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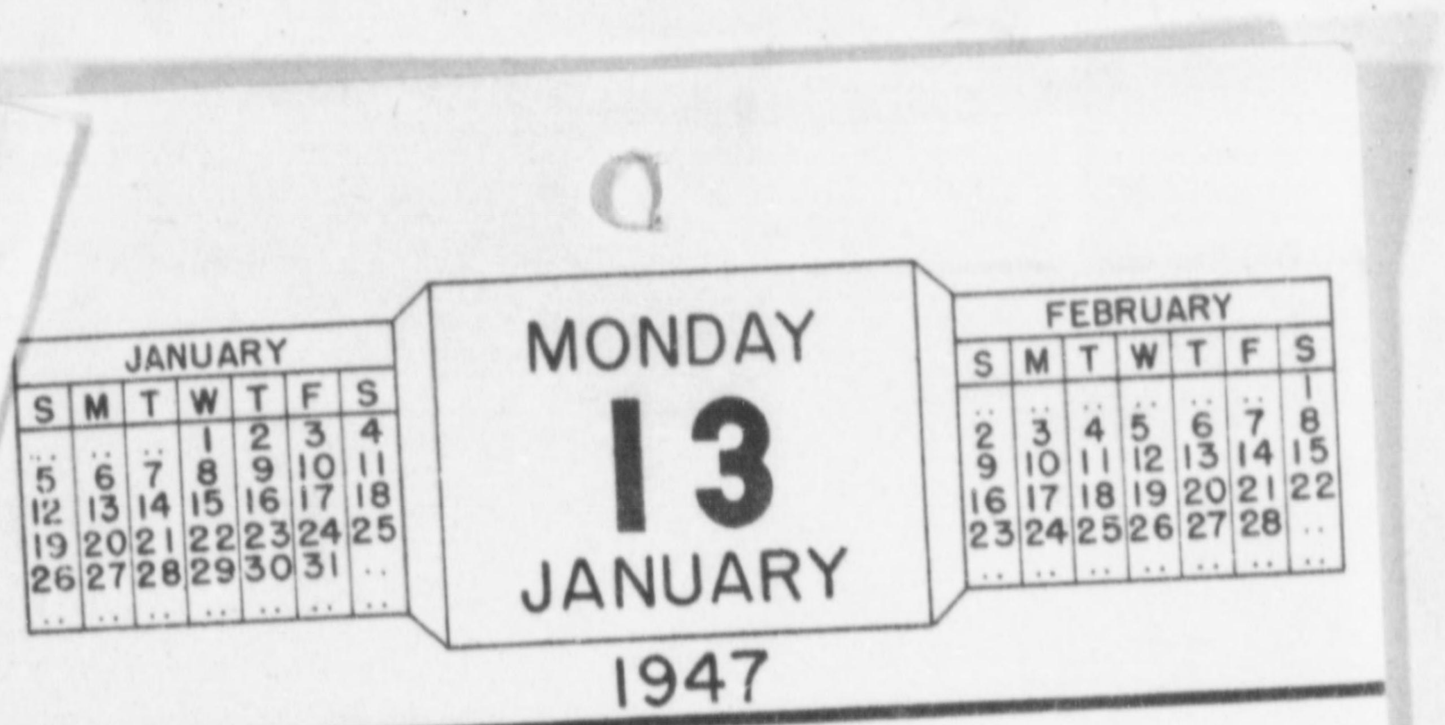

17 Jan : attempted to call Mr. Moss & say that this rise in flour price has been authorized, effective 1 Dec.

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22 Jan = delivered message

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22 Jan Mr Moss said Mr Welsh had passed on this information a few days ago & it is being forwarded to Robe

R. Buckma

12 Dec

a copy of this was referred to Price Control & Rationing for further information

RCB

14 Dec

The flour price did go up but as of 1 Dec. P.C. will check & see if Cole jumped the gun.

HEADQUARTERS
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
YOKOHAMA

43, Yamashitacho

To : The Commanding General Eighth Army, for attention Military Government Section, Yokohama.

Subject : Prices of Food in Kobe Area

Enclosed herein please find copy of a letter from our Kobe Sub-Committee referring to prices of food in that area.

Your kind consideration of the questiom which they bring up will be much appreciated.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

C. H. MOSS, CHAIRMAN

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

No. 71 Kobe, 27th Nov., 1946

TO : H. W. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

SUBJECT : Food prices

We have just been informed by the baker for foreigners, Mr. Morozoff, that Flour went up on the 20th inst., from ¥43.20 per sack of 22 kg. to ¥80.90 or more, the price not being yet definitely fixed.

While this does not mean that the price of our bread will be doubled, we nevertheless do not see why the Japanese Government should decide on such an enormous increase as long as the flour supplies is either American or milled in Japan from American wheat. Mr. Morozoff has been assured that there is no Japanese wheat available.

It appears to us that such an increase simply means a profit on the part of the Japanese Government on foodstuffs supplied by the U.S.A. through the Army. As this is in our opinion hardly in conformity with the intention of the American government to supply various nations with the necessities of life at a reasonable price, we submit the question to you for eventual discussion with SCAP. We hope that something can be done to avoid an undue increase in the cost of living, at least in regard to articles supplied the Japanese Government by the United States.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

signed: U. A. Casal

Chairman

12 Dec
Price Control + Rat
asked to check on this
RTB

HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

MT/mn

31st December, 1946

SUBJECT: International Relief Committee.

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343

Attn: Military Government Section.

Attached hereto copies of correspondence pertaining to activities of the Kobe Branch of the International Relief Committee.

PETER W SCOTT
Lt. Col., Inf.
Commanding.

Incls.
List of Committee Members
Foreign Nationals Registration
Covering Letter
Stock List 30 December 1946
Covering letters.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

No. 78. Kobe, 27th December, 1946.

TO: Headquarters International Relief Committee,
Yokohama.

SUBJECT: List of Committee Members and address.

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst. our office address is:-

c/o Hyogo Military Government Team
Kencho Building
Kobe.

As regards telephone for interurban calls please use Welfare Dept., although we hope that we may soon make arrangements with another office that is to be installed next door. We have no telephone of our own, either military or local.

The members of our Committee are:-

	Age	Nationality	Address	Tel.
Chairman: Mr. U.A. Casal	58	Swiss	No. 53 Shioya Sumaku Kobe.	Tarumi 564
Vice-Chairman & Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J.F. Guterres	52	Portuguese	46 Kitanocho 4-chome, Ikuta- ku, Kobe.	
Hon. Sec. Mr. J. E. Crane	54	British	65 Matsuhama- cho, Ashiya.	
Mr. H.C. W. Price(x)	34	British	4/42 Kitabatake Ryogenson Muko-gun Hyogo-ken.	
Mr. P. Schellkoff	46	White Russian	90 Kitanocho 4-chome, Ikuta- ku, Kobe.	

(x) Telephone:-
Takarazuka 38
Namaze 16

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

No. 79. Kobe, 30th December, 1946.

TO: H.Q. INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE, YOKOHAMA.

SUBJECT: Foreign Nationals Classified Registration.

Your letter 20th December, 1946.

We attach copy of classified registration for Kobe as of the 10th December, 1946.

For Osaka, Kyoto and the out-lying districts we have not yet received the complete re-registrations. We hope to be able to send you this supplementary list early in the New Year.

We take this opportunity to wish you A Bright and Happy New Year.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman.

Encl/

NUMBER OF FOREIGN NATIONALS REGISTERED WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE - KOBE BRANCH

10th DECEMBER, 1946.

Nationality	Adults M	Adults F	Children M	Children F	Total
Americans	4	19	2	3	28
Arabians	1	1	0	1	3
Belgians	0	5	0	0	5
Bonin Islanders	3	6	1	2	12
Brasilian	0	1	0	0	1
British	35	65	9	8	117
British Indians	33	10	3	4	50
Canadians	1	6	1	0	8
Czecho-Slovaks	3	2	2	0	7
Danish	5	4	0	0	9
Egyptians	1	2	1	0	4
Estonians	1	0	0	1	2
Filipinos	3	0	0	1	4
French	29	28	1	0	58
Greeks	2	1	1	1	5
Guatamalans	1	1	1	3	6
Iranians	2	2	1	1	6
Iraqis	2	2	1	4	9
Irish	0	4	0	0	4
Lebanese	4	0	0	0	4
Lithuanians	2	3	1	0	6
Luxemburgers	2	2	0	0	4
Netherlanders	10	15	4	1	30
New Zealander	1	1	0	0	2
Polish	6	9	2	0	17
Portuguese	37	44	8	14	103
Russians	68	105	11	14	198
Spanish	8	11	0	5	24
Stateless	24	20	3	2	49
Swedish	1	2	0	3	6
Swiss	17	12	0	1	30
Syrians	7	3	3	4	17
Turko-Tartars	68	69	17	23	177
Yugo-Slavians	1	0	0	1	2
Total:-	382	455	73	97	1007

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

No. 80. Kobe, 30th December, 1946.

TO: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

SUBJECT: Stock List.

We enclose Stock List No. 5 on the Movement of Supplies during the period from 4th to 30th December, 1946.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman.

Encl:- S/List No. 5.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

REPORT No.5

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Subject: Movement of Supplies during the period from December 4th to December 30th, 1946.

Item No.	Stock on hand Articles	Quantity	Rec'd	Total	Distributed	Balance on hand	No. of P. suppl.
23	Shoes (Ladies)	2 prs.	end May	2 prs.	o	2 prs.	-
28	Shirts	20 pcs.	8.7.46	20 pcs.	o	20 pcs.	-
29	Underwear	28 pcs.	"	28 pcs.	o	28 pcs.	-
30	Socks	61 prs.	"	61 prs.	o	61 prs.	-
32	Dresses	95 pcs.	"	95 pcs.	7	88 pcs.	2
33	Slips	28 pcs.	"	28 pcs.	1	27 pcs.	1
34	Blouses	21 pcs.	"	21 pcs.	o	21 pcs.	-
35	Brassieres	100 pcs.	"	100 pcs.	o	100 pcs.	-
36	Slacks	26 pcs.	"	26 pcs.	o	26 pcs.	-
37	Skirts	26 pcs.	"	26 pcs.	2	24 pcs.	2
38	Coats	10 pcs.	"	10 pcs.	o	10 pcs.	-
39	Panties	125 prs.	"	125 prs.	2	123 prs.	1
40	Undies	22 pcs.	"	22 pcs.	o	22 pcs.	-
41	Shawls	2 pcs.	"	2 pcs.	1	1 pcs.	1
43	Pullovers	8 pcs.	"	8 pcs.	o	8 pcs.	-
44	Sweaters	24 pcs.	"	24 pcs.	4	20 pcs.	2
45	Rompers	11 pcs.	"	11 pcs.	o	11 pcs.	-
46	Night-gowns	25 pcs.	"	25 pcs.	2	23 pcs.	1
47	Leather belts	47 pcs.	"	47 pcs.	o	47 pcs.	-
48	Overalls	37 prs.	"	37 prs.	o	37 prs.	-
50	Shorts	6 prs.	"	6 prs.	o	6 prs.	-
51	Play-suits	27 pcs.	"	27 pcs.	o	27 pcs.	-

Item No.	Stock on hand Article	Quantity	Rec'd	Total	Distribu -ted	Balance on hand	No.of Pers. supplied
52	Ski-suits	17 pcs.	8.7.46	17 pcs.	0	17 pcs.	-
53	Baby Blankets	30 pcs.	"	30 pcs.	2	28 pcs.	1
56	Baby Jackets	5 pcs.	"	5 pcs.	o	5 pcs.	-
58	Beanies	131 pcs.	"	131 pcs.	o	131 pcs.	-
59	Mittens	111 pcs.	"	111 pcs.	o	111 pcs.	-
60	Wool Panties	14 pcs.	"	14 pcs.	o	14 pcs.	-
61	Layettes	46 pcs.	"	46 pcs.	3	43 pcs.	3
62	Blankets	25 pcs.	"	25 pcs.	25	o	25
63	Cloth bags	20 pcs.	"	20 pcs.	20	o	10
65	Mil.Overcoats	508 pcs.	July 1946	508 pcs.	437	71 pcs.	437
66	Mil.Overalls	323 pcs,	"	323 pcs.	291	32 pcs.	291
67	Jackets & Half-coats	173 pcs.	"	173 pcs.	17	156 pcs. (many unusable)	17
68	Rain-coats	1 pcs.	"	1 pcs.	o	1 pcs.	-
69	Trousers	57 prs.	"	57 prs.	1	56 prs. many unusable	1
70	Vests	39 pcs.	"	39 pcs.	35	4 pcs.	35
71	Caps	12 bags	"	12 bags	o	12 bags	-
72	Shirts	4 pcs.	"	4 pcs.	4	o	4
73	Underwear	9 items	"	9 items	7	2 items	4
74	Socks	83 prs,	"	83 prs.	(73 (5 unusable	5 prs.	73
75	Handkerchiefs	270 pcs.	"	270 pcs.	244	26 pcs.	244
76	Mattresses	96 pcs.	"	96 pcs.	71	25 pcs.	34
77	Quilts (Jap.)	173 pcs.	"	173 pcs.	(49 (124 unusable	o	19
78	Blankets	31 pcs.	"	31 pcs.	30	1 pcs.	30
79	Sleeping bag	1 pcs.	"	1 pcs.	o	1 pcs.	-
80	Pillows (Jap.)	4½ bags	"	4½ bags	unusable	o	-

Item No.	Stock on hand Article	Quantity	Rec'd	Total	Distributed	Balance on hand	No. of Pers. supplied
81	Parachutes	19 pcs.	July 1946	19 pcs.	15½	3½ pcs.	26
82	Dubbin	28 boxes	"	28 bx.	28	o	28
83	Shoe-strings	½ carton	"	½ carton	o	½ carton	-
84	Boots	834 prs.	"	834 prs.	o	834 prs.	-
85	Toothbrushes	336 pcs.	"	336 pcs.	306	30 pcs.	306
86	Soap	120 pcs.	"	120 pcs.	113	7 pcs.	113
87	Shav.Cream	344 tubes	"	344 tubes	317	27 tubes	317
88	Toothpaste	255 "	"	255 "	249	6 "	249
89	Combs	313 pcs.	"	313 pcs.	294	19 pcs.	294
90	Razors	156 pcs.	"	156 pcs.	144	12 pcs.	144
91	Razorblades	80 pckts.	"	80 pckts	80	o	80
92	Play cards	132 "	"	132 "	122	10 pckts	122
93	Face towels	205 pcs.	"	205 pcs.	184	21 pcs.	184
94	Towels	79 pcs.	"	79 pcs.	61	18 pcs.	61
95	Ditty bags	240 pcs.	"	240 pcs.	83	157 pcs.	83
96	Eye shades	200 pcs.	"	200 pcs.	o	200 pcs.	-
97	Cob pipes	109 pcs.	"	109 pcs.	109	o	109
98	Mirrors	131 pcs.	"	131 pcs.	121	10 pcs.	121
99	Pencils	2 boxes	"	2 boxes	for office use	o	-
100	Sewing kits	17 pcs.	"	17 pcs.	17	o	-
101	Gauze pads	1 box	"	1 box	unusable	o	-
102	Vitamin pills	1650 bottles	"	1650 bott.	874 bott.	776 bott. (many broken)	874

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

[signature]

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

No. 81.

Kobe, 30th December, 1946.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Requisition Surplus Air-dropped and I.R.C. Supplies.

Referring to the Stock Report enclosed with our letter No. 80, we would thank you to obtain requisition order for those articles obtained locally and referred to in our letter No. 56 or the 17th September, 1946.

You will notice that the number of Military Overcoats has been increased to 508 pcs. since we found on opening some bales of unused Overcoats that they contained more pieces than marked thereon.

We wonder whether any requisition order will be needed for the items enumerated, Nos. 85/101, which were evidently left-overs from the Red Cross gifts to the various camps.

The articles were all counted once more before we started distributing them and the quantities indicated in our Stock Report No. 5 may therefore be taken as correct.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

Kobe, 8th January, 1947.

TO: Headquarters 8th Army, Yokohama.

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

Owing to the Christmas and New Year Holidays no coordinated activity took place since our last meeting on the 18th December, but members of the Committee individually visited the office and took care of a few matters brought to their notice.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

(Sgd) U. A. Casal.
Chairman.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

No. 82. Kobe, 8th January, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Minutes of Meeting.

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the 18th December, 1946.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

(Signed) U. A. Casal.

Chairman.

Encl.

MINUTES of COMMITTEE MEETING held at the office of the I. R. C. on 18th Dec. 1946 at 3.30 p.m.

PRESENT Mr. U. A. Casal in the chair, Messrs. Crane Gutierres and Price.

MINUTES of last meeting were read and approved.

ARMY CLOTHING. Distributions were made on the 11th 13th, 14th and 16th December, but as it was found that there were several men absent or prevented from taking delivery in person it was decided to add another day, Saturday 21st December. Corresponding notices were issued through the Foreign Food Distribution Centers.

Together with the above distribution about 50 blankets and 80 mattresses and comforters were given out to needy persons.

Vitamin Tablets were also distributed to the men and their families. The single women will be taken care of later.

A certain quantity of toilet articles and sundries were also distributed on the same days and the balance is expected to be liquidated on Saturday 21st Dec.

To facilitate the distribution of boots each man was measured.

The Committee's thanks are due to a number of ladies and gentlemen who helped in the distribution in spite of the cold.

ELECTRIC CURRENT. Various questions relating to the Electric Current restrictions were discussed.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTERS. Activities of the Food Centers were also discussed.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

U. A. Casal
Chairman

J. E. Crane
Secretary

HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

MT/mn

20th December, 1946

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SUBJECT: International Relief Committee

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343

Attn: Military Government Section.

1. Attached hereto copies of correspondence pertaining to activities of the Kobe Branch of the International Relief Committee.

PETER W SCOTT
Lt. Col., Inf.
Commanding.

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Weekly Report
Minutes
Covering Letter

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

Kobe, 18th December, 1946.

To: Headquarters 8th Army, Yokohama.

Subject: Weekly report - 4/18th December, 1946.

During the fortnight under review the Committee further handled the Military Apparel previously referred to, and on Wednesday the 11th, Friday the 13th, Saturday the 14th and Monday the 16th December distributed about 400 Military Overcoats and some 300 Overalls, and a couple of thousand odd articles of many descriptions, to about 400 male foreign residents of our district. At the same time Multiple Vitamins were given out to them and their families, and furthermore some 50 Blankets and a similar number of Mattresses and Comforters were handed to destitute people who had applied for them.

A more detailed report will follow with the next stock list.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

Chairman.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

No. 77. Kobe, 18th Dec., 1946.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Minutes of Meeting.

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the 3rd December, 1946.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

Chairman.

Encl.

MINUTES of Committee Meeting held at the office of the I.R.C. on 3rd December, 1946. at 3 p.m.

PRESENT Mr. U. A. Casal in the chair
Messrs. Crane, Guterres, Price and Schelkoff.

ARMY
CLOTHING Everything has now been counted and made ready for distribution. It was found that the Jackets, Trousers and some odd garments were in such poor shape (evidently having been used in P.O.W. camps) that they cannot be worn. Distribution dates were fixed for 11th (Wed), 13th (Friday), 14th (Saturday) and 16th (Monday) December.

COAL Thanks to the kind efforts of Lt.Col. Peter W. Scott, Commanding Hyogo Military Government Team, arrangements for the delivery of Coal to the Foreign Community of Kobe have been made. The distribution will be 1 ton per month per house during the months of November through to February, and deliveries have already commenced.

The meeting closed at 5 p.m.

U.A. Casal
Chairman.

J.E. Crane
Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

Kobe, 4th December, 1946.

To: H.Q. 8th Army, Yokohama.

Subject: Weekly report.

During the week under review the committee further occupied themselves with the sorting and counting of military apparel for the next distribution.

Several items previously received were also handed out to some people who were in need, as will be shown in the stock list report addressed to our H.Q. in Yokohama, of which we enclose copy.

As usual a number of enquiries were attended to, and in view of the difficulties connected with the funerals of foreigners, owing to the former undertaker's illness, the committee, in conjunction with the Prefectural Office's Liaison Office, made arrangements with a Japanese undertaker to look after foreign funerals in future.

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KOBE BRANCH.

Chairman.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

No. 76. Kobe, 6th December, 1946.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Minutes of Meeting.

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the 27th November, 1946.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

Chairman.

MINUTES of Committee Meeting held at the office of the I.R.C. on Wednesday 27th November at 3.30 p.m.

Present Mr. U. A. Casal in the chair,
Messrs. Crane, Guterres and Price.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

ARMY CLOTHING: During the last week Overcoats, Jackets, etc. were again made ready for distribution by cutting off buttons and shoulder straps, and work will have to continue for a few days more. It was tentatively decided to begin distribution on Monday 9th December.

UNDERTAKER: There have been so many enquiries for an official undertaker for the Foreign Community of Kobe that arrangements have been made through the good offices of the Liaison Office to appoint Mr. Miyake to take care of foreign funerals.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

U. A. Casal
Chairman.

J. H. Crane
Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

No. 75. Kobe, 4th December, 1946.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Stock list.

We enclose Stock List Report No. 4 on the Movement of Supplies during the period from 10th September to 3rd December, 1946.

Yours very truly,
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

Chairman.

Encl:- S/L No. 4.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

REPORT No. 4

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Subject: Movement of Supplies during the period from September 10th to December 3rd, 1946.

Item No.	Stock on hand Article	Quantity	Rec'd	Total	Distributed	Balance on hand	No.of Pers. supplied
23	Shoes (ladies)	2 prs	end May	2 prs.	o	2 prs.	-
28	Shirts	24 pcs.	8.7.46	24 pcs.	4	20 pcs.	3
29	Underwear	30 "	"	30 "	2	28 "	1
30	Socks	62 prs.	"	62 prs.	1	61 prs.	1
32	Dresses	96 pcs.	"	96 pcs.	1	95 pcs.	1
33	Slips	28 pcs.	"	28 "	o	28 "	-
34	Blouses	21 "	"	21 "	o	21 "	-
35	Brassieres	100 "	"	100 "	o	100 "	-
36	Slacks	26 "	"	26 "	o	26 "	-
37	Skirts	28 "	"	28 "	2	26 "	1
38	Coats	11 "	"	11 "	1	10 "	1
39	Panties	128 "	"	128 "	3	125 "	1
40	Undies	22 "	"	22 "	o	22 "	-
41	Shawls	2 "	"	2 "	o	2 "	-
43	Pullovers	9 "	"	9 "	1	8 "	1
44	Sweaters	32 "	"	32 "	8	24 "	4
45	Rompers	11 "	"	11 "	o	11 "	-
46	Nightgowns	28 "	"	28 "	3	25 "	1
47	Leather Belts	47 "	"	47 "	o	47 "	-
48	Overalls	38 "	"	38 "	1	37 "	1
50	Shorts	8 "	"	8 "	2	6 "	2

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Item No.	Stock on hand Article	Quantity	Rec'd	Total	Distribution	Balance on hand	No. of Pers. supplied
51	Play-suits	27 pcs.	8.7.46	27 pcs.	o	27 pcs.	-
52	Ski-suits	17 "	"	17 "	o	17 "	-
53	Baby Blankets	33 "	"	33 "	3	30 "	2
56	Baby Jackets	9 "	"	9 "	4	5 "	2
58	Beanies	133 "	"	133 "	2	131 "	2
59	Mittens	113 "	"	113 "	2	111 "	2
60	Wool Panties	14 "	"	14 "	o	14 "	-
61	Layettes	47 "	"	47 "	1	46 "	1
62	Blankets	25 "	"	25 "	o	25 "	-
63	Cloth Bags	20 "	"	20 "	o	20 "	-
64	Cookies	149 c/s	5.11.46	149 "	95 54	o c/s	1138 to Chinese

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KOBE BRANCH

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

No. 73.

Kobe, 3rd December, 1946.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Registration.

Joachim and Amos M. Ritchie have been taken off our roster since beginning of November. Please put them on your list on application.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Vice-Chairman.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

No. 74. Kobe, 4th December, 1946.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Kyushu residents.

Would you please let us know by return of mail whether there is any relief committee established in Kyushu where, as we know, several foreigners are residing.

Should your organization have no representative in that district, we shall be glad to supply those few residents from here as far as it is possible.

Yours very truly,

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

[signature]

Chairman.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

TO: HEADQUARTERS 8th ARMY, YOKOHAMA.

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT - 20/27th NOVEMBER, 1946.

During the past week the Committee with the assistance of some other local residents inspected the Military Overcoats, etc. received sometime ago from the Hyogo Military Government Team, at the same time cutting off buttons and shoulder straps and marking each article with the IRC stamp in indelible ink.

The Committee hopes to undertake distribution within a short time.

The Committee members were in attendance at the office in turn, attending to various individual enquiries and usual clerical work.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

[signature]

Chairman.

Convoy has request for med equipment for Int'l Hospital of Kobe

Incl 1'

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

No. 72. Kobe, 27th Nov., 1946.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Tokohama.

Subject: Minutes of Meeting.

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the 20th November, 1946.

International Relief Committee

- Chairman.

Incl 7'

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the office of the I. R.C. on Wednesday 20th Nov. at 3 p.m.

Present U. A. Casal in the chair, Messrs. Crane, Price Guterres and Schelkoff.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Blankets and Parachutes. A discussion took place as to how the Blankets and Parachutes were to be distributed. A list was being made of applicants and lots would be drawn as there are not enough blankets and parachutes to go round.

Army Overcoats. Since the last meeting members of the Committee assisted by others have been making these ready for distribution.

Cookies. Out of the 149 cases received, 54 cases have been given over to the Chinese Community for distribution.

There being no other matters to discuss the meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

U. A. Casal
Chairman

F. E. Crane
Secretary

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

No. 71. Kobe, 27th Nov., 1946.

To: H.W. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Food prices.

We have just been informed by the baker for foreigners, Mr. Morozoff, that Flour went up on the 20th inst. from ¥43.20 per sack of 22 kg. to ¥80.90 or more, the price not being yet definitely fixed.

While this does not mean that the price of our bread will be doubled, we nevertheless do not see why the Japanese Government should decide on such an enormous increase as long as the flour supplied is either American or milled in Japan from American wheat. Mr. Morozoff has been assured that thereis no Japanese wheat available.

It appears to us that such an increase simply means a profit on the part of the Japanese Government on foodstuffs supplied by the U.S. A. through the Army. As this is in our opinion haraly in conformity with the intention of the American Government to supply various nations with the necessities of life at a reasonable price, we submit the question to you for eventual discussion with SCAP. We hope that something can be done to avoid an undue increase in the cost of living, at least in regard to articles supplied the Japanese Government by the United States.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

No. 69. Kobe, 27th Nov., 1946.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Mrs. Antonie Jacoby of Shioya No. 46.

Mrs. Jacoby left sometime ago and we understood that she was leaving Japan for good.

As she did not apply for any clothing we have cancelled her from the list and hold nothing in reserve for her. We would appreciate it if you would take care of her at your end.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman.

Encl 4'

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
c/o Hyogo Military Government Team

No.68

21 November 1946

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch.

Subject: Minutes of Meeting

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the 15th November 1946.

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

Vice Chairman

Encl 3

Minutes of Meeting held at the residence of Mr. J.F. Guterres on 13th November 1946 at 5.15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Casal in the chair, Messrs. Crane, Guterres and Price.

Minutes of last Meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Cookies. 149 cases of Cookies have been received from Yokohama. Distribution took place on 13th November, 5 lbs. per person but could not be completed. The balance will be delivered to the Chinese community.

Army Overcoats. As arranged with the Hyogo Military Government Team, buttons and shoulder straps will be cut off and the coats stamped with indelible ink. When this is done distribution will take place.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

U. A. Casal
Chairman

J. F. Crane
Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

No. 70.

Kobe, 27th Nov., 1946.

TO: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

SUBJECT: Nationals of Countries whose Status have changed with the war.

In reply to your letter of the 5th November we find it rather difficult to obtain correct information on the Fascist leanings of the local Italian Community.

Mr. Cornalvi, who seems now to be in charge of the Italian Association of Kansai, has given us a list, of which we enclose copy. These individuals, he says, had no connection "whatsoever with the ex Fascist Party of Kobe". We cannot agree with this statement since we know that a few of the gentlemen named have been refused employment by the Army. We must, therefore, leave the screening in the hands of the Military Government whose information no doubt covers the persons mentioned.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

Chairman.

Encl:- 1 list.

P.S. Please also give us a ruling on the status of the families of former Fascist members.

Encl 5

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ITALIAN ASSOCIATION OF KANSAI.

Kobe, 14th Nov., 1946.

To the INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE KOBE.

Dear Sirs,

Together with the list of the Italian ex P.O.W. we beg to give you details of the Italian residents of Kobe who had no connection whatsoever with the ex Fascist party of Kobe.

Particulars are :

Name		Adults Male	Adults Female	Children Male	Children Female
ANDREIS	Grace		1		
ANDREIS	Robert	1			
ANDREIS	Giulia				1
CROCHINI	Jun		1		
CORNALI	Francisca		1		
CORNALI	Remo Jr.			1	
DELBURGO	David	1			
FERRIGNO	Katherine		1		
FERRIGNO	Aldo			1	
LAVARELLO	Felice	1			
ROSSI	Lola		1		
ROSSI	Rosemarie		1		
SCOPINICH	Sezuko		1		
TAMBURINI	Eleonora		1		
TAMBURINI	Zita		1		
TAMBURINI	Antonio	1			
TAMBURINI	Giovenni			1	
URSO	Kazuko		1		
URSO	Giulio	1			
URSO	Ezio	1			
URSO	Piero			1	
RUBINI	Elviru		1		
	Total	6	11	4	1 - 22

Thanking you beforehand for whatever you will do for for the Italian Colony, we remain dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,
p/o Italian Association of Kansai

(Signed)

LIST OF ITALIANS EX P.O.W. IN THE HIROHATA AND OMORI WAR PRISON CAMPS

ACTUALLY RESIDING IN KOBE.

1 ABATE FRANCESCO
2 ABELA ORAZIO
3 ACAMPORA ANDREA
4 AGLIANO' FRANCESCO
5 AMBRONI DOMENICO
6 BAN LODOVICO
7 BARACCHINI ITALO
8 BATTAGLINI MARTINO
9 BERTUCCIO ANTONINO
10 BIONDI PIETRO
11 BIONDI RAFFAELLO
12 BONACCORSO SALVATORE
13 BOSSI CARLO
14 BIANCHI GIOVANNI
15 BORDINO OSVALDO
16 BRIGANTE PAOLO
17 BRUNERO LORENZO
18 BUCCITTI GIOBATTA
19 CAMILLO FRANCESCO
20 CANCEMI ANTONIO
21 CANDUCCI GIUSEPPE
22 CANNAVINO POMPEO
23 CASTAGNA UBALDO
24 CASTELLANI UMBERTO
25 CATANIA ALBERTO
26 CATAUDELLA ORAZIO
27 CAZZATO LUIGI
28 CICHERO GIACOMO
29 CIFALA' ANGELO
30 COLLA MARIO
31 COMPAVALLI NELLO
32 CORIN ANTONIO
33 CORBELLA GAETANO
34 CORSO ANTONINO
35 CECCHINI MILO
36 DI GREGORIO GIUSEPPE
37 DI ROCCA ALDO
38 DONATO PIETRO
39 DONNALOIA GIUSEPPE
40 ESPOSITO GIUSEPPE
41 FALINI ADOLFO
42 FATUTTA MARCO
43 FAVERO ORLANDO
44 FIARLINO EMANUELE
45 FIDANZA LUIGI
46 GIANFAOLI AUGUSTO
47 GAMBA ALDO
48 GARBARINO GIUSEPPE
49 GARZONE LUIGI
50 GRANDE FRANCESCO
51 GIORDANO GIOVANNI
52 ILIBAST ANTONIO
53 IZZO ANDREA
54 LAPI ANTONIO
55 LENTINELLO PAOLO
56 LIBERACE FRANCESCO
57 LIGRESTI LEONARDO
58 LUPI STEFANO
59 MANGANELLI SANTINO
60 MOCCIA FRANCO
61 MUSOLINO ANTONINO
62 NOVELLI PIETRO
63 PALLADINO RICCARDO
64 PANZA DOMENICO
65 PENNACCHI GINO
66 PERISINOTTO VINCENZO
67 PERROTTI FRANCESCO
68 PISANO FORTUNATO
69 PROFUMO AGOSTINO
70 PUGLIESE VINCENZO
71 QUARANTA PIETRO
72 RIOTTA GAETANO
73 ROSSI ALAMIRO
74 ROSSI MATTEO
75 SANPAOLO MARIANO
76 SCARPA ELIO
77 SCIPILLITI ANTONIO
78 SCOPINICH ERMANNO
79 SERRAPELLE VINCENZO
80 SODOMACO UMBERTO
81 SOPRACASA ETTORE
82 SORGONA' DEMETRIO
83 VENTURINI ODINO
84 ZACCARIA ITALO
85 GIOVANNINI PAOLO

H.Q. Army GHQ

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o Hyogo Military Government Team

Kobe, 18th. November, 1946

No.66

To : Headquarters International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Subject: Minutes of Meeting

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting of the 9th and 30th October last. Through an oversight these were not sent you earlier.

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

Vice Chairman

Encl 1'

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
THE OFFICE OF THE I.R.C. ON 9TH OCT.
AT 3 P. M.

Present Mr. Casal, chairman, Messrs. Crane, Guterres, Price and Schelkoff.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

International Committee of Kobe. Owing to the urgency of distributing Clothes, this subject was to be left over until after the distribution, when the chairman would go further into the question.

Distribution of Clothes. Dates for Distribution were fixed as Wednesday, 16th, Friday 18th, Saturday 19th, Monday 21st Wednesday 23rd, Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Monday 28th October.

No further matters were brought forward and themeeting was closed at 4 p.m.

U. A. Casal
Chairman

J. E. Crane
Secretary

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Office of the I. R. C. on 30th October 1946 at 2.45 p.m.

Present. Mr. Casal in the chair, Messrs. Crane, Guterres, Price and Schelkoff.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Distribution of Clothing. Distribution of Clothing has now been completed (until further receipts). Details are as follows:

Between 28th August and 10th September a total of 496 women were issued Summer clothing and Underwear. Also 102 girls from 1 yr. to 15 yrs. were served.
Between 16th and 26th October 498 women and 100 girls were issued Winter Apparel.
Total of all Females served 1196.
32 women whom we considered destitute (old, sick, unable to earn a living) will receive extra par cels, comprising mainly of warm clothing.

During the above period 25 babies were taken care of by giving out diapers etc.

From 16th October to 26th October 437 men and 72 boys were given clothes.
16 Men, old and destitute will receive several items extra.
From the balance of stocks remaining 2300 pieces will be turned over to the Chinese, which is almost 20% of the stocks received.

Branding Iron. A branding Iron has been received from Yokohama

Army Overcoats, Boots, etc. Distribution of these having been approved, preliminary discussions at length were held. Dates for distribution to be fixed later.

Deserving Cases. One more deserving case having been approved (a Russian) it was decided to pay for her Haikyu.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

U. A. Casal,
Chairman

J. E. Crane
Secretary

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

No. 65 Kobe, 13th November 1946.

To: H.Q., International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Subject: Movement of Supplies.

We enclose the current Report No.2, to which a special list is attached giving greater particulars of the various items.

The Military articles, although in our hands, have not been included in the stock-list as we first desire to take a correct inventory.

The "Cookies" are being distributed to-day, at the rate of 5 lbs. per person, the balance being then handed over to the Chinese Community.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman

August Monthly Report

Incl 1

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

No. 3

R E P O R T:

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Subject: Movement of Supplies during the period commencing August 1st and ending September 9th, 1946

Item No.	Stock on hand Article	Quantity	Rec'd	Total	Distribution	Balance on hand	No. of persons supplied
23	Shoes(ladies)	3 prs.	end May	3	1	2 prs.	1
24	Shoes(child)	76 "	"	76	76	o	76
26	O.B. Pads	50 pcs.	"	50	50	o	25
27	Pajamas *	420 pcs.	8.7.46	420	420	o	420
28	Shirts *	670 "	"	670	406 240	24 pcs.	406 to Chinese
29	Underwear *	161 "	"	161	131	30 "	131
30	Socks *	402 prs.	"	402	340	62 prs.	340
31	Mufflers *	54 pcs.	"	54	54	o	54
32	Dresses *	2464 pcs.	"	2464	1418 950	96 pcs.	see Note 1) to Chinese
33	Slips *	416 "	"	416	388	28 "	see Note 2)
34	Blouses *	359 "	"	359	338	21 "	338
35	Brassieres *	632 "	"	632	532	100 "	see Note 2)
36	Slacks *	280 "	"	280	254	26 "	see Note 2)
37	Skirts *	252 "	"	252	224	28 "	224
38	Coats *	108 "	"	108	97	11 "	97
39	Panties *	828 "	"	828	700	128 "	see Note 1)
40	Undies *	52 "	"	52	o 30	22 "	to Chinese
41	Shawls *	88 "	"	88	86	2 "	86
42	Bath Robes *	13 "	"	13	13	o	13

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Item No.	Stock in hand Article	Quantity	Rec'd	Total	Distribution	Balance on hand	No. of pers. supplied
43	Pullovers *	53 pcs.	8.7.46	53	44	9 pcs.	44
44	Sweaters *	2033 "	"	2033	1551 450	32 "	see Note 1) to Chinese
45	Rompers *	294 "	"	294	223 60	11 "	see Note 1) to Chinese
46	Nightgowns *	326 "	"	326	218 80	28 "	see Note 1) to Chinese
47	Leather Belts	140 "	"	140	93	47 "	93
48	Overalls *	350 "	"	350	242 70	38 "	see Note 1) to Chinese
49	T-Shirts	17 "	"	17	17	0	17
50	Shorts *	392 "	"	392	244 140	8 "	see Note 1) to Chinese
51	Play-suits	125 "	"	108	98	27 "	see Note 1)
52	Ski-suits	191 "	"	191	74 100	17 "	see Note 1) to Chinese
53	Baby Blankets *	597 "	"	597	484 80	33 "	see Note 1) to Chinese
54	Diapers	1336 "	"	1336	1336	0	see Note 1)
55	Disp.Diap.	156 "	"	156	156	0	see Note 1)
56	Baby Jackets	132 "	"	132	73 50	9 "	all infants to Chinese
57	Baby Undershirts	34 "	"	34	34	0	see Note 1)
58	Beanies *	133 "	"	133	0	133 "	
59	Mittens *	113 "	"	113	0	113 "	
60	Wool.Panties*	14 "	"	14	0	14 "	
61	Layettes *	48 "	"	48	1	47 "	1
62	Blankets	25 "	"	25	0	25 "	
63	Cloth Bags	20 "	"	20	0	20 "	
64	Cookies	149 c/s	5.11.46	149	0	149 c/s	

NOTES:

* For particulars of these items see special list "Movement of Clothing Articles" attached;

1) These articles were distributed in varying proportions - one or several per person - according to sizes or quality. For children the base taken was age, for adults the chances of lottery. Certain combinations had to be made because of insufficiency in many items and unequal "value". The exact number of persons supplied could not yet be ascertained.

2) One or two per person, according to lottery. Exact number of persons not yet ascertained.

The total number of recipients were some 600 females and 509 males, while special articles were given to 26 babies.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE - KOBE BRANCH:

Movement of CLOTHING ARTICLES distributed end August to middle November 1946:

	Article	Invoiced	Actually received	Distrib.	given to Chinese	Balance on hand	
27	Men's Pajamas	334	322 *)	420	-	-	
	Boys' Pajamas	97	98)				
			420				
28	Men's Work Shirts	67)	107	107	-	-	
	" Flannel Shirts	9)					
	Boys' Shirts	593	563	299	240	24	
			670	406			
29	Men's Underwear	161	161	131	-	30	
30	Men's Socks	317	317	281	-	36	
	Children's Socks	82	85	59	-	26	62
			402	340			
31	Men's Mufflers	15)	54	54	-	-	
	Women's Mufflers	39)					
32	Women's Dresses, Cotton	193	192	188	-	4	
	Girls' do	2222	2224	1229	950	45	
	Women's Dresses, others	14	14	1	-	13	
	Girls' do	30	34	-	-	34	96
			2464	1418			
33	Women's Slips	413	416	388	-	28	
34	Women's Blouses	284	283)	338	-	21	
	Girls' Blouses	76	76)				
			359				
35	Brassieres	633	632	532	-	100	
36	Women & Girls' Slacks	270)	280	254	-	26	
	Boys' Slacks	10)					
37	Women & Girls' Skirts	253	252	224	-	28	
38	Women & Girls' Coats	109	108	97	-	11	
	W.& G. Panties (cotton	(	217	206	-	11	
	W.& G. Panties (rayon	(837)	611	191	-	92	

32	Women's Dresses, others Girls' do	14 30	14 34 2464	1 - 1419	- -	13 34	96
33	Women's Slips	413	416	388	-	28	
34	Women's Blouses Girls' Blouses	284 76	283) 76) 359	338	-	21	
35	Brassieres	633	632	532	-	100	
36	Women & Girls' Slacks Boys' Slacks	270) 10)	280	258	-	26	
37	Women & Girls' Skirts	253	252	224	-	28	
38	Women & Girls' Coats	109	108	97	-	11	
39	W.& G. Panties (cotton (rayon (knitted	((837 (	217) 611) 828	206 494 700	- -	11 92 25	128
40	Girls' Undies	48	52	-	30	22	
41	SHAWLS	88	88	86	-	2	
42	Bath Robes	13	13	13	-	-	
43	Pullovers	50	53	44	-	9	
44	Sweaters	2034	2033	1551	450	32	
45	Rompers	287	294	223	60	11	
46	Children's Nighgowns " Nighties Baby Wrappers	116) 131) 80	265) 61) 326	218	80	28	
47	Leather Belts	140	140	93	-	47	
48	Overalls	350	350	242	70	38	
49	T-Shirts	17	17	17	-	-	
50	Boys' Shorts (cloth (cotton	400	216 176 392	135 109 244	73 67 140	8 -	
51	Play-Suits	120	125	98	-	27	

46	" Nighties Baby Wrappers	131) 80	61 326	218	80	28	
47	Leather Belts	140	140	93	-	47	
48	Overalls	350	350	242	70	38	
49	T-Shirts	17	17	17	-	-	
50	Boys' Shorts (cloth (cotton	400	216 176 392	135 109 244	73 67 140	8 -	
51	Play-Suits	120	125	98	-	27	
52	Ski-Suits	191	191	74	100	17	
53	Baby Blankets (patchwork (flannel	) 607	90 507 597	88 396 484	- 80	2 31	33
54	Diapers (also given as "Towels")	1388	1386	1386	-	-	
55	Dispos. Diapers	156	156	156	-	-	
56	Baby Jackets	133	132	73	50	9	
57	Baby Undershirts	34	34	34	-	-	
58	Beanies plus additional **	22	22 111 133	-	-	133	
59	Mittens plus additional **	5	5 108 113	-	-	113	
60	Woollen Panties **	-	14	-	-	14	
61	Layettes I II III	24 16 8	24 16 8 48	1 - -	- - -	23 16 8	47
62	Blankets (large)	25	25	-	-	25	
	Cloth Bags	20	20	-	-	20	

* 6 pcs. badly stained; 5 pcs. pants only. Given away as "extras"
** Withdrawn from Sweater "sets" remaining after distribution.

HEADQUARTERS
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
YOKOHAMA

43, Yamashitacho

30th August 1946

To : The Commanding General Eighth Army, for attention Military Government Section, Yokohama.

Subject : Donation Delbourgo & Contributions

We beg to hand you for your approval copy of our letter to our Kobe Sub-Committee in connection with Mr.Delbourgo's donation and small voluntary contributions.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

C. H. MOSS, CHAIRMAN

HEADQUARTERS
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
YOKOHAMA

43, Yamashitacho

30th August 1946

To : The International Relief Committee - Kobe Branch
Kobe

Subject : Donation Delbourgo, Contribution & Expenses

We are in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. and note with pleasure that you have finally obtained a cash contribution of Yen 10,000.- which has been made available for opening a free account.

When you referred this question to us originally and we obtained the approval of Headquarters Military Government, we were told to advise you that contributions with stipulations were not acceptable, in principle.

There is now an additional restriction which reads "without discrimination as to nationality" which contravenes the directive under which we operate.

Furthermore, the donation is placed at the discretion of a local Sub-Committee to cover a specified area and not with the International Relief Committee.

Under the circumstances we would advise you to accept the contribution which is a very valuable one for the Kobe Community as a trust fund entrusted to a local body, but not with the International Relief Committee, which is an Army agency operating under Army control.

This Committee as at present constituted can only work as an Army agency to cover a period of emergency & will have to be re-constituted at some later date to adapt itself to local conditions, when a Central & Army control becomes unnecessary.

For small voluntary contributions, we appreciate what you say and agree with you as we were hoping to do the same thing ourselves as soon as we were authorised to do so, but now that definite orders have been given us in the matter we have to comply.

HEADQUARTERS
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
YOKOHAMA

43, Yamashitacho

For your requirements in help - coolies, labourers, yardmen, watchmen &c. either on monthly or daily basis may be hired on Army pay under authority of the directive with the approval of your Military Government - we are doing this in Yokohama.

For your running expenses we are sending you enclosed herein a cheque for Yen 1,000.- (one thousand) which was authorised by the Central Committee, with the approval of HQ.Military Government.

We very much appreciate the work you are doing on behalf of your foreign community and we are grateful to all the members of your Committee for the time & work they are contributing voluntarily. The same conditions apply to all our Sub-Committees and in the case of the Central Committee we have been operating without any remuneration or advantage of any kind since November last year. The writer is constantly on duty and has had to meet the earlier expenses out of his own pocket. Even today, his warehouse, office, office furniture & equipment are used without any compensation in order to give effective help to the foreign community during these critical times, so you can see that we are all contributing towards our humanitarian cause.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

C. H. MOSS, CHAIRMAN

HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

3 September 1946

File Ref: I - 5

SUBJECT: International Relief Committee, Kobe

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section
(Thru Channels)

1. Copies of correspondence pertaining to activities of the Kobe Branch of the International Relief Committee are herewith forwarded.

2 Incls.

PETER W. SCOTT
Lt Col, Inf
Commanding

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o Hyogo Military Government Team

Kobe, 26th August 1946

No.49

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee.

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch.

Subject: Alleged Distribution of 10 in 1 Rations to Foreign Nationals in Tokyo/Yokohama Area.

It has been brought to the attention of this Committee that, according to a statement made by an allegedly unimpeachable source, regular periodic distributions of "10 in 1 Rations" are made available to the members of the foreign community in the Tokyo/Yokohama Area, from stocks declared "surplus" through danger of spoilage and deterioration, by the Quartermaster.

Although fully appreciating how frequently these so called authoritative stories are exposed as mere rumours with no sound basis for substantiation, yet we feel that inasmuch as the issue involved is of such urgent interest to the foreign community here and as our informant quotes a source which should be well informed, we request that you will be good enough to investigate and let us know in due course whether such distributions have been made or are liable to be made in the future.

It goes without saying that if there is any basis of truth in this report, we feel that this Committee must make efforts to obtain a similar benefit for the community here.

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

U. A. Casal
Chairman

HCWP/jt

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o Hyogo Military Government Team

No.50

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch.

Subjects: I) Subcommittee Addresses and Lists of their members.
2) Interchange of Weekly Reports.
3) Clothing Supplies.

Subject 1 :

We beg to refer to our letter No. 31, of 20th. June, 1946. bearing on this subject. As we have had frequent occasion to require this information, please be good enough to furnish us with these data as soon as possible.

Subject 2 :

In view of the fact that distributions of relief items are actively under way, we feel that if the decision to interchange Weekly Reports between the various Committees (vide Messrs. Brand and Mason's Report dated 20th April, 1946) could be implemented, our organisational work would probably be facilitated. We would, therefore, ask you to do the needful, if steps have not already been taken to bring this about.

Subject 3 :

We have been given to understand by Mr. Brand, after his recent visit to Yokohama, that the allocation of clothing supplies for distribution in the various areas was effected on the basis of approximately 40 % each for the Tokyo/Yokohama and Kobe areas and 20 % for the other regions. However, a comparison based on these allocation figures, of the total quantities actually received by us against the preliminary figures of the totals received in Yokohama, (vide Messrs. Brand and Mason's Report dated 20th. April, 1946) indicates a rather considerable discrepancy particularly in certain items. We fully appreciate, of course, that you expected and have probably found sizeable differences between the packing lists and the actual case contents, yet, the margins appearing in the figures for items such as Women's Dresses, Sweaters, O.B. Pads, lead us to presume that substantial quantities may be earmarked as additional shipments to be made to us. For your reference we append here some of these figures:

29/8/46.

Preliminary Totals:		Totals actually received by us:
Women's Dresses	4000	207
Men & Children's Sweaters	12000	2084
Men's Shirts	700	76

We have been considerably handicapped in working out a scheme of equitable distribution, particularly for women, as the quantities on hand of such items as Women's Dresses, even with the addition of Girl's Dresses in the appropriate sizes, precluded any possibility of a substantial distribution, whereas, the children, on the other hand, can be taken care of in almost too generous a manner.

We would be greatly obliged, therefore, if you would advise us as soon as possible, by telephone if you can, whether any additional supplies are still available at your end, as we would in fact prefer to withhold effecting distribution of those items of which the quantities on hand are totally inadequate, pending receipt of further supplies.

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

U. A. Casal
Chairman

HCWP/jt

File Ref: I - 5

HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317 (Kobe Honshu)

16 August 1946

SUBJECT: Reports of International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343
ATTENTION: Mil. Gov't. Section
(THRU CHANNELS)

1. Attached reports of the International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch, are herewith forwarded.

PETER W. SCOTT
Lt Col, Inf
Commanding

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Kobe, 15th. August, 1946

No.43

To: Headquarters International Relief Committee

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch

Subject: Minutes of Meeting

We beg to enclose herewith Minutes of the Committee Meetings held on the 17th July and 7th August.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Chairman

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE
OFFICE OF THE I.R.C. ON 7th AUGUST 1946. at 2.45 p.m.

PRESENT Mr. U. A. Casal in the chair, Messrs. Crane, Guterres, Price and Schelkoff.

The Minutes of the last meeting of 17th July were read and confirmed.

RESIGNATION OF Mr. BRAND. Mr. Brand had advised that he could no longer continue as Chairman of the Committee nor could he serve on the Committee owing to other work. His resignation was regretfully accepted.

REORGANISATION OF THE COMMITTEE. In place of Mr. Brand, Mr. U. A. Casal was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee. Mr. J. F. Guterres was also elected Vice Chairman and Mr. J. E. Crane as Honary Secretary. It was also decided not to co-opt further Committee for the present as steps were being taken to engage a paid secretary.

GOODS FROM YOKOHAMA. The International Hospital had kindly offered to place their Annex at our disposal for storage and distribution of these goods and it was decided to avail ourselves of this offer.

Work of checking up on these goods was to start as soon as possible ~~xxxx~~ with the help of Mrs. Mason and some other~~s~~ ladies. Goods were to be transported to the Annex on Saturday and work was to start on Monday 13th August. Mr. Guterres was asked to attend to all these arrangements.

The meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

U. A. Casal — Chairman

J.E. Crane Secr't

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE
GERMAN CLUB AT 3 P.M. on 17th July 1946

PRESENT Mr. U. Casal, Chairman, Messrs. Crane, Guterres H. C. Price and P. Schelkoff.

Minutes of the last two meetings of 26th June and 10th July were read and approved.

Mr. Thieck. The resignation of Mr. Thieck was accepted.

Replacement or Mr. Mason on the Committee. Mr. H. C. Price who had been asked to join the Committee had accepted.

Distribution of Foodstuff. This had been completed on 12th July.

Typewriter stolen from I. R. C. Office. The typewriter which had been stolen from the I. R. C. Office belonged to Mr. H. Mason. In order to make good this loss to Mr. Mason, Mr. Casal had kindly offered his Portable Underwood if suitable. The other members of the Committee decided on a value of Yen 5000.00 which was accepted by Mr. Casal.

Clothing and Matzos from Yokohama. 47 cases of Clothing and 13 cases of Matzos had been received from Yokohama. After checking contents these were to be distributed.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

U. A. Casal Chairman

F. E. Crane Secr'ty

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Kobe, 9th August 1946.

Letter No.42

To: H.Q., I.R.C., Yokohama

Subject: Registrations.

We beg to enclose an application made by Mr. H.N. Musfeld, of Kobe, who describes himself as an Ex-German, but is not a Jew.

We have not, so far, considered this applications, but because of his insistence are now passing it on to you for decision.

Admittedly Mr. Musfeld must be considered as having been anti-Nazi throughout, and during the war he drew his rations from the European Food Center, not the German one, as was confirmed to us by the former head of the E.F.C.

Since his passport was, however, taken away by the Japanese police as late as April 1945, it is evident that he had not actually and voluntarily relinquished his nationality by that time. A definite ruling at an early date will be appreciated.

We understand that Indo-Chinese may now come within the scope of our Committee. In this case the following applications should receive approval, and unless we hear from you to the contrary, the persons will be entered on our lists:

NHIEP, N.R., and Mrs. D.B. NGA (wife)
PHAMDAI Thai, Mrs. Dumg, and son HOA
NGUYEN Xuan Oanh and wife

copies of whose applications are enclosed.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
c/o Hyogo Military Government Team
Hyogo Kencho Bldg.

Kobe, 9th August 1946.

Letter No.41

To: H.Q., I.R.C., Yokohama

From: I.R.C., Kobe Branch

Subject: Minutes of Meetings.

We beg to enclose herewith Minutes of the Committee Meetings held on the 26th of June and 10th of July, which were held over owing to pressure of other work and the loss of our regular office-member.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

— Chairman

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE
I. R. C. OFFICE AT 2.30 P.M. on 26 JUNE 1946.

Present Mr. Brand, Chairman, Messrs. Casal, Crane Guterres Schelkoff and Thieck.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. THIECK REPORTED ON HIS VISIT TO YOKOHAMA. Capt. Blackburn having received orders for his home going could not be contacted. Visited Lt. Maxon his successor who advised making a second requisition taking care of the whole remaining stock as per inventory signed by Cl. Scott.
Yokohama desires a complete list of German stocks taken over and distributed by Haikyu center.
Employment of Staff. No decision yet.
Coal. Our quantity too much. Reduced to 200 tons.
It was decided to meet at the German Club on Monday Morning to go over and devide goods that had been received for distribution on Wednesday.

RESIGNATION OF MR. THIECK. Mr. Thieck informed the Committee that he could no longer continue as a member of the Committee and asked to be relieved as from 4th July.

for C. W. Brand Chairman

J. E. Crane
Sec'y.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE
I.R.C. OFFICE AT 2 P.M. on 10th JULY 1946.

Present Mr. Casal, Chairman, Messrs. Crane, Guterres, and Schelkoff.

RECENT DISTRIBUTION OF FOODSTUFF. Foodstuff had been distributed to a large extent ~~mmd~~ on Wednesday 3rd July, and two days after stocks were taken. Those who did not come on 3rd July will have another chance to receive their share on 12th July 1946.

LETTER FROM YOKOHAMA 3rd JULY 1946 re REGISTRATION DOUBTFUL CASES. Mr. Casal was asked to draft a letter asking that the question be reconsidered by 8th Army Headquarters as we feel that in principle the ruling is unfair to many.

CO~~*~~OPTING NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS. As Mr. Mason's place had to be filled on the Committee, it was decided to ask Mr. C. Price if he would not serve. If Mr. Price refused Mr. Pardon was to be asked. Mr. Crane was asked to contact Mr. Price.

It was also decided to co-opt three to four gentlemen to serve as sub-committee to assist in the work of distribution.

CERTIFICATES TO BE ISSUED FOR GOODS DISTRIBUTED. As there may be cases where certificates would be necessary for goods already distributed, it was decided that whenever necessary such certificates would be issued at the Office of the I. R. C. by any one of the Committee who would be present at the time. A record of such certificates to be made so as to avoid any duplication.

There being no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

U. Casal Chairman

J. E. Crane
Sec'y

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

REPORT No.1

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama
Subject: Movement of Supplies during the month of July 1946

Part I: Goods received from 31st Military Government, Kobe
Date received: 26th June 1946
Dates of distribution: 3rd and 10th July 1946
Number of Persons supplied: 1185

1. COCOA:	7 cases @ 9 cart. @ 4 lbs.		252 lbs.
	by weight pro rata p.household		252 "
2. SOUPS, canned	72 cart. @ 48 cans		3456 cans
	found to be spoiled	108	
	into "special" boxes	192	
	del. chicken soup	2100	
	pea soup	960	
	asparagus soup	96	3456 cans
3. FRUIT, canned	abt. 45¾ # @ 24 cans	1103	
4. FRUIT JUICE	10 cart. @ 24 cans	240	1343 cans
	delivered		1343 cans
5. SPINACH	9 cart. @ 24 cans	216	
6. BEANS	2 " miscell.	72	
7. BEETS	2 " @ 24 cans	48	
8. TOMATO PUREE	8 " @ 8 cans	64	400 cans
	delivered		400 cans
9. BOUILLON CUBES	3 cases, miscellaneous delivered about		8700 cubes
10. PORK & BEANS	1/2 case, miscell. delivered		360 cans
11. DEHYDRATED SOUPS	18 cases miscell. delivered	48 cartons	
		48 large tins	
	balance, partly spoiled, given to various convents		Totality
#2: C-RATIONS	19¼ # miscell., part broken		
#3: K-RATIONS	delivered: 595 cans C		
	280 cart.D		
	balance into "special boxes"		Totality

Note: Owing to insufficiency, lots had to be mixed for distrib.

14. TROPIC/HERSHEY	2 cases miscell. delivered total	2500 pieces
15. SHAVING CREAM	3 cases miscell. delivered by lot-drawing	470 tubes
16. LAUNDRY SOAP	delivered by lot-drawing	60 bars 60 bars
17. TOOTHBRUSHES &c.	1 case, miscellaneous del: Toothpaste Toothpowder " Toothbrushes Razors total	169 tubes 17 tins 44 tubes 159 pcs 101 pcs 490 items
18. CHEWING GUM	about 1½ cases, miscell delivered	1000 packets
19. PIPE TOBACCO	2 cases, miscell. delivered to men only	638 packets
20. CHEWING TOBACCO	1 case/ miscell. delivered to men only, about	1200 packets
21. MATCHES	7 cases miscell. delivered: 700 pckts @ 10 quantity of loose boxes a good proportion found spoiled by water etc.	Totality
22. MISCELLANEOUS FOOD &c.	35 cases a good proportion found spoiled, the balance, plus some soups etc., was made up into "special boxes" for burnt-out people and old p people in distress.	Totality

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

. . Chairman

13th August 1946

No.2

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

REPORT

To: Headquarters International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Subject: Movement of supplies during the period commencing .....
ending 31st July, 1946

ITEM	Stock on Hand Article	Quantity	Rec'd	Total	Distribution	Balance on hand	No.of person suppl.
23	Shoes (Ladies)	350 prs	end May	350	347	3	347
24	Shoes (Children)	220 prs	"	220	144	76	144
25	Shoes (1 case - Chinese)		"	1 c/-	1 c/-	0	
26	Pads	1 c/-	"	1 c/-	300	50	300
27	Clothing	47 c/s	8.7.46	47 c/s	-	47 c/s	-

Kobe, 15th Aug.,1946

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Chairman

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

26 June 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Relief Supplies to International Relief Committee

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

1. In accordance with Operational Directive No. 17, Hq Eighth Army APO 343, dated 31 January, 1946, subject: "Distribution of Relief Supplies to Needy Foreign Nationals," this headquarters has released to the Kobe Branch of the International Relief Committee the air-dropped and other American Red Cross food and clothing supplies held by this unit.

2. Quantative receipts for the above supplies are attached hereto.

3. By approval of Hq Eighth Army dated 2 May, 1946, the food supplies listed on quantitative receipt No. 1 are subject to immediate distribution by International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch, under provisions of Eighth Army Operational Directive No. 17 cited in Paragraph 1. above.

4. Clothing and miscellaneous supplies listed in quantitative receipt No. 2 will be held by the International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch, until Eighth Army approves distribution.

5. Discrepancies between quantitative receipt No. 1 and original inventory reported by this headquarters to 107th Hq & Hq Detachment, Military Government Group, APO 660, on 25 February, 1946, are due to loss by spoilage and by theft. Pilferage was discovered to have occurred the night of 23 June, 1946, involving loss of 30 cases of 10 in 1 rations and 27 cartons of cigarettes. Criminal Investigation Section, Kobe Base Provost Marshal, is conducting an investigation.

Peter W. Scott

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Lt Col, Inf
Commanding

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

26 June 1946

QUANTITATIVE RECEIPT NO. 1

No. of Cases	Article	Description	Total Lbs
7	Cocoa,Breakfast	9-4 lb cans	399
72	Soup, Canned	48-10.5 oz cans	3,168
46	Fruit, Canned	24-2½ lb cans	2,714
9	Spinach, Canned	24-No.2 cans	351
2	Beans, Canned	Misc.	72
3	Boullion Cubes	Misc.	114
18	Soup, Bean, Dehy.	Misc	
10	Fruit Juice	24 cans per case	
2	Beets, Canned	Misc.	94
½	Pork & Beans	Misc.	
8	Tomato Puree	Misc.	388
17	C - rations	Misc.	833
2 broken	C - rations	Misc.	
4	K - rations	Misc.	172
2	Tropical Hershey	Misc.	
3	Shaving Cream	Misc.	
1	Laundry Soap	60 bars	60
1	Toothpaste, Toothbrush razors	Misc.	
1½	Chewing Gum	Misc.	
2	Pipe tobacco	Misc.	
1	Chewing tobacco	Misc.	
7	Matches	Misc.	
35	Misc.Food & rations	Misc.	

Witnessed by: T/5 Kobus

Received by: M. Chuck By
Representative of International Relief
Committee, Kobe Branch

Incl 1

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

26 June 1946

QUANTITATIVE RECEIPT NO. 2

ARTICLE	QUANTITY
Overcoats Winter	502
Waistcoats	44
Trousers	46
Blankets	31
Parachutes	23
Pillows Straw	86
Mattresses Straw	93
Comforters Small	103
Comforters Large	70
Coveralls	324
Trousers Suntan	8
Shirt Wool OD	1
Woolen Jackets	120
Shoe laces	1 box
A.R.C. Supplies	½ "
Caps Fatigue	3391
Field Jackets	6
Belts Web	6
Socks	108 prs
Handkerchieves	571
Mattress Covers	14
U.S. Army shoes	891 prs
Wooden benches	12
Wooden tables	7
Wooden Beds	15
Unusable Shoes	224 prs
Unusable items of clothing	1 bundle

Witnessed by: T/5 Kobus

Received by:
Representative of the International Relief Committed
Kobe Branch

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
United States Army
Office of the Commanding General
APO 343

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25 Jun 46

AG 230.145

SUBJECT: Payment of Employees of Kobe Branch, International Relief Committee.

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.

1. This Headquarters is in receipt of a request from the International Relief Committee that payment by the Japanese Government of two clerical assistants presently working for the Kobe Branch of the International Relief Committee be authorized as employees of the occupation forces. Mr. M. Thieck has been working since 4 April and Mr. J. Mason since 10 April. Mr. Mason resigned recently and will have to be replaced.

2. This request is approved. The International Relief Committee and its branches are authorized agencies of this headquarters to extend relief of allied nationals. The furnishing of adequate facilities is authorized in paragraph 6 Operational Directive 17. Such facilities are considered to include reasonable clerical assistance.

3. It is desired that you issue necessary instructions to the Japanese Government to effect the payment of the employees referred to in paragraph 1. Payment should be retroactive.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

R. SCHAFER
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

HEADQUARTERS
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
YOKOHAMA

43, Yamashitacho

15th June 1946

To : The Commanding General Eighth Army, for attention Military Government Section, Yokohama

Subject : Enrolment Staff - Kobe Branch

Through some misunderstanding the Commanding Officer of I Corps denied approval of enrolment of staff members of our Kobe Branch, although employment of such staff members was authorised by both Capt.Myden and Capt.Ellis under directive No.17 of 30th January 1946 AG 475 (MG).

We should be grateful if you will kindly give instructions to the I Corps to approve the enrolment through their Labor Division of such staff members as may be required by our Kobe Branch as employees of the Internal Affairs 31st Military Government in Kobe.

International Relief Committee

C. H. Moss, Chairman

MAURICE THIECK

Kobe 9 June 1946

C.W.BRAND Esq.
Chairman
International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch.

Dear Sir,

In the course of that lengthy process of screening applications for relief,filed with our Committee,it has been amply demonstrated that "strict legality",whatever may be meant by these two vague words,is not only a pure fallacy but, moreover and, at best, some hyperbolical joke.

When speaking of "strict legality" we are treading on extremely delicate ground and from good authority,I am given to understand that even Judges on the Supreme Court would not dare committing themselves insofar as our work is concerned. What may appear as perfectly legal according to the laws of a particular country becomes a monstruous and most inhumane discrimination when viewed in the light of the laws of another.

Again, insofar as our work is concerned, on what legal basis can our Committee justify its contention of applying "motu proprio" here,in Japan,the laws of different countries - most particularly as regards the nationality status of women married to foreigners ?

Granting,however,that such "legal definition" or "strict legality" may exist,could any of our Members explain in an irrefutable manner,where do such standards stand in such cases as those of some British-Indians ? On the strength of a verbal statement to the effect that they had been "solemnized" at the Indian Club, their marriages were considered as legal and their families registered as eligible for relief.

Later on,in a particular case,the father having left for India,leaving behind a Japanese wife and some children , it was then declared it had become plainly evident that the marriage was not legal and,without further enquiry,the whole family was struck off our records.

Thus it would seem that there exist two standards for "strict legality" : One ,when the father is present and

another when the father is absent. This does not paint an extremely beautiful "legal" picture.....

As things stand to-day, I am prepared to lay a wager that our Members would hesitate twice before affixing their signatures to a sworn statement to the effect that each and every one of the cases, now in our files, is in absolute conformity with that "legal definition" of their own and consequently subject to no further question and that, after hesitating, they would decide not to sign.

Yet, in some other cases, our Committee remains adamant in their implacable insistence on "strict legality" as the one & only standard for eligibility. The facts that people have suffered, are still suffering and that the laws of their respective countries are none of their own doing, are simply ignored. In a few instances, my pleas for each case to be decided on its own merits have met with blunt refusals or sweeping gestures of rejection in a manner which, I must confess, I am still very far from having appreciated .

For other cases, submitted some two months ago, for their decision, our Headquarters have adopted the time-worn expedient of complete silence, broken only a few days ago, by a telegram which, a global non-committal reply.

Why did they not give us a clear-cut answer and an unimpeachable definition of that "legal definition" they are insisting upon ? Most likely because, although having full particulars of each case and having had ample time for scrutiny, they are either too embarrassed to chalk a definite line of demarcation or unwilling to commit themselves. They probably prefer leaving on to us the "responsibility" and the onus of the final decision.

Although this "unswerving stand" may be due to an overzealous and hypercritical bureaucrat overconscious of his own importance and, at the same time, bent upon retaining his job, this insistence about "legal definition" has apparently received the endorsement of our Headquarters.

Consequently it has now become quite clear that, whereas humanitarianism should be the prime-mover, - witness America reducing her own standards of living in order to send more food abroad <u>including</u> former enemy nations - our Committee's prime consideration is, apparently, to subject Relief distribution to the protection of an imaginary responsibility.

The Big " R " adorning our Heaquarters' coat of arms has become meaningless.

Such divergace of views, apparently irreconcilable, between the Committee and myself, regarding both humanitarianism and legality as I have been taught to understand them, has given rise to a very uncomfortable feeling of uneasiness affecting the performance of my duties.

Frankly speaking I have been considering the advisability of handing in my resignation as Member of the Kobe Committee.

Before taking such a step however, I wish to appeal to our fellow Members as well as to our Headquarters and, once more, ask them to reconsider their attitude, to take a broad-minded view of the situation - at least as far as women and children are concerned - and have the courage to "face the music" if need be.

That our Committee is working under Army's instructions is a matter of no moment for we all have yet to meet the American - soldier or civilian - who, having been given clear and frank explanations, would think of reprimanding any Member of a Committee such as ours who, instead of trying to protect his "responsibility", would have thrown "strict legality" to the winds and handed over to a so-called "doubtful" but really deserving case - in preference to a black-marketeer having passed, with flying colours, the so-called "strict legality" test - a pair of shoes, some clothing and foodstuffs, even if a box or two of Ten-in-one had been thrown in , for good measure.

What would that be in comparison with the millions of pounds of goods given away to former "enemy" nationals or left to waste ?

I shall be pleased if you will kindly place this befor our Committee as well as before our Headquarters and let me know of the final result, in writing.

I trust humanitarianism will win in the end.

Apologizing for this letter's bluntness - my feelings having been prettily ruffled I am merely returning the change with a little interest -,

I beg to remain, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

H. Chiecki

Mr Moss -
via 31st M.G
Cl. Scott

Maurice Thieck
Kobe

Kobe 5 July 1946

Dear Mr Moss,

The question of "employment of staff" is becoming more than urgent - I would say it is acute - for it is materially impossible for us to carry on under conditions now obtaining.

We are overworked & cannot cope with the task. If we are to carry on without running the risk of seeing all our Members taken ill one after the other we must have a paid staff in attendance.

The minimum would be, in my opinion, as follows :

1 Office Manager — 1 Secretary Typist
1 or 2 Typists — 1 Office Boy

Before we can engage them in a formal manner - no one, except incorrigible Saint Bernards such as are all our present Members, being to-day willing to work for some body's beautiful eyes' sake - we have to know on which foot we start dancing i.e.: have the authority "through channels".

And for the typists to be able to "type" we are in need of 2 or 3 typewriters plus one in replacement for that which was stolen from our Office. The Procurement Section at your end will have there an opportunity of distinguishing itself . I have seen in the Kobe Liaison Office, a beautiful Remington of the latest model manipulated by a young girl apprentice using her ....two ..forefingers ...The former typewriter which would be sufficient for that kind of "work" being relegated to a corner in a cabinet.....

As long as this question is not duly settled all that paper work which after all is said is only secondary will have to suffer. We are out to help primarily but not to add to the already existing mountains of paper, stacked in drawers or in cases in warehouses & which nobody reads.

In possession of my own typewriter - somewhat capricious as you may perceive - I am doing all the correspondance at home in the evening but this state of affairs cannot possibly last indefinitely.

Will you therefore be kind enough to "puhh" this with all possible energy so that this question be settled with all the speed it demands to-day. Thank you.

In regard to my resignation I beg to state that I have handed it in only after long & mature consideration. We have had endless arguments about that "legal definition" which by the way, has been "defined" only by your last letter. I must say that such "definition" is highly unsatisfactory: it justifies glaring injustices & I am not prepared to be a party to such a thing.

Of such injustices & inhumane discriminations I could cite several instances but I will confine myself here only to what follows :

We have here two so-called enemy nationals according to their passports : One ,Dr Scuttor a Hungarian ,the other Dr Rudecseck ,a mixture of ~~[illegible]~~ german,french,polish & hungarian. Both have given unstinted & disinterested help to allies & neutrals,most of the time forgetting to send in their bills except to Axis nationals. During & after the air-raids they have kept going night & day according to the best traditions of the best "medics". Yet they are barred from relief distributions. Please note that I am not indebted to them & that in citing their case I am not attempting to use our Committee as a means of repaying them for any obligation of mine.....

On the other hand we have passed - because of his british indian passport - a repulsive individual whose ..initials are Hans Raj, author of a repugnant letter published in the Readers Forum column of the Mainichi 9th November 1942, ~~[illegible]~~ under the title "Significance of the Greater Asia War", advocating the extermination of the white race in the East & the Far east.

That such should receive the approval & the blessings of our Committee "burns me from the bottom up". The more so now that,according to your last letter,such stand has apparently been also taken by these higher authorities directing our Committees' activities.

I have always contended & I am still contending that humanitarianism should be the prime mover insofar our Committees are concerned & consequently that our Kobe Committee should be accorded some latitude & be authorized to decide each case on its own merits.

That such views of mine are correct is fully borne out by America's attitude to-day i.e : reducing her own standards of living in order to help the whole world <u>including</u> former enemy nations . Compared with this nation-wide humanitarian & broad-minded conception,this local insistance upon "legal de-

finition" remains beyond my understanding. As long as such stand is maintained in contradiction to America's admirable attitude, I am exceedingly sorry I can not possibly see my way to endorse it.

In order that you may realize that my feelings in this matter were not born yesterday, I am enclosing copy of my letter to our Chairman, under date 9th June. I had kept it in abeyance in the hope that those concerned directing our activities would finally see the light & at last conform with their own country's attitude. Your last letter shows such hopes of mine to have been futile. Consequently just for the sake of placing my stand on records, the original of said letter is going to-day to our Chairman.

I am aware that you do not like long letters and therefore I have to beg your forgiveness for this one which I have tried to reduce to a minimum & which probably will be the first & the last.

I also know fully well that in your innerself, you are in full accord with myself but that diplomacy, is, in your case, a restraining factor. Yet some one has to stick out his neck in order to straighten things. I am used to it, the greatest part of my life having been spent helping others & as a consequence getting myself into trouble. But I can't help it : my "umnare tsuki", always ready to plunge into hot water for other people's sake when vital issues are at stake, cheerfully too, like a well trained Saint-Bernard.

As such I will continue helping to the best of my abilities but you will understand that under present circumstances the heart is no more there.

Kindly remember me to all your collaborators, convey my homages to Mlle Moss & accept for yourown-self the assurance of my very friendly feelings

Yours sincerely

H.Q.I.R.C
Via 31st M.G
C.I.SCOTT

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Letter No. 35. Kobe 2d July 1946

To : H.Q. I.R.C. Yokohama

Subject : Weekly & Monthly Reports

Replying to your letter 29th June,we very much regret to have to state that,for the time being, we are unable to comply with your request.

As reported,Messrs Mason & Thieck have now resigned,the former after 1½ month as Office Assistant,the latter after 3 months as Office Manager. Our other Members can only devote such part of their time as is now fully taken up by the distributions we have undertaken.

Furthermore,owing to the impossibility into which we found ourselves to engage sufficient staff -so as to always have some one in the Office,- our only workable typewriter,kindly lent by Mr Mason,was stolen in broad daylight and the other,lent by the 31st Military Government,is out of order.

Consequently as long as this situation remains unchanged,we shall be unable to look after such reports as desired.

Since things have to go through "military channels" it is only fair that they should "go" both ways,instead of being as they are now on some sort of unilateral basis. For some unknown reasons the whole set-up and the importance of our Western Honshu Committee seems neither understood nor recognized except by the 8th Army at one end & by Lt.Col. Scott at the other,while things seem to be hooked up somewhere in the middle.

You will understand that this is extremely unsatisfactory.

Public-spirited as they are,our Members for some times past have been feeling uneasy about the whole situation & we wish therefore to emphasize the urgent necessity of having the status of our Committee well defined"through channels" so that remedy can be brought about without any further delay.

International Relief Committee

C.W. Bland Chairman

H.Q. I.R.C
31st M.G.
Capt Scott

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Letter No. 36.

Kobe 2 July 1946

To : H.Q. I.R.C. Yokohama

Subject : A R C Clothing & additional Supplies

We beg to thank you for your letter 29th June covering Breakdown list of such supplies as you are sending us shortly, for which the Foreign Community of this District will be exceedingly grateful.

Handling such quantities & such well chosen assortments will however require outside help & this brings us once more to the question of employment of staff.

We rely upon you to settle this as promptly as possible & in the meantime would suggest that, out of your own funds, you transfer such amounts as you may think proper thus enabling us to meet such extra expenses as we may have in this connection.

International Relief Committee

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International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

To; Lt.Col. P.W.SCOTT
Commanding Officer
31st Military Government

From : International Relief Committee

Subject : Replacement of stolen typewriter

With reference to the typewriter -lent to this Committee by Mr.Mason - which was stolen on Saturday 22d at noon during Mr.Thieck's few minutes absence from our Office, we would thank you for your kind assistance in order to obtain a replacement.

We shall return same should we recover ours.

International Relief Committee

C.W.Brand Chairman.