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230 pages of wages

HEADQUARTERS  
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
APO 660

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5 December 1946

SUBJECT: Report on Wage Scales for Japanese Nationals

TO: Commanding General  
Kinki Mil Govt Region, Hq & Hq Det  
APO 301 (Kyoto, Henshu, Japan)

1. The wage scale listed in inclosure 1 has been submitted by prefectural authorities to this headquarters. Column 1 showing Occupation Force workers' wage scales and Column 3 showing wage scales for regular workers of the Osaka City and Osaka Prefecture have both been in effect for some time. The prefecture is proposing the wages listed in Column 2 for all workers employed on public works projects. Column 4 shows approximately existing black market wage scales for the same categories.

2. The prefecture has requested approval of this headquarters for the proposed wage scale for public works employees as shown in Column 2. Granting such approval is not a function of this headquarters, but would seem more properly to be a function of the Imperial Japanese Government in conjunction with the Labor Section of SCAP.

3. Attention is invited to the discrepancies existing in the three wage scales. This headquarters makes the following observations on these wage scales:

a. Occupation Force workers are listed at the lowest rates. Such a low wage scale definitely operates to the disadvantage of Occupation Force labor using units.

b. The existence of three separate wage rates for the same kind of work would seem contradictory to Occupation Force encouragement of equal pay for equal work.

c. The theory of control of wages for control of inflation would not seem to justify the existence of different wage rates for the same jobs for different categories of workers.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:  
Comparative Wage ScalesEDWARD B. MILLETT  
Major, F. A.  
Adjutant



BASIC: Ltr. HQ Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Report on Wage Scales for Japanese Nationals", dtd 5 Dec 46.

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HQ I Corps, APO 301.

18 DEC 1946

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 349

1. Forwarded for your information and consideration.
2. Wage disparities between daily workers of the Occupational Forces and those of prefectural government and private industries are enumerated in inclosure 1 of basic letter. The three wage scale rates for the same type of work place the Occupational Forces at a disadvantage in securing labor because of the lower wage scale.
3. This headquarters has informed the Osaka Military Government Team that the Osaka Prefectural Government should approach the Central Labor office in Tokyo for approval of an adjustment of wages of occupational workers to conform with those now being paid by the prefecture to regular public works employees.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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HEADQUARTERS  
31ST MIL GOV HQ & HQ CO  
APO 317 (Kobe Honshu)

29 June 1946

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10 JUL 1946

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SUBJECT: Retail Price of U.S. Army Stocks Released to Japanese Government

TO : Commanding General  
I Corps  
APO 301  
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

1. It has come to the attention of this office that former U.S. Army canned Pilchards released to Japanese Government for immediate distribution because of danger of spoilage, are being sold at a price of ¥ 5.-- per pound. This selling price is said to be authorized by the Agricultural Ministry of the Imperial Japanese Government.

2. This price is out of proportion to the tentative cost price, based on Quartermaster prices of the U.S. Army stocks released to the Japanese. For canned pilchards, Quartermaster prices are as follows:

QM cost price	\$ 0.096 lb	¥ 1.432
40% cost of handling	<u>0.038 lb</u>	<u>0.569</u>
Total cost	\$ 0.134 lb	¥ 2.001

The selling price of ¥ 5.-- per pound is out of proportion to the cost price of approximately ¥ 2.-- per pound.

3. Information is requested concerning prices authorized for the re-sale of former U.S. Army food stocks by the Japanese Government.

*Peter W. Scott*  
PETER W. SCOTT  
Lt Col, Inf  
Commanding

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 3 JUL 1946

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343.

1. Forwarded.
2. Official price list on the approved method of computing Japanese sale prices for such products is requested.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*O. H. Schmidt*  
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 MAJOR, AGD  
 ASST. ADJ. GEN.

*Eighth Army*

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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343.

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TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500.

1. Basic communication indicates that the Japanese Government is selling U.S. Army stocks released to them at prices out of proportion to cost prices.

2. It is requested that the authority of the Agricultural Ministry of the Imperial Japanese Government to establish prices on the re-sale of former U.S. Army food stocks be defined.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

R. SCHAFER  
Lt Col, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS, APO 500, 23 JULY 1946.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343.

Reference is made to paragraph 1, 2nd indorsement. All import items turned over to the Japanese Government are kept in dollar accounts. The Japanese Government is responsible for establishing yen prices on imported commodities and these prices are usually comparable to prices charged for similar items in the Japanese market. There is no direct relationship between the exchange rate of 15 yen per one U.S. dollar used for paying occupation force personnel and the yen prices which will eventually be charged the Japanese Government for imported commodities.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

A. J. REHE  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen



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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

29 JUL 1946

TO: Commanding General  
I Corps  
APO 301.

Attention is invited to the preceding indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

*R. Schaffer*  
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Asst Adj Gen

HQ. I CORPS  
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