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General - Conference with officials

DATE: 4 March

TO: Mr. Textor

FROM: Mr. Taniguchi

SUBJECT: Memo of interviewing Kencho education officials.

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(1) Matsuno's report;

general

(a). Attended meeting of education officials (of Chief of Education Section and school inspectors) of Nishimuro District Office. Problems were (1) promotion of old middle schools to Senior Highs and (2) distribution of new teachers. As the number of new graduates of Normal School and Youth Normal School is too small to meet the need, they must appeal to other schools' graduates. Moreover, the graduates of the two schools having their homes mainly in northern part of Ken and wishing to have positions near the homes, it is the harder to distribute them to schools located in southern mountain districts.

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(b). Education budget; Expenses per pupil (primary school 712.96 yen, Middle school 1,096.00 yen, high school 1,774.90 yen, Medical College 44,361.00 yen.)

Total education budget except for Social Education, 199,810,887 yen (41% of Total budget; higher percentage than last year.)

Education business budget 1,747,814 yen

Physical education budget 25,100 yen (14.36% of education budget business budget, 1.256% of total education budget).

School sanitation budget 250,450 yen (14.3% of education business budget, 1.253% of total education budget, the figures excluding expenditure for Medical College).

Expenditure for new middle schools will be added to the above by supplementary budget.

(c). 1,200,000 yen budget for Education Research Institute passed.

An educational periodical is to be published.

(2). Fukui:-

(a). Industrial Education Promotion Association wants to establish Technical College by uniting Prefectural Technical School and Nishihama Technical School. First, they want to have post-graduate course in both schools from next year for the preparation.

(b). Board of Education Law will be discussed in the diet, which has close relation to decentralization of education.

(c). ~~Pa Pa~~ ^{LARA} goods donated from abroad (chiefly medical daily necessities) are to be rationed to war-suffered school girls in Wakayama and Shingu.

(3). Introduction to Social Works College should be sent not only to municipal, town, and village offices, but also to schools. Kencho had not sent it to any school.

(4). On the use of Normal School Teachers in in-service training. Matsuno:- had only asked a few lecturers, in fear of obstructing their own school program.

(5). On maximum use of taxation officials: warned against guess work procedures in money donation. Fukui:- used financial officials only for circulation of frozen savings, because real personal incomes are better known by the neighbors of the locals than by taxation officials. Help was offered from M G to move financial officials in case they are too lazy to cooperate with education officials.

- (6). Independent personal judgement being the integral part of democracy, the cherishing of pupils along this line was claimed from M G. Kencho should find out and publicize some guidance method for this purpose. Essay contest is also an effective method.
- (7). Discussed on co-education system of Senior Highs in Kushimoto-Hidaka Senior Highs Arrangement Committee. It was general principle not to be exclusive to either sex. But it is not probable that all Senior Highs become co-education uniformly, ^{this April,} in accordance with various local states of things.
- (8). Each school should have a school nurse. If it's impossible, some schools should have one in common. And also maximum use of nurses and other facilities of National Health Insurance Association (7) and Health Clinics should be considered. It was requested to submit brief report of present states of National Health Insurance Association.
- (9). Prefectural Federation of Radio Education Research Association is under construction. Held a course of broad casting technics in connection with Wakayama Branch of NHK.
- (10). They ^{are} planning to hold Social Education Research Course at two places for ten days toward the end of May according to Mombusho directive.
- (11). Under auspices of Kencho Social Education Section and Music Teachers Association, they offer a prize for the best prefectural folk-song. The announce-ment of the prize winner will be 1st March and its public presentation in setting it to music will be in June to be in time for Bon-odori (traditional Buddhist folk dance).

To: Mr. Tector

From: Janiguclii

Date: 16 Feb 1948

Subject: Note of interview with Kencho Education Officials 14 Feb. 1948.
~~held 14 Feb.~~

(NOTE FOR MEETING EDUCATION OFFICIALS, ~~14~~ Jan. 1948)

1. Typhus prevention campaign. Enforced injections at Shieki Station and primary schools.
Matsuno: 'Health Education was unsatisfactory'
{ Propaganda activities → Education Section
{ Injection → Health section
No definite catch of achievement measurement of the education is done.
Responsibility and enthusiasm were urged from MG.
2. Budget for sports equipments is far larger than that for health equipments. To raise the latter, definite efforts were requested. Not only the acknowledgement of importance, but practice of concrete procedures.
3. For this purpose, summary from American publications may be published.
4. Mombusho Budget for building new middle schools is being distributed firstly to schools already started.
Mr. Otani, technician, is in charge of rationing timber and other materials.
5. Anzen-Kyoiku-tebiki should be studied.
6. Shin-Kyoiku-shishin should be used.
7. Educational Influence of Kimidera horse race track to Bunkyo Girl's School?
Who gave the permission for the track construction--no one knows here.
8. In-service training. Though 65 hours were required for each teacher from Summer to Feb, past achievements are unsatisfactory, because courses were planned disregarding the difference of levels of teachers.
Amending the defect, new plan from Apr. Now demanding budget. Officials should be leaders of public opinion for raising amount of education budget.
9. Whether to divide ^{chiho jinusho} two sections, Welfare and Education?
Nakai:--Had better divide
Fukui:--Being closely related to personal affairs, not yet resolved.
10. List of new middle schools run by cooperation was requested to submit.
Fukui--cooperative Middle Schools are best steered in Naga Gun. Only two (Kokura-mura & Ozu mura) are run by the village.
11. Kasei-Jogakkos (Home Economy Girl's Schools), 5 altogether, are run by cities, towns, & Villages. They are to be discontinued. Kencho is not in charge.

12. For inservice training, Education Research Institute is under construction *by Kencho. Nakazawa is in charge. Demanding budget of 2,300,000 yen to this session.*
13. Sui-kei movement education.
Sui-kei people population is 6 per cent of whole prefecture. Tanabe Middle School & Gobo Primary School are assigned to be try-out schools for the education. From what a pupil has said ~~has~~ a trouble has broken out in Tanabe Middle School. They are urging the principal to retire, insisting that it is against fundamental human right,
14. Magazines for pupils, students.
For primary school level--"Kodomo no Kagaku" "Shōnen-club" "Shōnen" and "Shōgakusei" were picked up to be good.
For secondary school level--no satisfactory ones.
For higher level--General magazines are available.
MG is ready to offer help if they publish those for secondary school levels. Teachers Union has published some leaflets occasionally for the purpose for vacation seasons, but contents are poor and not available. Responsibility to realize smooth and even distribution of books and magazines? *Where? Who?*
15. P T A amusement committee should be started soon.
16. Group buying plan should be realized more effectively.
Budget should be made specially for this purpose.
Question : How to make budget of such a kind? Task to solve till next time.
Especially some kind of organization to facilitate teachers to get books easily is necessary.
17. Leaders Training Campaign for every district should be enforced.
18. Mr. Textor proposed to loan them sound films got from Tokyo. Mr. Nakai asked the date of the arrival.
19. Main defect of discussion procedures at present is that they lack information background about the subject discussed. Reference materials for effective discussion procedure are needed. Some are listed in the "Shin-Kyōiku no tebiki". Nakazawa is in charge.
20. They asked a copy of the extract from the "Life".

21. Teachers Union Welfare Section, School cooperative shops and Kencho Education section are functioning to ration teachers' daily necessities and pupils necessities. Education Section has amount of 3,000,000 yen ~~circulation fund~~ *working capital*.
22. They asked M G help for getting cloth for new graduates' new dresses of Normal School and youth Normal School this April. Mr. Textor is to meet Mr. Kinugasa on 16, 9.30a. m/., who is in charge.
23. They asked to actualize the paper *distributing* rationing tickets to Libraries and Komin-kans. Mr. Matsutani is to talk about this with Wakayama Branch of Kinki Commercial and Industrial Bureau.
24. How to utilize the prison for social studies.

TO: Mr. Textor

FROM: Mr. Taniguchi

DATE: 20 Feb, 1948

Subject: Note of interview with Kencho officials 20th February.

(1) Written report of survey of distribution route of books is to be submitted from Mr. Kono.

(2) Education Section is going to publish monthly book review, especially of those books which they can convey directly from publisher or from gakuto-engokai (students relief association).

A copy costs one yen except postage. The Kyoiku-jiho is also to be used for the purpose.

(3) On efforts for public opinion for education budget.

Fukui:-- Yoron-kocho -kai (public opinion public hearing meeting) were held four times; twice in Wakayama, 1 at Tanabe, and 1 at Hashimoto. Education problems occupied large part of each meeting.

Fukui said: they appealed to public opinion through news papers, but Miss Ujita, a reporter, said she has never seen such topics originally issuing from Kencho.

(4) On commencement ceremony; minimum control without losing necessary dignity was insisted and also the local varieties and cheerful atmosphere.

(5) On religious use of Komin-kan which is located in primary school.

Answer: Religious group should have its own meeting place, but if it has not one, the use of Kominkan may be allowed, provided it does not obstruct the original purpose of Kominkan. Be careful not to give any preference to any definite sect. This need not be announced, but be settled according to each case situations. Any public money

must not be given to any definite sect. 00

Kubo:- Agreed. Must be careful not to have any influence of that sect over pupils.

- (6) At the meeting of Education Section Chiefs on 22nd February, Cooperative middle school problems are to be discussed. A cooperative school is desirable because of finance concentration and good mutual influence of different social interests. But practically many troubles exist among some villages. List of these villages is to be submitted. OK
- (7) Prefectural Federation of Women Organizations asked support from Kencho Social Education Section in providing with reference materials and in mediating the loan of public or school halls. Kencho accepted, but on other matters the Federation should be self-supporting and self-steering.
- (8) New Senior High Arrangements Committee will reach conclusion towards beginning of March. They are to receive the reports from Districts Committees on 25th February.

Fukui: Most Old Middle Schools are promoted to Senior Highs. Home Economy Schools are to be discontinued. Municipal schools also wants promotion, and will be realized. The Wakayama Municipal Commercial School and Takamatsu Girls' Commercial School will be united.

- (9) 42 Middle Schools of the prefecture means supporting one school by 23,000 population.

Isn't it burdensome?

Matsuno:-yes.

Fukui:- More schools, the better. Maximum number of pupils of a school is to be 1,000.