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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Affairs Section
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7 April 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 30 April through 5 May 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. Copies of regulations, subj: Relations with Japanese Police, were sent to GS and to all regions.

2. Several Letters of Transmittal re General MacArthur's departure were forwarded to SGS and Resolutions of Thanks to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary General of the United Nations and President Truman were sent to DS.

3. Reports from Tohoku and Tokai-Hokuriku CARs on the progress of the Local Public Service Law were directed to GS.

4. Six fishing vessels captured by the Soviets were the subject of a complaint to the Hokkaido CA Legal and Government officer. The representative of the company owning the vessels stated the trawlers were well inside the MacArthur line. This office recommended the charge be filed with the Japanese government through their channels.

5. G-1 requested Civil Affairs investigate the address that an enlisted man from the Alaska Command gave as the place where he desired to stay if he was given permission to spend his furlough in Japan. Investigation was made by the Nagasaki police at the request of the Kyushu CAR. The report was unfavorable and G-1 was so informed.

6. Kyushu reported that a complaint had been received by the Chief of the Foreign Affairs Section, Nagasaki ken and the General Affairs Section of the city government from Soviet representatives concerning the Russian consulate property. The complaint asked that the property be fenced to prevent trespassing and all crops now growing on the vacant plots be removed. The Police Department was reprimanded because iron fencing surrounding the Russian cemetary had been stolen.

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23 April 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 16 April through 21 April 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. Chugoku CAR sent a list to this section of illegal acts recently perpetrated by Occupation Forces soldiers received from the Kure Municipal Police. The list was accompanied by a letter from the Kure Municipal Police asking for a tightening of control, e.g., a 2200 hours curfew for Occupation Forces soldiers "because unlawful acts are liable to be committed after the time aforesaid." Copies of the correspondence were forwarded to PMO.

2. Copies of a letter, subj: Enforcement of Laws Concerning Political Activities of Teachers, from Tokai-Hokuriku CAR, were passed on to this division from Civil Education Division. The letter stated that some amendment or clarification of existing law is essential in order to provide legal power and responsibility to law-enforcement agencies to surveille elections and furnish evidence of illegal acts to Boards of Education in order that the latter may prescribe the administrative discipline, prescribed by law, to those teachers, and teachers' unions, who evade the local public service regulations by developing a "front" organization and working through it to influence elections. This information was forwarded to GS.

3. Information concerning assistance of Japanese police in apprehension of AWOLs was sent to all regions.

4. The tract, subj: The Law of the Occupation of Japan, compiled by JLC, Judge Advocate Section, was forwarded to all regions.

5. The second directive on surveillance of local elections was sent to the eight regions along with a directive to five regions concerning election observers.

6. Permission to remain in Japan was denied 14 Korean illegal entrants.

7. All regions report that the various election administration commissions have completed preparations for the forthcoming election. An extremely high turnout of the electorate is anticipated.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Civil Affairs Section
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17 April 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 9 April through 14 April 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. Mr. Porter, Mr. Collaer, Visiting Expert on Immigration and Mr. Tanaka, Japan Immigration Service, inspected Omura Detention Center, Kagoshima, Fukuoka, and Shimonoseki Immigration Agency offices.

2. Copies of progress of the Local Public Service Law in various regions were forwarded to GS.

3. Lists of candidates for the coming local elections have been received from seven regions and forwarded to GS.

4. Three extracts from the Monthly Activities Report from Kyushu CAR were sent to G-2, LS, and GS. G-2 received information concerning the intensive courses, dealing with the election laws, instigated by NRP and municipal police in a firm resolve to prevent violation of same during the coming elections. Legal Section was informed re the encouraging progress being made to eliminate backlogs of impending cases in Japanese courts. Information sent GS dealt with the financial plight of the prefectures as a result of the failure of local offices of National Government agencies to reimburse the prefectures for use of prefectural facilities; also information on political trends in the Region - the Liberal Party is maintaining its lead but the Socialist Party is making every effort to challenge it.

5. A petition from the Taiyo Fishing Company for return of a captured fishing boat and crew was sent to DS through NRS. This is the second petition received from the Taiyo Fishing Company and is concerned with the second of their trawlers to be captured by So. Korean submarine chasers.

6. SCAP denied permission for Ri Shodo and Kin Keika to remain in Japan.

7. An extract from Kanto CAR High-Lights concerning the unification of towns and villages and the tendency to decrease the number of assemblymen in local autonomies was sent to GS. Unification numbers 15 cases involving 80 towns and villages while 13 cities, 197 towns and villages have decreased their assemblymen by 1,102.

8. G-2 (PSD) answered this section's request as to information on action taken re assistance from Japanese police in apprehension of

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AWOLs. Such assistance is to be limited to "information only" under the following conditions:

a. When the individual has remained in indigenous housing area for a period in excess of ten days. This period may be shortened in military congested areas by direct liaison between provost marshals and local police.

b. When the individual is believed to be AWOL on the basis of credible information, or suspicious activity, regardless of the length of time spent in indigenous housing areas.

Both National Rural Police and the National Federation Council of Municipal Chiefs of Police are now disseminating the information to all police personnel.

9. CI&E replied in reference to this section's request for the latest policy concerning public opinion polls that both national and local governmental organs are prohibited from conducting political surveys. "Political surveys" are defined for the purpose of this prohibition as surveys relating to voting intentions or attitudes toward specific political parties and political personalities. No distinction is made between national and local governmental organs. Japanese government agencies, both national and local, are authorized to conduct non-political public opinion surveys, subject only to informal or post-survey surveillance by SCAP to prevent thought policing or other improper political misuse of government polls. However, in case there is any question concerning the "political" nature of a proposed survey, it is recommended, in order to avoid inconvenience to all parties concerned, that the survey plan be submitted to SCAP, CIE, either directly or through the National Public Opinion Research Institute of the Japanese Government before the survey begins.

10. GS stated that retirement bonuses being voted by various assemblies to outgoing elective officials could be interpreted to be a legitimate attempt to meet the rise in cost of living. The method of procedure is objectionable and full publicity should be given to the procedure in an effort to check the movement.

11. Concurrence was given to a draft of a proposed letter, "Relations with the Japanese Police". This letter is to be sent to all major commands for the purpose of clarifying responsibilities of various Occupation Force agencies in regards to the police.

12. The Omura Center is a vast improvement over the former Hario Center. The Center was clean and there was greater security than before. There were approximately 260 illegal entrants in the Center. The field offices of the Agency have just commenced operation. The uniformed personnel appear to be of high quality.

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13. Reports from all of the regions indicate great activity on the part of the various candidates in the forthcoming election. The electorate is interested and a large turnout is expected.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Affairs Section
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9 April 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 2 April through 7 April 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. The Chief of Legal and Government Division and Mr. Nick Collaer, visiting immigration expert, left 7 April for a week's absence in the field.

2. Chugoku CAR requested an appointment be made by this division for Mr. Kim, President of Hiroshima Prefectural Mindan, with Lt. Col. Porter, Office of Comptroller, Budget and Fiscal Division, to discuss matters pertaining to the purchase of automobiles to be used for taxi service in order to build up funds for the welfare and education of Koreans residing in Japan. The appointment was made.

3. Governor Hosoda of Oita Prefecture has submitted his resignation, effective 2 April although his term does not run out until 4 April. He is to be a candidate for re-election. Kyushu CAR reports there is strong sentiment existing among local Japanese leaders that incumbents should resign from public office before seeking re-election on the grounds that failure to resign before compaigning would be using their office for public gain. This office advised Government Section that efforts be made to change this attitude through educational advice from the Local Autonomy Agency or the National Election Administration Commission.

4. A petition was received from the Taiyo Fishing Company, Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, asking for the return of one of their trawlers captured by a South Korean submarine chaser, ostensibly for violating the territorial waters of South Korea. The petition was sent to DS, through NRS, for information and action.

5. Copies of an extract from the Kanagawa Shinbun discussing the financial crisis confronting seven prefectures in Kanto Region were forwarded to ESS and GS.

6. The opinion of Governor Yasui of Tokyo-to on the revision of the police system of Japan was sent to GS.

7. A tract on the abolition of town and village police, edited jointly by the Council of Federation of Autonomous Entity, Public Safety Commission in Osaka Police Region and The Council of Federation of Autonomous Entity, Police Chiefs in Osaka Police Region, was sent to G-2, PSD, and GS.

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8. A report on the progress of the Local Public Service Law was received from Tokai-Hokuriku CAR. Government Section was informed of the attitudes expressed by Japanese welfare officials in two prefectures toward the Law. The opinion from Ishikawa Prefecture is that the Law does not set standards for employment of officials but is concerned mostly with matters generally thought of as employee-management relations. Welfare officials in Fukui Prefecture expressed the opinion that the new Local Public Service Law will not change the tradition of chief executives juggling personnel to suit their personal aims and political needs since the commissions that the Law directs each local public body to establish, will still be responsible to the governors and mayors.

9. The petition of Sankwang Back, an illegal entrant, was sent on to G-1 with the information that Sankwang Back had been deported to Korea before his petition could get through channels. This information was received from the Japanese Immigration Agency upon inquiry by this section.

10. Permission was granted to three illegal entrants to remain in Japan as permanent residents.

11. OPM was asked for a report of any action taken in regard to the examination and confiscation of "incentive goods" by military police. A letter from the Japanese Liaison Office of Shizuoka Prefecture, asked for suspension of examination by military police of articles released and distributed by authority of SCAP. The question of marking incentive goods has arisen many times and has been discussed in conferences between Eighth Army and SCAP staff sections. No uniform satisfactory system of marking or certificate of ownership has ever been developed. As a result, law enforcement agencies have been handicapped in their control of black market activities because of the legitimate ownership by Japanese of many articles which at first blush appear to have been obtained in the black market. OPM was informed that this section favors the granting of the request contained in the letter from Shizuoka Prefecture.

12. A document from the Attorney General's Office relative to the status of indigenous persons convicted by Occupation Courts was forwarded to Tohoku CAR as per request.

13. Information was requested from PSD as to what action had been taken in line with conclusions reached at a conference held 22 March at the Provost Marshal Section's office relative to the assistance from Japanese police in the apprehension of AWOLs.

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Civil Affairs Section
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3 April 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 26 March through 31 March 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. The will of Emil Avering, a German national, was forwarded from Kanto CAR and transmitted to Diplomatic Section. Accompanying the copy of the will was an inventory of the estate and a petition from the executor asking assistance of this headquarters in releasing the estate from control. No action will be taken by this section on the request. Diplomatic Section was so informed.

2. A report on the progress of the Local Public Service Law was received from Tohoku CAR. Government Section was informed that all of the prefectural assemblies in Tohoku are in session and plan to consider the necessary by-laws for implementation of the Law as soon as they have completed deliberations on the budget.

3. A checknote was sent to CI&E giving information on the need for public opinion polls. In Gifu Prefecture representatives from two communities have complained that the assembly of their particular local government had voted for merger with a nearby city and that the ordinance of the local assembly violated the will of the majority of the citizens of the community. Apparently the Gifu Prefectural government has discouraged the local governments from conducting polls. This division asked CI&E for its latest policy concerning public opinion polls conducted by local public bodies, especially in regard to surveying political matters, the necessity of the submission of the plan of survey to SCAP and obtaining his approval.

4. A communication from Kiyoshi Murase, Mayor of Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, on the validity of the Special Payable Collection By-law was sent to ESS. Mr. Murase stated that each local public entity should collect its taxes as a unit and carry on its own public works and not have to pay to Tokyo Metropolis, out of its own revenue, such moneys as are needed to meet the fiscal demands of other special wards.

5. Kyushu CAR was informed that the missing personal belongings of 54 Korean volunteers had been shipped to Pusan, Korea. The Korean Diplomatic Mission, Fukuoka branch, had requested information concerning this property. Diplomatic Section was informed.

6. A petition for clemency on behalf of Son Zai Ichi, jailed for illegal narcotic transactions, was forwarded to Japan Logistical Command for such action as it deemed appropriate.

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7. The governor of Nagasaki Prefecture requested the Occupation Forces make a house available to him during the period between 4 April and his possible re-election on 30 April. Because of the expiration of his term, he must leave the governor's official residence. This section advised Sasebo not to comply with the request. Government Section was informed.

8. Reports received from the various Regions concerning the number of pending petitions for Korean illegal entrants, as of 20 March 1951, were as follows: Hokkaido, none; Tohoku, none; Tokai-Hokuriku, one; Kinki, three - one of which is for six persons; Chugoku, two; Kyushu, three; Shikoku, none; Kanto, seven - one of which is for a family of five.

9. All Regions were sent the direction and policy memorandum to be followed in their surveillance of the coming April elections together with copies of the amendments to the election law, new cabinet orders and other information pertaining to the elections.

10. Each Region was sent a copy of a letter, General Headquarters, Far East Command, dated 28 January 1951, regarding the illegal entry of Koreans brought in by Occupation personnel together with a copy of a letter sent by G-1 to the Japanese Government on the handling of petitions of persons desiring to remain in Japan.

11. A report on the present status of the revisions to the Police Law was received from the Osaka Metropolitan Police Department. The present draft has been changed considerably from the original bill, in that many of the items giving the NRP additional powers have been removed. This bill will not come up for discussion in the Diet until May.

12. A letter was transmitted to CG, FEAF, advising him that a member of his command had illegally transported a Korean boy to Nagoya, Japan, from Korea and that the boy had not as yet been returned. Attention was called to the letter of this headquarters, dated 28 January 1950 on this subject.

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Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

26 March 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 19 March through 24 March 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. This division received from G-1 a description of the Class X clothing which Korean volunteers returning to Japan are allowed to wear for not more than fifteen days after their return. Also included in information received was a copy of the certificate issued by CG, JLCOM, authorizing the returned volunteers to wear the clothing. This information was forwarded to all regions.

2. All regions were informed on the handling of illegal entry petitions. Effective immediately, all new petitions requesting permission to remain in Japan, either temporarily or permanently, and all new applications for extension of a person's permit to be in Japan will be processed by the Japanese Immigration Agency. Civil Affairs will continue to observe and maintain surveillance over the implementation of laws governing the apprehension, detention and deportation of persons not authorized to remain in Japan. Conferences were held with representatives on the Immigration Agency on this subject.

3. Diplomatic Section requested assistance from Civil Affairs, on behalf of the Canadian Liaison Mission, in obtaining a copy of a will made in Japan by a German national. The request was transmitted to Kanto CAR for action.

4. A list of Communist candidates in Kyushu was forwarded to Government Section and to G-2. The source was the Investigation Section, Fukuoka Regional Hqs., NRP.

What is going to be done to the Captain?

5. Tokai-Hokuriku CAR informed this division that a Capt. Young of the 930th Engineers had brought into Japan with him, as an illegal entrant, a young Korean boy. The boy is awaiting transportation back to Korea. The Captain has already returned. Tokai-Hokuriku will keep this division informed when the boy actually leaves Japan.

6. Shikoku CAR asked the advice of Legal and Government Division on the use of the Imabaru City police auditorium for a fencing tournament. Shikoku was informed there was no objection.

7. A conference was held with Government Section, Lt. Col. Napier, at which time two questions were discussed, (1) payment of retirement allowances to assemblymen, (2) termination of governors and mayors terms

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of office prior to the April elections. Concerning (1), Government Section stated the payment of retirement allowances was deplorable but as the procedure was apparently legal there was nothing Government Section could do. It was felt, however, that local newspapers should take some action in opposing the procedure. Concerning (2), this had been discussed in the Diet and the final conclusion was that no hardship would prevail if the parties were out of office for a short period and that the assistant governors and mayors could act. Government Section would take no action.

8. Colonel Burgheim was advised that the terms of the governors would expire the first part of April and that assistant governors would be acting governors between that time and election day; also that, technically, the governors should give up their official residences during this period.

9. A conference was held at the Provost Marshal's office attended by representatives from PSD, FEAMCOM, Hq & Sv Command and CAS to discuss the question of apprehension of AWOLs in Japan. It was decided to request the Japanese police to report to the nearest Provost Marshal any military personnel who remained in a Japanese house or hotel for a period exceeding ten days; likewise to report at any time military personnel who, because of their actions, might be suspected of being AWOL.

10. A conference was held with Mr. Woods, CID, and representatives of the Takara Sake Distilling Co., Ltd. in regard to an automobile taken from the company by CID agents. It was determined that this automobile had been involved in an illegal transaction between a Chinese and a Japanese and that the automobile had been ordered confiscated by the Deputy Contraband Administration. The confiscation had been sustained by the Contraband Tribunal.

11. Mr. Brumby, JLCOM, Judge Advocate's office, requested information concerning the status of a Korean illegal entrant girl who had married a member of the Occupation and become a dependent. It was suggested that a report explaining the circumstances be submitted to SCAP.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

22 March 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 11 March through 17 March 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. A report from the Liaison Chief of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Board on activities of Korean Communists residing in Kyushu was forwarded to Kyushu Civil Affairs Region for information.

2. This Division received for information a copy of a letter from Legal Section addressed to Commanding General, Japan Logistical Command; Commanding General, Headquarters and Service Command, GHQ, FEC; and Commander, United States Naval Forces, Far East, to the effect that although Japanese prisons may be utilized for confinement of occupation court prisoners, occupation personnel sentenced to confinement by occupation courts will not be confined in Japanese prisons.

3. A report from the Liaison Chief of the Tokyo Metropolitan Municipal Police Board on the activities of Korean ex-volunteers was forwarded to Diplomatic Section and G-1, SCAP, for information.

4. This division forwarded to Diplomatic Section for transmittal resolutions of thanks to the President of the United States and to Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, from the Preparatory Meeting for the Establishment of the Kansai Branch of the UN Association of Japan. A similar resolution from the same group was forwarded to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Copies of all three resolutions were forwarded to Government Section.

5. A copy of a memorandum for the Japanese Government prepared by Diplomatic Section concerning the arrangements made by the Chinese Mission for the shipment from Osaka to Formosa of funeral urns and personal belongings of deceased Formosans was forwarded to Kinki CAR for information.

6. Provost Marshal Section concurred, by check-note, in proposed operational directive of this Division.

7. Petitions for realization of democratic government from the speaker of Tokushima Prefectural Assembly and the governor of Tokushima Prefecture were forwarded to Government Section and to Shikoku Civil Affairs Region for information.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard 10 March 1951

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 4 March through 10 March 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. G-1, SCAP, informed this division that permission to remain in Japan had been granted to Yanay, Saku and her four children; to Ro, Manitsu; Ro, Junsen; Ro, Masao; Ro, Sumie; and to Kin Kokon, Korean nationals, illegal entrants into Japan. Petitions on these illegal entrants were filed through the Japanese Government. JLC was informed.

2. G-1, SCAP, informed this division that permission to remain in Japan had been granted to Ryo Shun Sei and denied to Sho Hei Tetsu, and to Bun Shakuso and Bun, Shakutai, Korean illegal entrants. Kinki and Kanto Civil Affairs Regions, through whom petitions in these three cases were forwarded, were informed.

3. Reports on the progress of the Local Public Service Law in Shikoku, Kyushu, and Tokai-Hokuriku Civil Affairs Regions were forwarded to Government Section.

4. Hokkaido Civil Affairs Region was informed that Diplomatic Section had received from the Chinese Mission a note to the effect that LIN Cheng Chung had misrepresented himself as a Chinese national and that the Chinese Mission had recommended to the Taiwan Provincial Government to revoke Mr. LIN's census registration in Taiwan.

5. Government Section and G-2, PSD, were informed that Kanto Civil Affairs Region had learned that an attempt is being made in Nagano Prefecture to repeal the Public Safety Ordinance through the referendum provision of the Local Autonomy Law. The various leftist organizations proposed the movement and obtained 100,000 signatures which were submitted to the various municipal election control commissions on 20 February. Kanto Civil Affairs Region expressed the opinion that the effort would fail for want of sufficient valid signatures.

6. This division requested of G-1 the following information to assist in its surveillance responsibilities in connection with the status of Korean volunteers returned to Japan:

a. The type or characteristics of the marking which signifies "Class X" clothing which the Koreans are authorized to wear not more than fifteen days.

b. A copy of the form of certificate issued by CO, JLCOM, authorizing the returned volunteers to wear the clothing for fifteen days.

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c. A list immediately upon the return of the Koreans showing the name of the returnee, date of return and his home address or address of destination in Japan.

7. The results of an investigation, requested by Legal Section, made by Kyushu Civil Affairs Region of the alleged irregularities on the part of Procurator Notomi of the Karatsu Procurator's Office were forwarded to Legal Section.

8. At the request of Diplomatic Section, this division made arrangements through Kinki Civil Affairs Region for a room at the New Osaka Hotel at Osaka and transportation for Minister Kim of the Korean Diplomatic Mission during his stay in Osaka.

9. Kinki Civil Affairs Region reported that an arrangement had been made through Legal and Government office whereby an MP would ride as a passenger in the Metropolitan police patrol cars and that the radio in the patrol cars would be connected with the MP office to aid in the apprehension of GI's who were AWOL and to assist in reducing the number of crimes committed by GI's in the area.

10. Kyushu Civil Affairs Region reported that four hundred and eight Korean illegal entrants were deported from Omura Detention Center on 2 March without incident.

11. This division forwarded to Government Section a current survey of the candidates for governor in the prefectures in the Kanto Region. This division, also, forwarded to Government Section a survey of candidates for governor, mayor and assemblymen, with their political affiliations, in the prefectures and cities in the Tokai-Hokuriku Region.

12. In reply to request from this division for an investigation of procedures followed by Japanese authorities on the return to Japan from Okinawa of fifteen Japanese who left Japan illegally, Kinki Civil Affairs Region reported that on their return by ship to Kobe, the fifteen Japanese were all confined in the Kobe City Water Police Station. The next day they were referred to the Kobe procurator and transferred to the Kobe Detention House where they stayed until 12 February when they were reprimanded by the procurator and released.

13. A conference for all Legal and Government officers and their chief assistants was held in Tokyo on 8, 9, and 10 March, the first day of the conference being devoted to reports from each Legal and Government officer on his particular problems, the second day to discussions with the heads of SCAP sections with which this division operates closely, and the third day to discussion of operation procedures and programs for the future.

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Civil Affairs Section
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3 March 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 25 February through 3 March 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. A financial report from the Shizuoka Municipal Office setting out the current financial difficulties of the city of Shizuoka was forwarded to Government Section and to ESS for information.

2. Reports on Communist activities filed by police chiefs in three different sections of Tokyo-to were forwarded to G-2 for information.

3. This division forwarded to Legal Section for information and consideration a statement from the Chief Procurator of Yokohama District concerning the present status of procurators and a statement from the Director of Yokohama District Court concerning the difficulties of adopting a calendar system in the courts.

4. This division transmitted to Government Section a statement from Governor Uchiyama of Kanagawa Prefecture concerning the payment of retirement bonuses to assemblymen. This division informed Government Section that on 16 February the retirement allowances for town and village assemblymen was discussed at a meeting of representatives of twenty towns and villages in the Kanto Region, and it was decided that the payment of retirement allowances should be left in the hands of each town and village according to its financial condition.

This division expressed the opinion that this procedure is vicious and contrary to the principles of sound government, and requested Government Section's comments on the problem.

5. A statement submitted by Governor Uchiyama setting out the financial situation in Kanagawa Prefecture was forwarded to Government Section and ESS for information and consideration.

6. Reports on the progress of the Local Public Service Law from Kanagawa and Shizuoka prefectures were transmitted to Government Section.

7. Opinions expressed by Mr. Kobayashi, Chief of the Yokohama Municipal Police, and by Mr. Uchiyama, Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture, concerning the amendments to the Police Law were forwarded to Government Section through G-2, PSD, for information and consideration.

8. A survey of gubernatorial candidates and their political

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affiliations for the coming elections in prefectures in the Kanto Region were dispatched to Government Section.

9. Comments on opinions expressed by mayors and General Affairs personnel of city and prefectural governments in Akita, Aomori and Iwate prefectures on the Local Public Service Law were forwarded to Tohoku Civil Affairs Region in answer to their informal report of 29 January 1951.

10. This division forwarded to the Supreme Commander and to Government Section a letter of appreciation to the United States and the United Nations from the president of Aichi-Ken Headquarters of National Campaign for Rescue of Unrepatriated Compatriots and the Chairman of Aichi Prefectural Assembly for their efforts in upholding humanity and human rights.

11. This division informed Civil Information Division that the Chief of the Shibuya Police Station in Tokyo stated to the division that he is of the opinion that "not enough information is disseminated to combat Communism. There should be more information to compare the difference between Democratic and Communistic ideology. The people are still hazy as to the real meaning of Democracy and there has not been much published to enlighten the people about it."

12. Japan Logistical Command was informed that permission had been granted to RI, Toshiko; KIN, Shuko; SON, Ribu, and SON, Fumiko, Korean illegal entrants, to remain permanently in Japan.

13. This division forwarded to Government Section a report on the progress of the Local Public Service Law in the Tohoku Civil Affairs Region.

14. The Japanese Government informed this office that as of 7 February 1951 there were 252 cities, 1,796 towns, and 8,332 villages in Japan.

15. A letter expressing opposition to the proposed revision of the Police Law from the officials of Tadaoka Town in Osaka Prefecture, and a letter from the Joint Council of Chairmen of Public Safety Commissions and Chiefs of Police Stations at Mishima District in Osaka Prefecture expressing similar sentiments were forwarded to Government Section and to G-2, PSD.

16. Kanto Civil Affairs Region informed this division that investigation of the case of Canadian seaman Matthews had been made by the Provost Marshal, US Fleet Activities, Navy #3923, and that the investigation showed the seaman had been informed of his rights to let the Canadian Mission know of his arrest, but that he did not desire to have the Mission protect his interests. Diplomatic Section was informed.

17. A resolution of appreciation and gratitude for the United Nations Forces in Korea passed by the Noshiro Municipal Assembly, Akita Prefecture, was forwarded to the Supreme Commander and to Government Section.

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18. Chugoku Civil Affairs Region was informed that the petition for postponement of deportation of TEI Junta was not favorably considered on the grounds that subject individual has had ample time to accomplish the liquidation of his business for which he was permitted to remain in Japan for 180 days, and that transportation to Korea for his family is now available.

19. This division forwarded to each of the Civil Affairs Regions a copy of Staff Memorandum No. 7, 13 February 1951, subject "Official Relations and Contacts with Diplomatic Missions" with the comment that except for the matters designated in paragraphs 2a (3) (a) 1 through 11 of the memorandum, the Legal and Government Section is still designated the appropriate section in the region to handle diplomatic matters, and that this headquarters should be notified prior to the handling of any such matters.

20. Tokai-Hokuriku Civil Affairs Region forwarded to this division a report on the merger of Wago Village with Ogaki City in Gifu Prefecture with the comment that though that headquarters had no means of determining the will of the majority of the Wago citizens, conferences seemed to indicate that the assembly had not consulted the citizens on the question of merger, and that the principle involved in the case reflects the need for local governments to take steps to enlighten the citizenry on main projects contemplated.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

1 March 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 18 February through 24 February 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. A report on the progress of the activities of cities and prefectures in Kyushu Region in putting into effect that Local Public Service Law was forwarded to Government Section.

2. This division informed Diplomatic Section that G-1, SCAP, had not favorably considered the application of Dr. Paik, a Korean, forwarded by Diplomatic Section, for his family to remain in Japan.

3. A communication from the Korean Diplomatic Mission in Japan, Fukuoka Branch, inquiring about the personal belongings of fifty-four Koreans who allegedly joined the 3rd Infantry Division, United States Army at Beppu, Oita Prefecture, on 18 September 1950 was forwarded to the Commanding General, Eighth United States Army, as matter pertaining to his command.

4. This division forwarded to G-1, SCAP, for consideration petitions for permission to remain in Japan for two Koreans who entered Japan illegally.

5. In response to a request from Government Section for information as to whether this office had received a report of any kind concerning activity on the part of the people in Miyazaki Prefecture for the establishment of a committee under the Prime Minister to study typhoon damage in Miyazaki and an arrangement under which the Prime Minister would decide in case of conflict between the activities of the committee and the Land Utilization Law, this division requested investigation be made by the Legal and Government officer of Kyushu Civil Affairs Region. The Legal and Government officer reported that three members of the Miyazaki Prefecture came to his office at his request, stating that they were also members of the prefectural committee working in the interest of establishing a committee under the Prime Minister. The three men stated that not only the members of the prefectural assembly but the people of the prefecture were solidly behind the movement to establish such a committee.

They presented statistics to show that their prefecture suffered more than any other prefecture in Japan from typhoon damage and that they were unable to bear the expense of rehabilitation under the usual plan of 50% subsidy from the National Government. They stated, also, that before the war Okinawa stood in a favored position in this respect since she suffered more than any other part of Japan from typhoon damage and they felt that now Miyazaki Prefecture should be given the advantage formerly accorded Okinawa, insisting that this was the only way the problem could be handled. This information was transmitted to Government Section.

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6. G-1, SCAP, informed this division that 618 Koreans had been recruited last summer through the Korean Mission for service in Korea. Recently 130 of these Koreans had returned to Japan. Of the 130, seventy-six had requested return to Korea, which request G-1 had granted, marking their clearance "For exit only". More of these Koreans, volunteers, are now on their way back to Japan, G-1 having just cleard forty-four of them for entry.

In reply to quiry about the surveillance to be given by Civil Affairs of the procedure outlined in G-1 check note concerning the fifteen-day period in which these returned Koreans were to get out of uniform, Mr. Pruett stated it was the intention of G-1 that this matter should be handled by the Japanese police and that CAS surveillance extended only so far as CAS has surveillance of the police. Mr. Pruett stated that G-1 would send this office copies of G-1 clearance for these volunteer Koreans to return to Japan and all other pertinent information necessary for this section to perform properly its function of surveillance. A copy of the certificate issued to returning Koreans stating time of arrival in Japan has been requested of G-1.

7. Lt. Col. Young, G-3, called to ask the informal opinion of this division on the rescinding of letter dated 9 March 49, subject "Repatriation", AG 370.05 (7 May 46) GC-O and cover letter, Memorandum to Japanese Government, subject "Repatriation", SCAPIN 927, revised 9 March 49, paragraph 3, which places "supervision under the Commanding General, Eighth United States Army." He stated that the matter had been discussed with Lt. Col. Benson and Major Connelly of G-1, SCAP, who had agreed to the rescission. Col. Young stated that since the program set out in the SCAPIN was to all intents and purposes complete, it was their idea to remove the responsibility from the CG, Eighth Army and not place it anywhere else except on the Japanese Government for the occasional repatriate that would now come in under the program. This division informally agreed to the suggestion as a practical solution.

8. Kyushu Civil Affairs Region reported that they had received a communication from the Immigration Agency, Fukuoka Branch, to the effect that instructions had been sent out by the chief of the First Division of the Immigration Agency based on talks with Col. Benson of G-1, whereby the Immigration Agency would not accept verbal requests from Civil Affairs Regions for stay of deportation of Koreans on whom petitions for permission to remain in Japan had been filed unless approved by G-1. At the same time, Kyushu CAR was informed by the Chief of the Guard Section from Omura Detention Camp that he had received instructions from the Immigration Agency that they should not accept either written or verbal requests for stay of deportation from Civil Affairs Regions unless approved by G-1.

A similar report was received from Kinki CAR. Since this division had not been informed of any official change in procedure for handling petitions for permission to remain in Japan, a check was made with G-1. G-1 informed this division that conferences had been held with Mr. Tanaka, Chief

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of the First Division of the Immigration Agency, concerning procedures to be handled in the future, but that nothing official had been decided at the conference and that, therefore, the same procedures presently in effect applied. G-1 stated that Mr. Tanaka would be so informed.

9. On receipt of an information copy of an outgoing message to the effect that arrangements had been made for the repatriation of approximately 500 Koreans, illegal entrants, detained for deportation, on or about 28 February, a call was made to G-1 to determine whether old procedures did apply so that those Koreans for whom petitions had been filed could be detained until such time as SCAP had taken action on their petitions. G-1 stated that such persons were not to be deported. Whereupon the Legal and Government Officer in Kyushu was informed that he should check at Omura to determine the names of those persons for whom petitions had been filed, and advise the officials at Omura that those persons were not to be deported on the ship going out on 28 February but held until such time as SCAP had acted on their petitions.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

20 February 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 11 February through 17 February 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. Diplomatic Section informed this division and the PM, FEC, that the Indian Mission has stated that an agreement has been reached with the Attorney General's Office of the Japanese Government, permitting the administrator appointed by the Indian court on behalf of the Indian heir of Anak Singh Anand to take possession of his property in Japan upon presentation of proper credentials. Diplomatic Section also stated that since Japanese police were originally stationed at the property by direction of PM, 25th Infantry Division, at the request of PM, FEC, it appears appropriate that direction for their release from this duty should be channeled from PM, FEC, to PM, SWC, and that the release be effected only when the police shall have received from the administrator the necessary credentials.

PM, FEC, after consultation with this division, instructed Japan Logistical Command that the police be informed that they are authorized to withdraw special police guards from the properties of Anak Singh Anand upon presentation by the administrator of proper credentials. PM, FEC, stated that this division would be informed as soon as the police guards were withdrawn.

2. Reports on the progress of the Local Public Service Law in Tohoku, Kinki, Kanto and Hokkaido Civil Affairs Regions were forwarded to Government Section. Opinions on the Local Public Service Law expressed by Mr. Yamamoto, mayor of Kofu City, Yamanashi Prefecture, were also forwarded to Government Section, along with the opinion expressed by the Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture on the law.

3. Tohoku Civil Affairs Region was instructed to inform Mr. Shigeru Watanabe that he should submit his request for permission to manufacture metal plaques showing the profile of General MacArthur through Japanese channels, that is, through the Tohoku Regional MITI office.

4. JLC was informed that G-1 had granted permission for KYO Kiren to remain in Japan for permanent residence with her husband, GO Heitetsu.

5. This division forwarded to Legal Section an opinion expressed by Judge Odagiri of the Kofu Court in which he stated, among other things in connection with adopting the calendar system to expedite trials, that he thought it would be comparatively easy to draw up such a calendar by a single judge (calendar master) in a court where there are not too many

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cases to handle, but that it would be a difficult job for a calendar master in Tokyo or Osaka where a court has an enormous number of cases to handle.

6. This division forwarded to Government Section, G-2, PSD, and to ESS, Labor Division, a copy of a report from the Nagano NRP Headquarters on the riot in Matsumoto City Office.

7. This division transmitted to G-2 a report from the chief of Water Police, Minato-ku, Tokyo-to, on the activities of Communists in connection with careless talk by members of UN forces who have come back to Japan from Korea.

8. A translation of a handbill opposing the deportation of Koreans was forwarded to Diplomatic Section and to G-1.

9. This division forwarded to Government Section and to ESS/IR an opinion expressed by Governor Kobayashi of Shizuoka Prefecture in connection with personnel expenses under the present Local Tax Law in which he stated it would cost his prefecture approximately 1 billion yen annually to meet increased personnel expenses.

10. This division forwarded to Government Section the statement of Mr. Kumano, Chief of Shizuoka NRP that "I positively believe that majority of small autonomy citizens will gladly agree with the abolishment of MP. If there be anyone opposing it he may be the Chief of Police or a person who has been bossing the MP to his own benefit."

11. This division informed Ryukyus Civil Administration Section that a preliminary investigation of the facts in connection with Ebisu-Maru case had been made by the Attorney General's Office, and that the investigation revealed that the Ebisu-Maru is not in Japan and only one of the nine escapees has reached Japan. This escapee has been apprehended and is being held for trial. The Japanese authorities intend to prosecute the other eight when apprehended for leaving Japan without authority and for smuggling machinery and tatamis from Japan. It was stated that this section believed that the request for extradition should not be acted upon until the Japanese Government had apprehended the nine escapees and had disposed of the case.

12. Tohoku Civil Affairs Region reported that of the more than 800,000 votes in the by-election for the House of Councillors in Fukushima Prefecture, the Communists received only 8,245 votes.

13. Shikoku Civil Affairs Region reported that nine towns and villages in the Shikoku Region have reduced the number of their assemblies under the Local Autonomy Law and ten more are considering the project. Tokai-Hokuriku Civil Affairs Region reported that the city of Suzuka, Mie Prefecture, had passed a by-law reducing the city assembly to 28.

It was stated that the reason for the reduction was to reduce expenses and to set an example to other cities.

14. Kinki Civil Affairs Region reported that Chief Suzuki of the Osaka Municipal Police is still vigorously opposing the revision of the Police Law and says he is going to appeal to the public on the matter.

15. Tohoku Civil Affairs Region reported that throughout Tohoku Region complaints are being made about budgets being made before the election and thereby saddling incoming administrations with budgets prepared by an outgoing administration.

16. All prefectures in Tohoku Region are saying that the income in the prefectures will be less in the coming fiscal year than in the current fiscal year, which is being more complicated by the fact that the central government has increased pay for all teachers and government officials.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

12 February 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 4 February through 10 February 1951

1. Kyushu Civil Affairs Region was requested to make an investigation with a report of their findings in connection with a statement made by a resident of Saga Prefecture that Procurator Notomi of the Karatsu Procurator's Office had been acting improperly.

2. The petition of Chin Kno Tei requesting another trial for her husband, Chin Gaku Tei, who was tried in a Provost Court for rape and was transferred from United States Army Stockade Annex Number one to the Japanese prison at Yokosuka, Japan, was forwarded to Commander Naval Forces Far East, the Japanese prison being in ComNavFe's area of responsibility.

3. A petition against the return of Oshima Island to Kagoshima Prefecture was forwarded to Diplomatic Section with the comment that the petition is unusual in that it is the only such expression of sentiment received thus far and is contrary to the general sentiment prevailing in Kagoshima Prefecture, according to a statement from Kyushu Civil Affairs Region.

4. This division forwarded to Kinki Civil Affairs Region for investigation and report a copy of a note from the Indian Liaison Mission concerning difficulties being experienced by an Indian national in Kobe relative to certain property which he feels is being usurped by a Chinese neighbor.

5. Kanto Civil Affairs Region was informed that Diplomatic Section had reported that it had informed the Canadian Mission that Mr. Matthews, a Canadian seaman arrested in Yokosuka, had failed to take advantage of facilities offered by the Japanese police to provide communication with his Mission and that, therefore, the notification had proceeded through the patently slower official channels. To avoid a repetition of this situation, the Yokosuka Police Station will, in the future, report arrests of seamen to the appropriate steamship companies or their agents.

6. This division requested Kinki Civil Affairs Region to make an investigation and report of the procedures followed by the Japanese authorities when thirteen Japanese, illegal entrants into Okinawa and being returned to Japan on the Hakusan Maru, entered Osaka on or about the 4th of February 1951.

7. This division recommended, at the request of G-1 in connection with a revision of SCAP Circular 3, 3 February 1950, "Control of Entry and Exit

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of Individuals, Cargo, Aircraft and Surface Vessels into and from Japan", that "under these regulations" at the end of paragraph 15 of the circular be deleted, for the purpose of eliminating any claim on the part of the illegal entrant that he must be tried only under SCAP regulations and that he is not subject also to trial for violation of Japanese law, particularly Imperial Ordinance 207 of 1947 and Cabinet Order 381 of 1949.

8. A petition received by Diplomatic Section that the family of Mr. PAIK Rin Jeh be allowed to remain in Japan until conditions settle in Korea was forwarded to G-1, SCAP, for their consideration and any action deemed necessary.

9. This division forwarded to Government Section for information and comments a report received from Tohoku Civil Affairs Region setting out the opinions expressed by mayors and General Affairs personnel of city and prefectural governments on the Local Public Service Law in Akita, Aomori, and Iwate prefectures.

10. At the request of Government Section for all information obtained concerning equalization fund distribution, a report on the Equalization Grant in Matsumoto City, Nagano Prefecture was forwarded to Government Section.

11. A statement from the judges in Nagano Prefecture to the effect that they had been unable to get a copy of the proposed Contempt of Court Law but that they understand that its provisions are so weak it will add nothing to their present lack of authority, and that unless the Occupation takes a hand in the matter nothing will be done seriously to give the courts reasonable control over trials was forwarded to Legal Section, in accordance with their request of any information received on this subject.

12. Legal Section was informed that the judges in Ibaraki Prefecture report that continuous trials are not a success for the reason that continuous trials require three procurators to be in court every day which hinders the investigation of cases, and that the procurators who try the cases feel that they also have to investigate the cases.

13. This division forwarded to Government Section a statement from the governor of Ibaraki Prefecture to the effect that Koga, Tsuchiura, Mito, and Hitachi are the only cities in Ibaraki Prefecture that can finance their own police, and that other autonomous police in Ibaraki Prefecture should be turned over to the NRP. Government Section was also informed that the governor of Ibaraki Prefecture feels that all assemblies should be reduced in size and recommends that the prefectural assembly be cut from 60 to 20 members.

14. Legal Section was informed that the procurators and judges of Nagano Prefecture have pointed out that the present Criminal Code is inadequate to cope properly with mob violence such as is now carried on by the Communist groups in which the so-called riot or disturbance is premeditated and arranged in advance. They stated that the riot provisions of the present

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Criminal Code were intended to cover spontaneous riots such as occur at race tracks, etc. They feel that there should be an amendment to the Code to meet the new type of action against public buildings and officials, and since it is a matter with which the occupation is concerned, that the Occupation should take the initiative in this serious matter.

15. Tohoku Civil Affairs Region reported that information had been received to the effect that on 5 February 1951 at a meeting in Tokyo, the General Affairs Department Chiefs, in discussing the retirement allowance for prefectural assemblymen who terms expire this coming April, agreed to award these assembly members a small amount as a memento. Government Section was informed.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

7 February 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 28 January through 3 February 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. This division informed the Chief of each Civil Affairs Region that there will be a conference of Legal and Government Officers with their first assistants at this headquarters on 8 March, extending through until 1200 hours, March 10, 1951.

2. Mr. N. D. Collaer, visiting expert on Immigration, reported into this office on 30 January 1951 for a three months tour of duty to assist the Japanese in immigration matters.

3. The report of a meeting held on 19 January 1951 in Osaka by the representatives of the municipal police departments (including those of Kyoto, Kobe, Nagoya, Nara, and Wakayama cities) of twelve prefectures in that part of Japan with a resolution drawn up at the meeting concerning the amendments to the Police Law was forwarded to Government Section with the comment that it is understood by this section that Chief Suzuki of the Osaka City Police is strongly opposed to the proposed amendments of the Police law and is planning a strong opposition campaign.

4. This division forwarded to the Chief of each Civil Affairs Region for the attention of the Legal and Government Officer an excerpt from a speech made by Lester C. Hardwick, Press and Publications Branch, Information Division, CI&E, SCAP, before the Osaka-fu Shimbun Kyokai (Osaka Newspaper Association) on 14 December 1950, in which he set out the kinds of official publications that should be published at government expense.

5. This division forwarded to Legal Section for information the complaints made by Mayor of Funabashi City, Chiba Prefecture, against restrictions contained in Article 30 of the Lawyer's Law or Law #205, 1949 which prohibits a member of the bar from engaging in the practice of his profession while holding the office of mayor and from operating any other business or being an employee or member of a board of directors in any private business without first obtaining the permission of the Bar Association, whereas there are no similar restrictions on members of other professions.

6. Translations of letters from the Director of the Local Autonomy Agency addressed to the Governors of Metropolis, District or Prefecture in connection with advice given by the Local Administration Investigation Committee concerning re-distribution of administrative affairs, and on the

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report on redistribution of administrative affairs and rationalization of scope of towns and villages were forwarded to each of the Civil Affairs Regions for the information of the Legal and Government Officer.

7. A petition for locating an unrepatriated Japanese soldier in Okinawa was forwarded to G-1, Ryukyus Civil Administration Section, for information and such action as might be deemed advisable, with the request that this division be informed of the results of any action that might be taken.

8. An opinion from M. Tatebayashi, Director of Secretariat of the All Japan Mayors Association, concerning the revision of the police system was forwarded to Government Section.

9. Japan Logistical Command was informed that G-1, SCAP, had granted permission to Mr. Fusakichi Marugamo to change his status from that of a temporary visitor to that of a permanent resident of Japan by repatriation.

10. This division forwarded to Japan Logistical Command as matter pertaining to their section a petition from Chin Kon Tei requesting that her husband, Chin Gaku Tei, tried by a Provost Court and convicted of rape, be given another trial to prove his innocence.

11. This division informed Diplomatic Section of the facts concerning the entry into Japan of two Korean reporters who entered Japan at Haneda Air Port with certificates signed by a 5th Air Force officer but without any other authorization and whose entry was sponsored by a member of the Korean Mission, whereupon the Japanese authorities released them. This division commented that it is understood by this section that members of the Korean Mission are not authorized to sponsor Koreans coming into Japan without proper authority in order for the Koreans to remain in this country, that only persons with SCAP permission can enter Japan legally, and that those persons entering Japan without such permission are illegal entrants.

12. Reports showing the progress made in Yamanashi and Ibaraki Prefectures in putting in operation the provisions of the Local Public Service Law were forwarded to Government Section.

13. In answer to a request from G-2, PSD, concerning a statement in Annex E-2 of the Chugoku Civil Affairs Region monthly report for December 1950 that a certain Japanese was a "Moscow trained Communist," the division, on information received from the Legal and Government officer of Chugoku, informed PSD that the Japanese in question was a police man in Manchuria at the close of the war and was taken along with a good many Japanese officers by the Russians to a POW camp in the Ukraine, where he stayed from November 1945 until November 1947, when he was returned to Japan as a repatriate, and that that was the extent of his being a "Moscow trained Communist."

14. Tokai-Hokuriku Civil Affairs Region reported the case of a Korean leper in the Tsu City Prison, whom the warden wanted to have transferred to a leper colony, because the guards at the prison would not go near him to

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take him outside or to do anything for him. This division checked with Captain Cornelius of PSD, who stated that under the law the man, a repeated offender, could not be transferred to a leper colony without having three guards assigned to guard him during the 24 hours of the day and that the Japanese feel that they can not afford this, and that he was well aware of the situation. The matter was also checked with Public Health, this section. Colonel Schellenberger stated that he also knew about the situation and that perhaps the only thing to do was to bring each case to the attention of the National Government, so that they can make some provision for such cases. This information was passed on to Mr. Van Benschoten of Tokai-Hokuriku Civil Affairs Region.

15. Kinki Civil Affairs Region reported that the election of mayor in Iberaki City, Osaka Prefecture, on 28 January, resulted in the election of Nakatani, Independent supported by Socialist groups, who won over Yamamoto, the Liberal party candidate. More women than men voted in the election, in which 74.2 per cent of the registered voters cast ballots.

16. Kinki Civil Affairs reported that members of the Bankers Association had come in to the Region office to state that they had received verbal instructions from the Engineers to vacate a five story office building in Kobe which they own on the grounds that the building was going to be obtained by procurement demand. The Legal and Government officer stated that he had told the men that they should not vacate the building until the procurement demand order was actually served on them. This office checked with Economics Division, this section, and was informed that the matter would be taken up with Procurement Section, SCAP, where it was stated that the people in the building can not be made to evacuate except on a written procurement demand. This information was relayed to Kinki Legal and Government Officer.

17. Legal Section was advised that as a result of an investigation made by the Navy in regards to the detention of a Canadian seaman about whom the Canadian Mission claims it was not notified until after the seaman had been arrested and sentenced it was determined that the seaman did not desire to have the Mission notified and had signed a statement to that effect.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

1 February 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 21 January through 27 January 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. A request for investigation of the arrest of a Canadian seaman on 1 January 1951 in Yokosuka City was forwarded to Kanto Civil Affairs Region with the statement that it was desired to determine whether the seaman was advised of his rights to notify the Canadian Liaison Mission and whether he was given adequate opportunity to do so, since it appeared that the Canadian Mission was not informed of the arrest until several days after the case had been completed.

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2. G-1, SCAP, informed this division that permission had been granted to Chiyo Noburo and her two children, Ryukyuan illegal entrants, to remain in Japan.

3. Kanto Civil Affairs Region was informed that Sunnan Hong, for whom Kanto Civil Affairs Region had forwarded a request for permission to remain in Japan, had been released on probation from Fukuoka Prison on 16 January 1951 and had proceeded to Tokyo, and that no date had been set by the Fukuoka High Court for the hearing of Sunnan Hong's appeal.

4. Kanto Civil Affairs Region was informed that the case forwarded by it in which the Japanese servants had filed complaints with the Himonya police against their employer, a member of the Indian Mission, had been discussed with the First Secretary of the Indian Mission, who stated that he understood that the matter had been completely dropped. Information relative to Indian Mission received from Diplomatic Section.

5. A petition from Yoshimitsu Nagao, former headman of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association of Tokushima Prefecture, concerning the operation of the purge on members of the Association was forwarded to Shikoku Civil Affairs Region and Government Section for information.

6. A petition from Eiji Wada of Kochi Prefecture concerning the activities of a purgee was forwarded to Shikoku Civil Affairs Region for information with the comment that Mr. Wada had stated that this matter is now being investigated by the Shikoku Regional Special Investigation Bureau of Takamatsu, and that Mr. Wada had been advised that this headquarters would take no action in this matter especially as it was still under investigation by competent Japanese authorities.

7. A copy of an application submitted to this headquarters by Shunichi Tamaura and Yoshiyuki Takiuchi pertaining to the separation of Shinminato from Takaoka City, Toyama Prefecture, was forwarded to Tokai-Hokuriku Civil Affairs Region for information with the comment that the

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representatives stated that they had previously conferred with Tokai-Hokuriku headquarters at which time they were advised that this was a matter which would have to be adjusted by the Japanese authorities according to Japanese law and that this headquarters concurred in that statement and so advised the representatives.

8. A resolution of appreciation to the United Nations Forces passed by the Mito City Assembly was forwarded to the Commander in Chief of the United Nations Forces with a copy to Government Section.

9. Kyushu Civil Affairs Region was informed that a person claiming to be a Filipino national was being detained by the Japanese Government for violation of the Ordinance for Registration of Aliens at Omura, where he will be detained until the question of his nationality is determined.

10. A petition requesting an investigation of one Tatsuo Matsuo, a Hawaiian born American, who has the status of commercial entrant in Japan, was forwarded to Kanto Civil Affairs Region with the request that it be transmitted to appropriate Japanese authorities for investigation of the statements contained therein and for such action on completion of investigation as the Japanese authorities deem advisable.

11. Conference was held with Government Section and Legal Section in regards to the increase in the number of circulars being distributed attacking United States and United Nations policies. They stated that prosecution should generally be left to Japanese authorities, only the most flagrant cases should be tried in Occupation Courts.

12. Government Section requested local background information in regards to a bill introduced into the Diet. This bill would establish a committee in the Prime Ministers Office to make recommendations concerning the rehabilitation program for the 1946 earthquake disaster in Wakayama. The prefectures involved were Wakayama, Hiroshima, Okayama and the four prefectures of Shikoku Island. All regions state that Kochi-ken and Kochi-shi are the principle agitators for this committee. The real reason for the committee is to have an organized legal organization to lobby for subsidy from the national government, on the grounds that this national committee would be more effective than the individual efforts of the respective prefectures.

13. Mr. John Rourk, Legal and Government Officer, Kyushu Civil Affairs Region, returned from his emergency leave in the United States.

14. Conference was held with Lt. Col. Benson, G-1, on immigration matters. He was advised that conferences had been held with the Air Force in Kyushu and the Air Force agreed that they would make every effort to stop individual pilots from bringing into Japan Koreans without SCAP approval and that any brought in would be immediately returned.

15. Mr. Tanaka, Japanese Immigration Service, was advised that all persons found in Japan with unauthorized papers purporting to granting

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them permission to enter Japan should be treated as illegal entrants. He stated that a drive had been started to apprehend illegal entrants in Yokohama, especially sailors who had "jumped" ship.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

23 January 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 14 January through 20 January 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. A routine inspection trip was made by the Chief of the Division to Kinki Civil Affairs Region on the 17th of January and to Tohoku Civil Affairs Region on the 20th of January. A trip report has been prepared in each instance.

2. Government Section requested that special observation be given by the various Regions to the financial situation of the local entities, especially in the operation of the Equalization Fund.

3. Conferences were held with Legal Section, Government Section, G-1, G-2, and Diplomatic Section on the question of their functions for 1951-52 as they effect Civil Affairs Activities. None of these sections stated that any such functions would be eliminated.

4. Mr. Suzuki, Chief of the Japanese Immigration Agency and Mr. Tanaka, Chief of the First Division of the Agency, called and informed this division that the detention center at Omura was in operation but that they were using it only for Orientals. They stated that another camp was contemplated near Yokohama for Occidentals. They also stated that there were about 100 Occidental illegal entrants in and around Yokohama and that they were not in custody due to the fact that there was no place to detain them and that the cost of maintaining an Occidental was ¥200 a day as against ¥50 a day for Orientals and that their budget would not allow this expenditure. They stated that some action would be taken in the near future. General Shepard says let 'em eat rice?

5. The division forwarded to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, with a copy to Government Section, a telegram on behalf of 14,000 citizens of Daishojimachi, Ishikawa Prefecture, requesting the earliest possible conclusion of the Japanese Peace Treaty.

6. Petition for permission to remain in Japan for a Ryukyuan illegal entrant was sent to G-1 for consideration.

7. The report on the capture by Chinese Red ships of the 10th Unzen-Maru, a Japanese fishing trawler, was forwarded to Diplomatic Section for information and any action deemed advisable.

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8. This division forwarded to G-1 a special report received from the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Board setting out the activities of the Koreans since it was announced that the government is planning to deport Koreans en masse.

9. This division forwarded to Government Section an extract from a report received from the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Board setting out the fact that CP meetings were held in the House of Councillors Hall and that the police were completely in the dark as to what went on in the meeting as they had no one there to represent them for the reason that the Diet Building and grounds are "out of their jurisdiction," and that the NRP has no information on what went on for the same reason; also that in the labor field, the 70 per cent of the CP cells dissolved during the purge, have been rebuilt, the large independent unions being about to decide whether they go to the right or to the left as a neutral course is no longer tenable. Government Section has advised that the matter of using the Diet facilities for public meetings of this nature has been taken up by them with Diet officials.

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Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

15 January 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 7 January through 13 January 1951
Legal and Government Division

1. The Division forwarded to each of the Civil Affairs Regions a copy of the Local Public Service Law passed by the National Diet on 13 December 1950.

2. Each Civil Affairs Region was requested to furnish this division with a monthly report on the progress being made by the cities and prefectures in the Region to put into operation the provisions of the Local Public Service Law.

3. Resolutions of Appreciation from the Repatriates League, Nagano Prefecture; from Nagano Prefectural Assembly; from Chiba Prefectural Assembly; and from Ibaraki Prefectural Assembly were forwarded to the Commander of the United Nations Forces with copies to Government Section.

4. Applications for approval of removal of police guarding property of Anak Singh Anand, deceased Indian national, from Okayama Municipal Police, Toyonaka City Police, Osaka Metropolitan Police Department, and Kobe City Police Department were transmitted to the Diplomatic Section.

5. A report of investigation and findings made by Kanto Civil Affairs Region regarding treatment accorded Mr. Freelin E. Huff and Mr. Jay W. Huff while in the custody of Japanese authorities was forwarded to Diplomatic Section, Legal Section, and G-2.

6. A report made to the Himonya Police Station by servants in the house of a member of the Indian Mission concerning accusations made against them and the treatment given them by the member of the Indian Mission was forwarded to the Diplomatic Section for information and any action deemed appropriate.

7. Kanto Civil Affairs was informed that the Ministry of Finance had investigated the alleged illegal activity of the Ito Branch of the Suruga Bank and that the Ministry's investigation revealed no indication of a violation of banking procedure.

8. Government Section requested information as to whether or not there has been any recent agitation on the part of local entities to abolish the local autonomous police, especially in the smaller communities. Each of the Regions was contacted and none of them reported receipt within the last six months of any petitions requesting the abolishment of local

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autonomous police. They stated that previously there had been many requests for abolishment, but recently the trend on the part of the local communities was a desire to retain their police. The great majority desire to retain them provided they are able to financially support them. A conference was also held on this subject with representatives of the National Association of Towns and Villages. These representatives in general confirmed the reports from the various Regions. Government Section was informed of the information received.

9. The National Election Management Commission stated that the present tentative date for the forthcoming local elections is as follows - 25th of April for the municipal elections and the 30th of April for the prefectural elections.

10. The request for an immigration specialist from the United States to be assigned to this section to work in conjunction with G-1 has been approved by the Chief of Staff and radio requesting his recruitment was transmitted to the Department of the Army by G-1.

11. Mr. Kurato, a curator of the National Museum, requested inquiry be made concerning the whereabouts of certain swords which had belonged to a Mr. Kataoka of Kofu, Yamanashi Prefecture. These swords, thirteen or fourteen in number, had been confiscated in March 1950 by the police for not being registered and turned over to Kanto Civil Affairs Region. The swords were alleged to be objects of art. The swords were located at Kanto Civil Affairs Region and will be turned over to the competent Japanese authorities for proper disposition.

12. A conference was held with Lt. Col. Benson, G-1, wherein it was agreed that in the future all petitions of Koreans to remain in Japan will be initially submitted to the new Immigration Service, rather than to Civil Affairs Region, for making the investigation and it will submit the petition to G-1 for decision. Civil Affairs will not participate. The Regions will be informed at the same time the Japanese are informed.

13. Mr. Bassin, Legal Section, stated that no additional surveillance of jails or prisons is expected from Civil Affairs because of the Japanese Government's now having jurisdiction over United Nations Nationals.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Civil Affairs Section
APO 500

8 January 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Shepard

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report - 31 December 1950 through 6 January 1951, Legal and Government Division

1. Mr. Carpenter, Legal Section, has advised that there will be no change in the legal functions performed by their section for the coming year. Mr. Carpenter has not started work on the estimate for Legal Section as yet. He will call this division if something comes up requiring a conference on this matter.

Lt. Colonel Napier, Government Section, made a similar report concerning the government functions performed by their section and concerning their estimate for the coming year.

2. Mr. Borish, Public Welfare Division, requested information as to whether Japan Political and Economic Opinion Statistics and Research Association of Hokkaido is on the subversive list. A Mr. Ichiro Sakai, alias Nishijawa, a former CP member is the head of the organization. The organization claims to be anti-communist. It is investigating activities of the CP in NHI matters, claiming that the CP is draining funds out of the NHI set-up.

Mr. Borish was advised that a check of the list of subversive organizations failed to show this organization.

3. Chugoku Civil Affairs Region asked for information as to disposition of two cases involving merchant seamen "employed on US government owned ships." A call was put in to Mr. Bassin, Legal Section, as to whether the Japanese had criminal jurisdiction over such persons. Mr. Bassin ruled that they fell within the jurisdiction of the Japanese courts. This information was relayed to Mr. Baugess on 27 December 1950.

On 4 January 1951, Mr. Baugess called in to say that he had just received SCAP Circular 14, dated 21 December 1950, which states that merchant seamen come under the jurisdiction of Japanese courts except those on "government owned ships" who should be tried by Occupation courts. Mr. Baugess was advised to follow the Circular in handling the two cases at hand after this division checked the circular, which did not reach this office until 5 December 1951. A call was made to Mr. Bassin to advise him of the provisions of SCAP Circular 14, which he said he had not seen.

4. A petition from the Governor of Ehime Prefecture for the establishment of a branch office of the Public Utilities Committee at Matsuyama was sent to Government Section for information.

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5. G-1, SCAP, returned to this division without action petitions for permission to remain in Japan for ten Koreans being held at Hario Deportation Center received from G-2 after the ship taking 955 Korean illegal entrants back to Korea on 11 December 1950 had left.

G-1, SCAP, informed this division that permission had been granted to Ben Seki Chin to continue on parole for another six months in order to receive medical treatment.

6. A Resolution of Thanksgiving for United Nations Forces passed by the Fourteenth Conference of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Eastern Hokkaido was forwarded to the Commander of the United Nations Forces with a copy to Government Section.

7. A letter of condolence on the death of General Walton H. Walker from the Governor of Kagawa Prefecture was forwarded to the Commander of the United Nations Forces.

8. The Chief of Tokai-Hokuriku Civil Affairs Region was informed that in reply to his request for the expedition of the request of Katsuji MAEDA for permission to travel to the Ryukyus, G-1, SCAP had advised that the travel of MAEDA must be processed in accordance with regulations.

9. A petition seeking SCAP assistance in obtaining compensation for an accidental death resulting from ships collision was forwarded to Hokkaido Civil Affairs Region with the recommendation that the petitioner be advised that matter contained in the petition should be handled through Japanese legal channels.

10. Letters of condolence on the death of General Walton H. Walker from the Governor of Hyogo Prefecture, the Governor of Mie Prefecture, and Mie Prefectural Assembly were forwarded, with copies to Government Section, to the Commander of United Nations Forces.

11. Chugoku Civil Affairs Region was informed petitioners requesting refund of loans made to Japanese foreign offices abroad and compensation of Japanese repatriates for property left abroad should be advised that the final disposition of Japanese overseas assets is still pending and may not be settled until there is a peace treaty; that it is, therefore, doubtful whether the Japanese Government will be able even to consider the payment of any compensation prior to that time; and that future requests for compensation for property left abroad as well as requests for payment of subject loans should be made directly to the Japanese Government.

12. The division forwarded to Kanto Civil Affairs Region an opinion from the Attorney General's Office in which Legal Section concurred that operation of slot machines for money constitutes the crime of gambling in violation of Article 185 of the Criminal Code of Japan.

13. A request for the release of a fishing vessel interned in Amami Oshima, which Kanto Civil Affairs Region forwarded directly to the Ryukyus

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Military Government Section and which Ryukyus Military Government Section answered through Civil Affairs Section, was returned to Nanto Civil Affairs Region inviting their attention that such correspondence in the future will be directed to Chief, Civil Affairs Section, GHQ, SCAP.

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