreased to about half but still they carry the blackmarket rice by train using commutation ticket and taking advantage of the gaps between controls by NRP. and railway public safety officers. Besides the above, some transport rice illegally by bicycles and motor trucks using the prefectural road northern part of the Kishin Railway Line in case of the strengthened control over the train.
Moreover, due to comparatively high cost of freight charges, complicated procedures to be taken and the delay of turnover of capital, the camouflaged transportation by railway parcel is very little in the amount as compared with the whole amount of illegal transportation.

(2) Organization of Blackmarket Peddlers

The blackmarket peddlers are divided in two kinds, the out-seller of the spot (30 %) and out-buyer from Kobe and Osaka area (70 %). The most of out-sellers are the habitual blackmarket peddlers and they have close connection with special blackmarket village. The organization of the out-buyer is not clear but it is presumed that there is a boss around Himeji Station having private collection and distribution spot.

(3) The Recent Black-Market Price

The buying price at the village	¥ 65 - ¥ 75
The selling price at Himeji	¥103 - ¥105

(4) The Amount of Illegally Transported Rice Carried into Train by Black-Market Peddlers

2 "to" - 5 "to" by one man
1 "to" - 2 "to" by one woman

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c. Measures Taken Against the Result of the Investigation Carried Out at the Previous Period

The result of the investigation was informed to NRP. Okayama ken Headquarters, Crime Prevention Section, NRP. Tomata, Katsuda and Aida Area Stations, Emi Autonomous Police Station and Tsuyama Railway Public Safety Office and this EIB requested them to strengthen the control.

d. Summary of the Investigation Carried Out at This Period.

(1) On 18th and 19th January, four economic investigators (a total of eight) carried out the investigation of the private blackmarket rice collection spot centering around Okayama Station. As a result, several places were found at "Nakasuji" in front of the Okayama Station and Nodaya-cho. As to these private black-market rice collection spots, this EIB is going to inform the matter to the Okayama Municipal Police and to request the control in the near future.

(2) During the period from 25th till 27th January, two economic investigators carried out the control riding on the Kishin Railway Line trains together with the NRP. Aida and Katsuda Area Stations and the Tsuyama Railway Public Officers, but the result is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next time.

3. Investigation into Sugar to Be Distributed to Home

Summary

In cooperation with the investigation, intending to prevent the illegal receiving of sugar distributed to home, to be carried out by the Economic Dept. of the prefectural government, two economic investigators and two officials of the Food Section of the prefectural government organized two investigation teams and carried out the investigation at town and village offices and registered retailers in the Ibara-cho and two other towns and villages during the period from 17th till 20th January. The result is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next time.

4. Auditing of Food Distribution Kodan

Summary

In continuation to the last period, during the period from 17th till 30th January, two economic investigators (a total of 24) carried out the audit of the Food Distribution Kodan, but the result is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period.

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C. Material Section I

C - I. No. 1 Unit
C - II. No. 2 Unit

1. Investigation into Transport Dealer on the Transport Charges of Tobacco

a. Summary

In continuation to the last period, during the period from 17th till 27th January 1951, six economic investigators carried out the investigation of various work-charges for the transportation of tobacco owned by the Tobacco Monopoly Public Corporation by freight train (less than car load freight) at the Okayama Branch, the Niimi Branch, the Takahashi Service Station, the Tamashima Service Station and the Ibara Service Station of the Nippon Express Company.
(Please refer to heading a. of 1. of C - 1. and C - II. of C. of the previous activities report.)

b. Result of Investigation

(1) The Result of the Receipt and Payment of the Work-Charges for the Transportation of Tobacco by Freight Train (Less than Car Load Freight).

The result of the receipt and payment of the above subject work-charges between the superintendent branch office (the Okayama Branch Office) and the work-shops (the branch offices and the service stations of the Nippon Express Company) are as follows:

	Latter Half of 1949 Fiscal Year		First Half of 1950 Fiscal Year	
	Retained by Superintendent Branch Office %	Paid to Work-Shops %	Retained by Superintendent Branch Office %	Paid to Work-Shops %
A	69	31	47	53
B	69	31	74	26
C	70	30	57	43
D	77	23	69	31

Note: A means that the work-charges for the transportation of tobacco (cigarette and cigar) forwarded out of this prefecture.
B means that the work-charges for the transportation of tobacco (cigarette and cigar) arriving in to this prefecture.
C means that the work-charges for the transportation of tobacco (leaf-tobacco) forwarded out of this prefecture.
D means that the work-charges for the transportation of tobacco (leaf-tobacco) arriving in to this prefecture.

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As the above list, the most part of work-charges, received by the superintendent branch office from the Tobacco Monopoly Public Corporation according to the original contract, are retained by the superintendent branch office. But as this investigation was limited only to the work-charges for the transportation of tobacco by freight train (less than car load freight), we can not judge of the whole with this result, but if judging from the personnel expenditure and other expenses, it is considered possible to reduce considerably the original contract price. Moreover, the result of this investigation was reported to the Central EIA in detail, and the Central EIA will take necessary measures after collecting the reports from all EIBs in the country.

(2) The Result of the Receipt and Payment of the Custody Fee

The comparison between the amount listed on the custody ledger book and the actual amount in custody, and the result of the receipt and payment of the custody fee for the period since 1 April 1950 was investigated at the Okayama Land and Warehouse Co., Ltd., the Niimi Branch of the Nippon Express Company and the Tamashima Service Station of the Nippon Express Company. As to the amount, they were in proper quantities. As to the custody fee, 88 % and 92 % of the custody fee which was received by the superintendent branch office of the Nippon Express Company from the Tobacco Monopoly Public Corporation during the latter half of 1950 fiscal year were respectively paid to the Tamashima Service Station and the Niimi Branch of the Nippon Express Company, and the superintendent branch office (Okayama Branch) retained comparatively little amount.

2. Investigation into the Status of the Demand and Supply of the Petroleum Products for Agriculture and Forestry Use

a. Summary

During the period from 23rd till 27th January 1951, six economic investigators carried out the above subject investigation at Kojyo-son, Kojima-gun and seven other towns and villages.

b. Result of Investigation

The result of the investigation was submitted to the Chugoku Civil Affairs Region in the separate report on 31st January 1951.

C - III. Investigation Unit

1. The Situation Concerning the Disposal of Illegal Cases

Nil.

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D. Material Section II

1. Auditing of Fertilizer Distribution Kodan
(under liquidation)

In contimuation to the third auditing, during the period from 11th till 13th January 1951, the fourth auditing of the liquidation business of the Okayama-ken Branch of the Fertilizer Distribution Kodan for the month of December 1950 was carried out. The result is as follows:

a. The percentage of collection of sales made on credit is fairly good. The total amount of sales credit as of July ending last year when the Kodan was closed down was ¥21,978,818.12 (100 %) and that of December ending was ¥725,567.13 (3.3 %).

b. As this EIB advised several times, the Okayama-ken Branch of the Kodan anticipated to complete the collection of overdue interest for sales credit during December, but the results are very bad. In other words, the total amount of overdue interest for sales credit yielded till the end of December was ¥693,890.67 (100 %) and the amount collected was only ¥200,283.72 (28.9 %). The reason why is that the amount yielded during the period from March till July was ¥269,005.69 and for this amount the agricultural cooperative associations, the fertilizer sellers, paid only ¥10,125.82 up to now. In other words, during the period from March till July 1950, the time of fertilizing season for rice, due to the monetary stringency of farmers, the agricultural cooperative associations bought fertilizer from the Kodan on credit and sold the same to farmers on credit. For this sales credit, the Kodan charged the overdue interest but the agricultural cooperative associations did not charge the overdue interest to farmers, this fact caused the agricultural cooperative associations the difficulty in payment of overdue interest. Moreover, the payment for the overdue interest yielded during the period from August till December 1950 is being done one after another.

c. The total amount of cash on hand and bank deposit corresponded with that of books, and there were all necessary vouchers. The collected fertilizer money was being paid in the government account within four days.

d. The fertilizer on hand had been disposed very slowly as reported at the previous report, but as the fertilizer prices are going up at market lately, it is anticipated that about 60 % of the total amount of the fertilizer on hand as of July ending last year will be disposed during January 1951.

Moreover, according to the instruction of the Central EIA, the auditing of the Fertilizer Distribution Kodan ended for the time being.

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V. OKAYAMA PREFECTURAL ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION BUREAU

A. General Affairs Section

1. The Situation with Regard to the Conferences Convened

The 35th Economic Investigation Deliberating Conference

(1) Date: 8 January 13.10 - 14.30 hrs.

(2) Place: Okayama EIB conference room

(3) Attendance:

Mr. T. Kajiya of the Chugoku Civil Affairs Region
and 15 out of 17 committee

(4). Absentee:

Chief of Okayama Tax Office
Mayor of Okayama City

(5) Subject of Deliberation:

(a) Program for special investigation on staple food

(b) Investigation program for the prevention of illegal distribution receipt of sugar

The above subject matters were introduced to the committee for deliberation.

(6) Subject of Report:

(a) Result of the investigation of transport dealers as to the charges of truck transportation of tobacco

(b) Result of the third auditing of the Fertilizer Distribution Kodan

The above subject matters were reported to the committee.

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B. Food Section

1. Special Surveillance on Food Dispensing Business

On 6th January three economic investigators carried out the above subject surveillance at Okayama City with the main emphasis laid on investigating the unlicensed dealers and illegal offer of staple food.

As a result three unlicensed dealers (light food restaurants) were found and those violation cases were sent to the prefectural food dispensing business public hearing conference on 13th January.

	No. of Violation Cases	Contents of Violation	Disposition
		Unlicensed Operation	Sent to public hearing
Okayama City	3	3	3

2. Special Investigation on Sugar

The above subject investigation which had been carried out since last August ended 31st December.

17 suspected violation cases which are pending from last period and were reported under heading a. of 2. of B. of investigation activities report for the latter half of December, 1950 were disposed as follows because there were no positive evidence that prove the illegal transaction of O.S.S. and S.P.S. sugar.

Cases Investigated	Number of Violation: This Period	Cases Pending from Previous Period	Violation Cases Disposed: Admonition	Indicted	Requested Administrative Disposal	Cases not yet Disposed	Quantity of Materials Channelled into Official Routes
0	0	17	17	0	0	0	60 kg.

3. Special Surveillance on Staple Food

Summary

During the period from 9th till 11th January, five economic investigators (a total of 15) carried out the investigation of the blackmarket peddlers' boss who utilize the Kishin Railway Line, the camouflaged transportation of staple food at main stations, and the farmers and the private collection dealers in the villages along the Kishin Railway Line who illegally transact rice, in order to collect the materials for the surveillance (raid) which is scheduled to be carried out at the latter part of January. The result of the investigation is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period.

One case which is pending from previous period and was reported under heading (1). of b. of 3. of B. of investigation activities report for the latter half of December, 1950 is still under investigation.

4. Auditing of the Food Distribution Kodan

Summary

In continuation to the last period, during the period from

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5 till 13 January, two economic investigators (a total of 16) carried out the audit of the Food Distribution Kodan, but the result is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period.

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C. Material Section 1

C - I. No. 1 Unit

C - II. No. 2 Unit

1. Investigation of Transport Dealer on the Transport Charges of Tobacco

a. Summary

On the basis of the Central EIA's instruction, during the period extending from 8 through 13 January, six economic investigators carried out the investigation of various work-charges for the transportation of tobacco owned by the Nippon Tobacco Monopoly Public Corporation by freight train (less than car load freight) at the Okayama Branch of the Nippon Express Company.

The purpose of this investigation is to reduce the national loss by establishing the just and fair cost of transport of tobacco and by regulating the receipt and payment.

b. Result of Investigation

The result of the investigation is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period.

2. Watch Over the Transaction of Petroleum Products Allocated for the 3rd Quarter of 1950

a. Summary

The results of the investigation which was carried out at the previous period at Masumoto Petroleum Shop in Okayama City and 8 other petroleum sellers are as follows:
(Please refer to heading under a. of 2. of C - 1. of investigation activities report for the latter half of December 1950)

b. Result of Investigation

(1) Petroleum Products Delivered in Advance

The average monthly sales amount of petroleum products of 9 investigated sellers during the 3rd quarter is about 280 kilo litres, of which 64 % (180 kilo litres) is the amount delivered in advance since befor last August. The kinds of petroleum products delivered in advance are heavy oil for small ships (60 %), gasoline for automobile (30 %) and other oil (10 %). But there is a tendency that the amount of petroleum products delivered in advance is decreasing gradually by the self-control of dealers. Number of cases of petroleum products delivered in advance are 8 cases as below.

2 cases - - - - - - - more than 50 kilo litres
3 cases - - - - - - - 15 - 20 kilo litres
3 cases - - - - - - - less than 10 kilo litres

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(2) Stocks on Hand

In the past, every seller had the petroleum products on hand equivalent to 1 - 1.5 times as much as the monthly sales amount, but it decreased to $\frac{2}{3}$ - 1 time at the time of investigation. This tendency of decrease is remarkable in the cases of heavy oil and machine oil, but still this fact does not interfere with the sales at present.

(3) Blackmarket Prices at Year End

The blackmarket prices at the last year end are as below list, and there are a tendency of a little bullish tone in the future.

Per 1 drum (200 litres)

	Gasoline (for automobile)	B Heavy Oil	Light Oil	White Lamp Oil	Machine Oil (No. 120)	Mobile Oil (No. 20)
Controlled Official Price (A Price)	¥ 3,378	¥ 2,090	¥ 2,980	¥ 4,060	¥ 7,280	¥ 8,280
Lowest Blackmarket Price	¥ 10,000	¥ 2,800	¥ 4,000		¥ 10,000	¥ 11,000
Highest Blackmarket Price	¥ 13,000	¥ 3,000	¥ 4,500	¥ 5,000	¥ 11,000	¥ 12,000

(4) Sales Competition of Wholeseller

Before the price revision of petroleum products (13 December 1950), wholesellers sold at discounted prices to sellers, but after price revision sellers expect that there will be no more discounted price sales owing to the bad forecast of demand and supply. But there is an example of sales competition as following:

Nippon Kogyo K.K., wholeseller, informed Boruneo Shokai, seller, that they will sell petroleum products at discounted prices in the future as below:

i ¥ 1,000 discount will be made per 1 kilo litre in case of purchase more than 5 kilo litres of rubber gasoline
ii ¥ 6,000 discount will be made per 1 kilo litre in case of purchase more than 30 kilo litres of rubber gosoline
iii ¥ 400 discount will be made per 1 kilo litre of gasoline for automobile
iiii ¥ 600 discount will be made per 1 kilo litre of lubricating oil (except mobile and machine oil).

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C - III. Investigation Unit

1. The Situation Concerning the Disposal of Illegal Cases

Cases Handled	Disposition of Cases				Administrative Disposal
	Indicted	Not Indicted	Transferred	Cases Not Yet Disposed	
(1)	1	0	0	0	0

Please note: The figure in parenthesis denotes the number of case brought over from previous period.

2. The Gist of Case

Kohei Satoh
Managing director of the Kurashiki Knitted Goods Industry Co.
No. 765, Asahi-machi, Kurashiki City

(1) Outline

As per previous report.

(2) Measures Taken

The case was indicted to the Okayama District Procurators' Office on 27 December, 1950.

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D. Material Section II

1. Auditing of the Fertilizer Distribution Kodan

The auditing of the liquidation business of the Fertilizer Distribution Kodan had been carried out every month since last September. The fourth auditing of the liquidation business for the month of December 1950 was expected to be completed by 4 January 1951, but as the kodan delayed the adjustment of the books, the fourth auditing was conducted during the period from 11 till 13 January. The result of the audit is now under adjustment that it will be reported at the next period, but the disposition of the fertilizer on hand is as follows:

	End of July 1950 (kg.)	Sold During October 1950 (kg.)	Sold During November 1950 (kg.)	Sold During December 1950 (up to 25 Dec.) (kg.)
Sold by bidding		87,663	262,466	0
Sold by private contract		0	225,611	171,833
Total		87,663	488,077	171,833
Monthly balance	2,442,711 (100 %)	2,355,048 (96.3 %)	1,866,971 (77.4 %)	1,695,138 (69 %)

Remarks:

i The disposition of the fertilizer on hand was started since October 1950.

ii The kind of fertilizer on hand as of 25 December 1950 is as below.

Ammonium sulphate	228,341.9 kg.	13 %
Ammonium nitrate	143,043.1 kg.	8 %
Calcium cyanamide	18,671.6 kg.	1 %
Urea	7,253 kg.	0.4%
Ammonium chloride	19,258.4 kg.	1 %
Solid fertilizer	63,562.5 kg.	4 %
Superphosphate of lime	883,530.5 kg.	52 %
Soluble superphosphate	6,569.9 kg.	0.4%
Potassium fertilizer	273,015.5 kg.	16 %
Fertilizer sweepings	3,290.9 kg.	0.2%
Damaged fertilizer	48,600 kg.	4 %
Total	1,695,137.3 kg.	100 %

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DATE	SUBJECT	ISSUING HEADQUARTERS & INDORSEMENTS
3 Feb. 50	Report on Business Activities Scheduled to be Executed (latter Half of	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
	Month January 1950)	
18 Feb. 50	Report on Business Activities Scheduled to be Executed (First Half of	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
	Month February 1950)	
3 March 50	Report on Business Activities Scheduled to be Executed (latter Half of	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
	Month February 1950)	
18 March 50	Report on Business Activities Scheduled to be Executed (First half of	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
	Month March 1950)	
3 April 50	Report on Business Activities Scheduled to be Executed and Schedule of	Okayama Pref. E.I.A.
	Various Conferences (Latter Half of March 1950)	

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Report On Business Activities Scheduled To Be Executed And Schedule Of Various Conferences

(Latter Half of March, 1950)

IV. Okayama Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. The Conference To Be Convened

Name of Conference	Date	Place	Contents
The 24th Okayama Prefectural Economic Investigation Conference	22 March 10.00 hrs.	Okayama EIA	Introduction of surveillance program and report of the result of surveillance

2. Matters Concerning Education And Publicity

a. Radio broadcasting.

(1) The eradication of the black-market is the first step to the rational household account book.

(2) Processing of the "Tama" noodle, half dried noodle, for charge with wheat furnished by customers.

Each subject matter will be broadcast from Okayama Broadcasting Station at 11.45 hrs., bulletin hour, so as to secure the public cooperation in compliance with the economic control laws.

b. Gathering for movies and lecture, and itinerant exhibition.

Gathering for movies and lecture, and itinerant exhibition will be held at 25 places from 6th March untill the end of March. At the same time, the list of controlled price of necessary commodities will be distributed to the attendance, about 100,000 sheets of list are expected to be distributed at 25 places.

c. Enlightenment through posters.

Posters concerning the prevention of blackmarket will be printed and posted at main railway stations, in trains and in street cars of Okayama City so as to secure the public cooperation in compliance with the economic control laws.

d. Insertion of leaflets in newspaper.

Leaflets concerning the prevention of blackmarket, listing the names of controlled commodities, will be

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made and inserted in the newspapers so as to be distributed to all the subscribers in the five cities to secure the public cooperation in compliance with the economic control laws.

B. Food Section

1. The Conferences To Be Convened

None.

2. Special Surveillance On Staple Food

a. Surveillance to be carried out.

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 16 March: To 18 March:	Oda-gun and Kawakami-gun	Agricultural Cooperative Association and other collecting agencies, safe-keeping agencies and transportation agencies	Propriety of collection and safe-keeping. Illegal diversion and other violation.
From 21 March: To 24 March:	Atetsu-gun, Kibi-gun and Tsukubo-gun	- ditto -	- ditto -
From 28 March: To 31 March:	Akaiwa-gun, Mitsu-gun and Kume-gun	- ditto -	- ditto -

b. Enlightenment and publicity

None.

3. Special Surveillance On Food Dispensing Business

a. Surveillance to be carried out.

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 16 March: To 17 March:	Tamano City	Food dispensing business (incl. "SUSI" processing)	Propriety of the use of meal-out coupon. Operation of businesswithout license. Serving of staple food without meal-out coupon.
From 21 March: To 22 March:	Okayama City	- ditto -	- ditto -
From 23 March: To 24 March:	Kojima City	- ditto -	- ditto -
29 March:	Okayama City	- ditto -	- ditto -

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b. Enlightenment and publicity

None.

4. Special Surveillance On Controlled Marine Products

a. Surveillances to be carried out

Date	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance: Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 16 March To 17 March	Okayama City: Receiving Agencies and retailers	Uotsune Shoten and others	Transaction of controlled fishes. Investigation of fish price.
From 22 March To 24 March	Tsuyama City: - ditto -	Maruha Fish Market Co., Ltd. and others.	- ditto -
From 27 March To 28 March	Kojima City: - ditto -	Shimotsui Transportation Vessels Assn. and others	- ditto -
29 March	Okayama City: - ditto -	Chugoku Fisheries Co., Ltd. and others	- ditto -

b. Enlightenment and publicity

None.

C - 1. Material Section I

1. The Conferences To Be Convened

Name of Conference	Date	Place	Contents
Conference with soap producers and authorities concerned	29 March 10.00 hrs.	Okayama EIA	Conference with soap producers, giving instructions and warnings on the basis of the result of special surveillance so as to secure their cooperation in compliance with the economic control laws and at the same time listening their wishes and opinion.

2. Usual Surveillance On Petroleum Products

a. Surveillance to be carried out.

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance: Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 16 March To 31 March	Katakami-cho Wake-gun	Petroleum Products seller	Teijiro KASU	

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Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance: Name of Object	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 16 March To 31 March	Hibi, Tamano City	Petroleum products seller	Masaya TAKAO	Settlement of the amount of oil delivered to the customers in excess of the amount allocated.
	Kojima City	- ditto -	Katayama petrolwum products shop	Settlement of the stock of oil left to the dealer's charge by customers
	- ditto -	- ditto -	Ryutaro SASAKI	Blackmarket price of petroleum products.
	- ditto -	- ditto -	Iwataro NAKADA	The condition of the dealers own use.
	Tamashima-cho, Asaguchi-gun	- ditto -	Masaichi KIRIOKA	
	- ditto -	- ditto -	Motomu OHMURA	
	Tamachima-cho, Asaguchi-gun	- ditto -	Keiichi NAGAOKA	
	- ditto -	- ditto -	Hirokichi MORINAGA	
	Kasaoka-cho, Oda-gun	- ditto -	Ichiro UTSUMI	
	- ditto -	- ditto -	Kumatama ASANO	
	Yakage-cho, Oda-gun	- ditto -	Riichi HIROSE	
	Ibara-cho, Shitsuki-gun	- ditto -	Jitsuichi HIRAKAWA	
	Tsuyama City	- ditto -	Shigetaro KIMURA	
	- ditto -	- ditto -	Nobuyoshi YAMADA	
	- ditto -	- ditto -	Shuichi OHMURA	
	Kojima City	Bulk consumer	Shimotsui branch of Okayama-ken Fresh Marine Products Transportation Vessels Assn.	
	Tamashima-cho, Asaguchi-gun	- ditto -	Tamashima branch of Okayama-ken Fresh Marine Products Transportation Vessels Assn.	

If any special surveillance program or important investigation program is instructed by Central or Regional EIA, the above schedule will be changed.

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3. Investigation On The Blackmarket Price And Movement Of Hide After The Abolishment Of The Control Law Of Its Distribution Route

a. Surveillance to be carried out

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance: Name of Organ	Object of Surveillance: Name of Object		Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 17 March To 25 March	Okayama City	Tanner	Okayama Hide and Leather Co., Ltd.	1.	Condition of the movement of hide before and after the abolishment of the control law of distribution route.
	Taihaku-son, Oku-gun	Broker	Toshio HAZAKI		
	Ogami-son, Jodo-gun	Producer	Tomozo OKAZAWA Zinzo AKITA	2.	Condition of the transaction price.
	Ebara-son, Shitsuki-gun	- ditto -	Tadao MASAGO Chokichi HANAOKA	3.	Condition of the transaction of tanned leather.
	Niimi-cho, Atetsu-gun	- ditto -	Teruji KAMISHIMA Michio NAKAGAWA	4.	Condition of the production after the abolishment of the control law of distribution route.
	Tsuyama City	Broker	Shigeru KOJIMA Tokio KOJIMA		
	- ditto -	Producer	Tomoichi MATSUMOTO Hifumi MAEDA		
	Hayashino-cho, Aida-gun	- ditto -	Seiichi HAYASHI		
	Wake-cho, Wake-gun	- ditto -	Tomio YOSHIDA Nobuyoshi UKIDA		

This schedule will be suspended in case there is any special surveillance or important investigation.

C-III Hidden and Hoarded Goods Sub-Section

1. Projected Investigation On Milk Products Possessed By Foodstuff Distribution Kodan

a. Summary

Upon the instruction of both the Central and Regional EIA, the investigation on delivery-receipt, management and stock of milk products possessed by the Okayama-ken Agent of Milk Products Department of Foodstuff Distribution Kodan will be carried out.

D. Material Section II

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1. The Conference To Be Convened

None

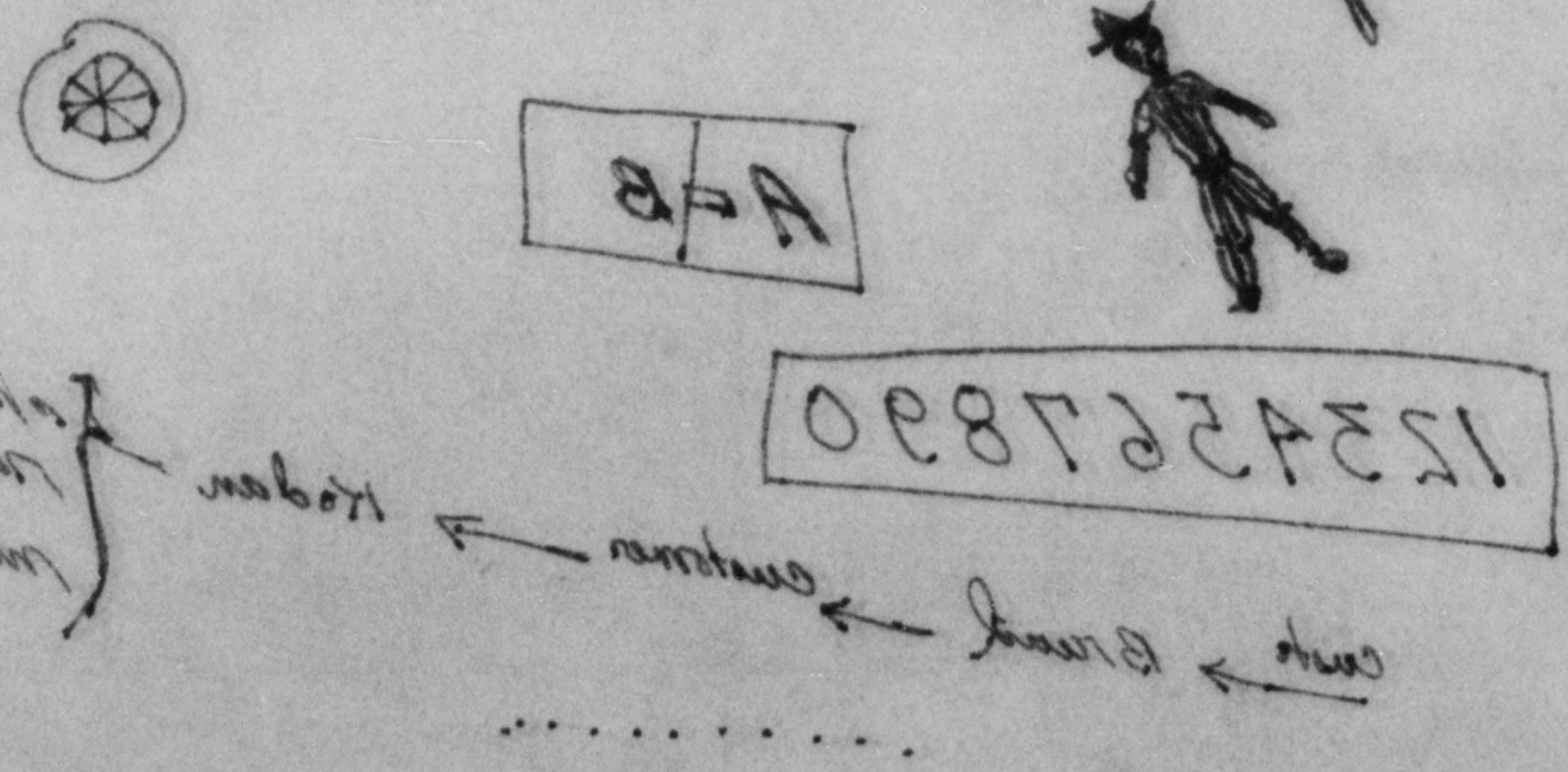
2. Special Surveillance On Fertilizer

a. Surveillance to be carried out

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 16 March To 31 March	Kibi-gun and Jodo-gun	Designated fertilizer dealer and farmer	Condition of the receiving of fertilizer at fruit-growing area.
	Katsuda-gun	- ditto -	Actual condition of the consumption of fertilizer at northern part of Okayama Prefecture.

b. Enlightenment and publicity

Date	Kind of Education	Object	Place
From 16 March To 31 March	Radio broadcasting	Radio listener (Farmer and designated fertilizer dealer)	From Okayama Broadcasting Station



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Report on Business Activities Scheduled to be Executed and Schedule of Various Conferences

(First Half of March, 1950)

IV. Okayama Prefectural Economic Investigation Agency

A. General Affairs Section

1. The Conference to be Convened

Name of Conference	Date	Place	Contents
The 23rd Okayama Prefectural Economic Investigation Conference	8 March 10.00 hrs.	Okayama EIA	Introduction of surveillance program and report of the result of surveillance.

2. Matters Concerning Education and Publicity

a. Radio broadcast

(1) Let us make effort to prevent the illegal diversion of staple food.

(2) Why would the food dispensing business temporary adjustment law be necessary?

(3) Let us get rid of the blackmarket of fertilizer.

Each subject matter will be broadcast from Okayama Broadcasting Station at 11.45 hrs. so as to secure the public cooperation in compliance with the economic control laws.

b. Gathering for movies and lecture and itinerant public exhibition

The gathering for movies and lecture will be held at main towns and villages in this prefecture to encourage the public cooperation in compliance with the economic control laws and to express the appreciation for rice delivery. On that occasion, at those towns and villages where no itinerant public exhibition with regard to the enforcement of economic controlls was held so far, the itinerant exhibition will be held to secure the public cooperation in compliance with the economic control laws.

3. Others

A seminar will be held for the personnel of the Okayama EIA on 6th and 13th March with Messrs. Fukutami SHIMIZU and Toyoji NAKAYAMA, Economic Investigator, as lecturers concerning

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the inspection of books and the book-keeping.

B. Food Section

1. The Conference to be Convened

The staple food sub-committee meeting will be held at the early part of March at Okayama EIA's conference room.

2. Special Surveillance on Staple Food

a. Surveillance to be carried out

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 1 March To 3 March	Kishin Railway Line. Sanyo Railway Line.	To collect the data from Stations, Post Offices, Nippon Express Co., Food Office and City, town and village offices.	The actual situation of the illegal transportation.
From 7 March To 10 March	Oku-gun, Jodo-gun and Kojima-gun.	Agricultural Cooperative Association. Collecting Agency. Custodian. Transportation dealer.	Illegal diversion. Propriety of collection, custody and transportation.
From 13 March To 15 March	Asakuchi-gun, Oda-gun and Shitsuki-gun.	Staple food processing business entrusted by Central Government and general consumer. Breweries.	Illegal diversion of staple food and its bi-products. The observance of processing condition.

b. Education and publicity

Nil.

3. Special Surveillance on Food Dispensing Business

a. Surveillance to be carried out

Date	Name of Place	Object of Surveillance	Main Emphasis of Surveillance
From 1 March To 3 March	Okayama city and Kurashiki city.	Food dispensing business. (incl. SUSI processing) (business.)	The use of meal-out coupon. Serving of staple food without coupon. Business operation without license.
7 March	Kasaoka-cho.	- ditto -	- ditto -
From 9 March To 10 March	Tsuyama city	- ditto -	- ditto -

b. Education and publicity

Nil.