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SHIN SEIMEI (New Life)

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1. Note attached study of the SHIN SEIMEI (New Life), a Japanese language newspaper printed in Sakhalin by the Red Army for distribution among the Japanese in Soviet-occupied territories in the Far East.

2. News and articles carried in the SHIN SEIMEI are highly critical of American capitalism and General MacArthur's policies in the occupation of Japan.

a. "MacARTHUR ALONE WIELDS POWER: IMPEDES DEMOCRATIZATION. Eight months have passed since the Allied Council started to function but conditions in Japan have been marked by continuous and severe unrest, and the situation is daily becoming more strained. Present conditions in Japan . . . are also the natural result of the course taken by MacArthur, since the reactionary policies of the present Japanese Government would be absolutely impossible without MacArthur's support."

b. "LETTER OF GRATITUDE FROM REPATRIATES TO GRAND MARSHAL STALIN . . . 'You freed us from the hardships of war. You returned to us the peace which we had longed for . . . you gave to our life in Sakhalin an unexpected warm consideration from the distinction of race' . . ."

3. This Red Army newspaper is distributed in Japan through the Soviet Mission in Tokyo. A "han" statement by KANEKO Ken, Soviet-Japan Cultural Liaison Society (NISSO BUNKA RENRAKU KYOKAI), states he obtains copies of the newspaper from Col. SHIRYAEV, head of the Soviet Mission's cultural department. KANEKO then distributes these copies to Soviet study clubs in Tokyo and the prefectures.

4. The dissemination of Soviet media without SCAP approval is a violation of SCAP Circular #12, dated 5 December 1946.

5. A check sheet on this subject and a copy of the attached memorandum have been sent to CI&E for necessary action.

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APO 500
3 April 1947

Col R. A. Nadal, Inf
Editor-in-Chief
Military Review Command and Staff College
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

My dear Nadal:

I have your letter of 25 March and, if at all possible, I will try to meet your request. We are under the heaviest kind of pressure here, losing officers and men right and left, and I find it difficult to spare time for a good job, though I would like to do it. Can I make a counter-suggestion? I have various prepared notes on hand; some of them fairly complete mimeographed studies for the orientation of visiting officers; they contain some good illustrations too. I should like to send this material to you. Perhaps one of your own Editors could whip it into shape for both of us? I would say that it represents about 70% of textual material so that your own editorial "re-write man" will have only to fill in 30%.

By the way, you should receive the "Daily Intelligence Summary," and other intelligence publications from us, in the course of the occupation. You have here a flow of occupation intelligence that should be of interest to your general instructional courses. In this connection, you may be interested in knowing what we are doing in general historical research. I had in mind the needs of our Service Schools in their future courses of instruction in intelligence.

We are in the process of developing a special series in which our intelligence activities in the south Pacific, ranging from Singapore to the Solomons, are covered. I have given special attention to this enterprise because intelligence, on the theater level, in a continuous campaign like that of MacArthur, should have sufficient historical record for subsequent instruction, to be used in future Service School courses.

I am delighted to be in touch with you and shall be happy to continue this association. I am very fond of Fort Leavenworth and also feel a certain moral responsibility towards the MILITARY REVIEW of which I was once the Editor from 1931 to 1935.

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Fraternally,

C. A. WILLOUGHBY
Brigadier General, GSC
Asst Chief of Staff, G2

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APO 500
10 March 1947

Brigadier General Robert H. Soule
Military Attache
United States Embassy
Nanking, China

Dear General Soule:

Thank you very much for obtaining the China Press Review and the Daily Summary of English Language Broadcasts from Communist Headquarters. I know that they will be of great value to General Headquarters in giving us a more complete picture of the situation.

I have checked with Eighth Army, who maintain the courier service, and find that the information given you on courier service is correct and that delivery is made to our AG Distribution Section by safe-hand.

Colonel Yeaton has arrived and will bolster up our section a great deal. There is so much that can be done at the present time and he will undoubtedly be able to help.

I shall be very happy to have Major Gelwicks call any time he is in Tokyo. He has much first hand information that we can use and anything that we have that might be of interest to you will be turned over to him.

Sincerely,

C. A. WILLOUGHBY
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
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SUBJECT: Securing of Soviet Newspapers

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1. Reference is made to War Department Secret letter, ID 907, subject: "Comment on Resume of Article from 'Red Star'", 8 January 1947.

2. Every effort will be made to procure Soviet military and civilian newspapers published in the Far East. The procurement of such publications must be done on an informal basis only, and cannot be obtained with any regularity.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

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