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Situation and movement of Labor Union caused by the suspension of payment of the year-end allowance.

Since our report No. 578 dated 17 Decemb, the day-workers' labor union had not shown any particular movement. The said labor union which received an information on 20 Decemb that the year-end-allowance promised by Mr. Ishihara, Mayor of Onomichi City to be paid, might be impossible to be paid, got angry and again began to indicate an aspect of mobilizati— of people.

In response to a struggle in every district, communists are attempting to make avail of Onomichi City Day Workers' Union with this as a chance. We are watching the situati—.

Items

1. Open questin to Mr. Aoyama, chairman of Onomichi City Assembly.

On 21 Decemb at 0.30 p.m. Onomichi Free Labor Union (chief of union, Tomio Yamamoto, C.P.) members visited Mr. Shunzo Aoyama, chairman of City Assembly at Aoyama Hospital, Kurihara-machi, Onomichi City (Tomio Yamamoto and 10 struggle-committee-members), and questined closely as to the reason why the city could not pay the year-end-allowance.

Questin: Tomio Yamamoto ~~to~~ it ~~has~~ ~~the~~ city ~~did you~~ suspended the payment of the year-end-allowance (¥5,000 per one) inspite of ~~you~~ its having promised.

Ans ! ~ : Chairman Aoyama.
The intention of the city assembly in the plenary council of City Assembly dates 16 was as follows:

"If the payment of ¥4000 per one doesn't affect law, and doesn't make trouble upon other cities and can be made within the scope of the unemployed counter-measures expenditures, they (city assembly) will shall propose a bill to the city assembly meetings to be held on 23 December as budget and shall sympathize!!

As the effect of the same meeting was as above, it is exaggeration that Mr. Ishihara Mayor had promised definitely. But he never promised that he would pay it surely. The other day (19th day), chief of Labor section of Kinoshita Civil Affairs Region, came to Mihara Labor Hall, and called Mayor Ishihara and Chairman Aoyama, and pointed out that "payment of the year-end-allowance to the day workers conflicts with Cabinet Order 201. Both the mayor and chairman must be acquainted with Cabinet Order."

Question : Yamamoto, Kotani, Nomotani and Iwai.
As Japan is not a dependecy of America, Chairman, a representative of us, we wish him to say to America that "Mind your own business."

Answer : Chairman Aoyama.
The Americans are not people of a country who say they don't meet anyone except chairman. America is a democratic country which meet anybody and with which anyone can talk. I think ~~it is mistake !!~~ your are mistaken to make such question to me.

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After then, the day-worker's side requested to raise their daily allowance, but the city side answered it could not promise definitely. They all evacuated at 1.40 P.M. without getting any conclusion.

Incidentally, when the day-worker's labor union (C.P.) and the struggle committee were conducting negotiation, they spoke such words as to aim at ~~weakenness~~ weakening of the police "Pay to no by curtailing the police expenditures," and they also planned to ~~weaken~~ weaken the police in a propaganda letter that "Curtail the police expenditures." By this, they intend to grasp the mind of people and to turn the indignance of the multitude into action in some shape. Therefore, we are watching the situation strictly.

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Kawahama and Chief Kiyoto Saito of the Purchase Section of the

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尾道市栗原町青山病院に　青山後三市会議長を訪ル。

同病院診察室に於て、越各資金の支給出来なかつた理由を詰問した。

問（堂）山本富夫　―千円宛越年資金を支給すると確約し乍ら取止めとなつた理由如何

答青山議長　―十六日の市会全員協議会に於ける市会の意向は、日傭労働者に千円宛支給することは、法規にも触れず、又他都市に迷惑を及ぼすことなく、失業対策費の消滅され小ない範囲に於て支給出来るならば、次回十二月二十三日の市会に予算として上提市会としても同情しようとのことであつたので、石原市長が確約したのは言い過ぎであった。が必ず出すと約束したものではない。先日（19日）中国民事部の労働課長が三原労働会館に来て石原市長と青山市長を呼んで、日傭に越冬資金を支給するのは政令二〇一号に抵触する。市長、議長共政令を知らぬ間違つたことをしては困ると指摘されたので

問山本、魚谷、桃谷、若井　―日本はアメリカの属国ではないから我等の代表である議長は、アメリカに対していらぬことをするなと言つて貰いたい

答青山議長　―半口人は市長、議長でなければ逢わないと言う国ではない、誰でも会つて話が出来る民主々義口である、その間は私に言うのは間違つていると思うが、

後日傭側から日當（賃金）の値上げを要求したが、確約出来ぬと答え午後一時四十分結論を得ず人全員退去。―尚日傭労組（吉）及斗学校員は交渉中「尾道市警の予算四十万円を削つても支給してくれ」と暗に警察の弱体化をねらう言動をなし、宣傳文にも「警察費をけずれ」と警備の弱化を計画しているので、これにより民心を把握し、何等かの形で大衆の憤激を行動化せんとしているから、厳重注意中である。

（秘扱）

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（注）各員は日傭の動きについて特異事項を……郎報せられたい

（第七報）

日傭労務者に対する越冬資金支給中止に伴う労組の動きについて

一二・一七第〇〇号既報以来、特異なる動きを示さなかった日傭労組も十二月二十日、石原尾道市支長の確約せる越冬資金が支給不能になるとの情報を得て憤激し、再び大衆動員を廿人とする気配を示し始めた。（党）は各地の斗学に呼應し、これを機会に尾道市日傭労組を突破口に利用しようとして、いるから注意中である。

記

一、青山尾道市議長に対する公開質問

十二月二十一日午後零時三十分頃　尾道自由労組（組合長（党）山本富夫）は、尾道市栗原町千光寺観光道路工事現場より、

組合長（党）山本富夫を先頭に斗学委員十名が

尾道市栗原町青山病院に青山後三市会議長を訪れ、同病院診察室に於て、越冬資金の支給出来なかった理由を詰問した。

問（党）山本富夫―二十円宛越年資金を支給すると確約し下り取止めとなった理由如何

答　青山議長―十六日の市会全員協議会に於ける市会の意向は、日傭労務者に千円宛支給することは、法規にも触れず、又他都市に迷惑を及ぼすことなく、失業対策費の消滅さ小ない範囲に於て支給出来るならば、次回十二月二十三日の市会に予算として上提市会としても同情しようとのことであったので、石原市長が確約したのは言い過ぎであった。

[illegible]先日（9日）中国民事部の労働課長が三原労働会館に

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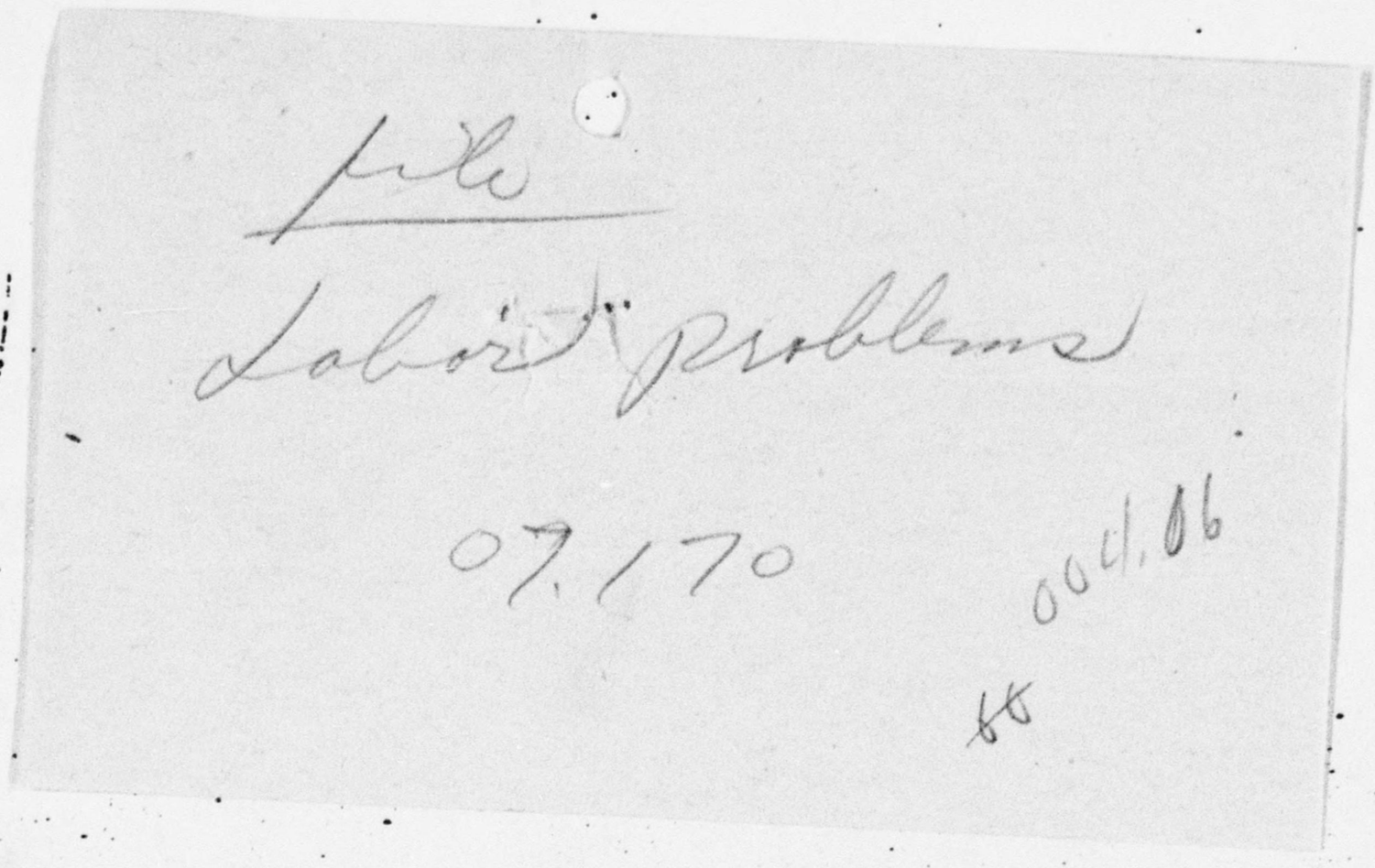
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Report No. 1
Mukai-Kei
no. 2272
19 October 1950

Subject: Regarding Movement of Personnel Which Fall Under Red Purge of Hitachi Mukaijima Plant

TO : Chief, CCAR

From : Hiroyuki Ito, Police Inspector, Police Chief, Mukaijima Police Station

On 17th last, the company has announced the purge of personnel as of the 20th, the following have distributed the accompanying bills:

× Name: Toshiaki Suikuri
Age : 22
affiliation: Cell member, Hitachi Mukaijima

× Name: Kiyoshi Oda
Age : 26
affiliation: Cell member, Hitachi Mukaijima

× Name: Masato Kato
Age : 23
affiliation: Cell member, Hitachi Mukaijima

On the morning of 19th, the above 3 cell members took advantage of the on coming employees of the Hitachi West Plant for work, waited at the wharf in front of the Oxomachi Station and distributed the accompanying leaflets numbering about 150.

name: Ryuhimi Matsumoto
age: 29
affiliation: Cell member, Hitachi Mukaijima

The above personnel, at about the same hours of the same day, stood at the back gate of the company, distributed about 120 of the identical bills to the in coming employees.

Leaflet

Subject: Why the Advice Had Been Rejected!

At 13:oclock, 17 October, we were proclaimed discharges from the plant by officials.

Statement issued by the plant chief:

"Presently an instruction had been handed down from the headquarters and as of the 20th, I want you folks to terminate relations with the company. From tomorrow no one is admitted. It is up to you folks to decide this. The company shall proceed as it had been planned.

It is altogether outspoken. "Why has the company disregarded the Potsdam Declaration and the labor agreement to be unreasonable? The reason for discharges should be made clear. In the other hand, this kind of notification should go through the union as stated in the labor agreement."

To this the company tried to reject it and has tried to issue an advice.

Consequently we rejected the unilateral advice of the company. During the conference, the company had shown a "high handed" attitude, refused our demand. We knew all about it.

Leaflet continued

"The company unites with international capitalist, has no back bone but it is only a robot." During the course of the conference, not we but the company was frightened. At present the capitalists are on the huddle. War is the only means to redeem the capitalists. But is the reason they are running amuck, losing equilibrium.

Friends:—

Our livelihood is deadly distressing. The responsible persons are getting puffed-up with pride. The taxes are going higher and higher. The unions lack strength. The employees lack powers to speak up for themselves. Nevertheless if we should back up at this point, we will never be able to come out of the gutter. After all, the laborers should unite themselves firmly and protect the union. This will in turn protecting every individual. Let hurry and be energetic!!

1. We could get more of the temporary fee of ¥3500.
2. Let us decide quickly on the retirement allowance, otherwise a great many shall be discharged. Furthermore, let us prepare for the end-of-year funds too.

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Report No 2.
Mukaeji Case
no. 2273
19 Oct 1950

Subject: Regarding Movement of Personnel Struck Out Under Red Purge of Hitachi Mukaijima Plant

To : Chief, CCAR

From : Hiroyuki Ito, Police Inspector, Police Chief, Mukaijima Police Station

Last 17 at the Hitachi Mukaijima plant, out of the 17 persons, who were discharged from the company, this morning (19th) 12 persons appeared before the East gate of the plant and demanded, "We want to speak to the plant chief so give us a chance to enter."

The company answered, "We shall not allow everyone to enter at the same time. We permit one at a time to enter."

Among the discharged, one, Communist, Fujishi Matsumoto, age 29 said the following:

"Defendants on all cases entitle counsels. Why not permit 2 or 3 persons to enter at one time? On the other hand, among the group, some may have ideas but may not be able to express all what they think. At the least admit 2 persons. The company opined that it might become difficult if the discharged should become sentimental, give-in to the demand of Metsuuts and permitted 2 at a time to enter the gate.

In regards to the interviews accomplished by the discharges, they have the following to say:

"The current readjustment violates the Labor Regulations. Any decision formed upon us as Communists, the evidences and the ones who kindled the whole thing should be made clear."

Those who were thought to have completed negotiations,

Shigeaki	Fukui	- age 22
Kiyoshi	Oda	- age 20
Masato	Kato	- age 23

the 3 of the above at about 1140 hrs,

appeared at the back gate of the West plant and demanded: "We wedould like straighten up our tools in the plant so permit us to get in."

Immediately Mr. Purcharo, chief Labor Lecturer of the East plant notified the deposition.

Mr. Purchase gave an order through telephone in the following manner: "Don't let them get into the place of work but as soon as the work commences give them about 15 minutes." During the hours from 1140 to 1245 hrs, they were made to wait at the back gate.

Puhen and others all said the following: "Give us a chance to get in as we thought we would bother the company if we should come during the recess." In reply the company representatives said things to get by and detain them on until 1245 hrs. At this hour, one guard accompanied each interviewer and were let in. No irregularity was observed and at 1313 hrs they all went out of the back gate of the plant.

No other irregularity was observed.

As of the 18 October, report no. 2269, Mukai Ichi, basing on the resolution of combat committee, regarding case on renegotiation with the company's head office on discharged, the following had been interviewed of the head office on renegotiation;

× Ponoe Mukai, Chairman, Communist, age 49

×. Sadayuki Nitta, member of committee, " age 31

It is being agreed that either this evening or tomorrow morning to come back, based for the union, the definite combat action could not be formed before the representative returns, therefore is being forwarded for your information.

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Mukai Kei
No. 227
18 October 1950

Subject = Regarding "Agitation Bills" Distributed By Outside Union on Hitachi Shipbuilding's Red Purge

TO = Chief, CCAR

From = Hiroyuki Ito -- Police Inspector
Police Chief, Mukaijima Town
Police Station

As it had been reported last, on the 17th simultaneous discharge of Reds from the various plants of the Hitachi Shipbuilding was put into force. On 14th last, on the same principle & personnel of the Onomichi Shipbuilding had been discharged. On the 16th the following "agitation bill" was tagged on a wall near the west plant's front gate. Furthermore, the plant does not allow posting of any kind of bills on the fence. All leaflets were taken down by the guard of West plant.

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No. 1 Combat Report by Onomichi Shipbuilding

Comrades of the Hitachi!

At the Onomichi Shipbuilding due to the lagging of raising wages by the company and the suppression on laborers, opposition movements are being conducted. It is being planned to oust 3 personnel in the name of Red purge, who had been giving untireless effort in the student combat movement. Indignant over this, our comrades of the Onomichi Shipbuilding immediately conducted a mass meeting, and the following were decided:

"Apposed to Red purge, lagging of wage payment should be immediately mended were unanimously decided by those present." This is because the comrades of the Onomichi Shipbuilding had sensed the true meaning of the enemy back of the

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Red purge movement!" O

In other words, the current Red purge of personnel who had been working for the benefit of the laborers, will give a chance to the executive "bosses" to take control of the union and this in turn paves way for mass discharges of employees, and lowering of wages. All in all this depicts the re-establishment of the last war-time Industrial Patriotic Committee, giving all power for war-time mobilization.

The above items should be carefully scrutinized and every individual who isn't discharged at this time should not absolutely have relief of mind because there may reappear the tragedy of the war.

For Peace sake do not purge Reds!

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Mukai Kei
No. 2289
19 October 1950

Subject: Regarding the Attitude of the Branch Committee of the Hitachi Mukaijima on Red purge

TO : Chief, CCAR

From : Hiroyuki Ito, Police Inspector
Chief of Police, Mukaijima Police Station

The employees who had been connected with the All Japan Shipbuilding of Hitachi, Mukaijima, Branch Committee, last 17th the company had purged 17 personnel. After the Red purge no conspicuous irregularity could be noticed for retaliatory movement, but today (19th) little after noon, the accompanying bills were distributed to all union members. This gives an opinion that the conspirators are contemplating strong demands for re-negotiation.

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Leaflet

19 October 1950

Determined to Demand Re-negotiation
The Red Purge! The Attitude of the Company
is Incomprehensible

The "Red purge" of the shipbuilding industry of central Japan -- the Japan Heavy Industry (Kobe Mitsubishi) took the lead with Harima, Kawasaki following, finally the turn has arrived to our Hitachi, Onomichi Shipbuilding plant. On 16 October the company has issued Special Adjustment Disposition List at the Second Labor Review Conference to the labor representatives. This was nothing more than "Red Purge."
The total would-be purgees amounts to 129; the Mukaijima Branch office contemplates discharging 17 employees from the work shops. The reason expressed by the company is that the Hitachi Shipbuilding is affiliated with the nucleus industry, which means that she comes under heavy industrial enterprise.

Sizing up objectively, any employee who falls under the following:

- Anyone who lacks consciousness on the importance of the industry.
- Anyone who always utters inflammatory languages thereby demoralizing the spirit of the rest of the employees.
- Anyone who interferes in the smooth running of the administration or who is being suspected of being one had been forced to be charged from the company. We had strongly stressed the company should negotiate with the union according to the labor regulations but the company went on to state that the present disposition is not the usual enterprise readjustment, therefore the company will not take any heed to this problem. The company went on to release the following statement that do as you please whether to bring suit before the court or do anything as you please.

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On 24 August, Mr. Ennis, Chief of Labor Section, GHQ, summoned representatives from both the employer, labor organizations and released the following opinions:

- This problem should be primarily solved voluntarily by both the employer, labor organizations and not by GHQ nor the Japanese government.
- When the management makes a list, the union should be consulted before taking any action.

The Company surely knows thoroughly the procedure of negotiations. The previous problems had been all settled carefully but for this one, it is not quite understandable because the company takes action so one-sidedly.

Just recently, even the labor agreement which took quite awhile to form a pact was indifferently ignored by the company.

To this kind of company's indifferency, with all possible means, the resolution, "Do Everything to reconsider forming re-negotiation"

was made at the 13th Branch Committee, Fighting Committee Conference and this as the unanimous attitude of the all labor union members, let us strongly make the company see our points and during the course of duration until there-negotiation, we are to combat strongly.

All Japan Ship Building Labor Union
Mukaijima Branch Office
Chugoku Chapter

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Mukai Kei
no. 2,269
18 October 1950

Subject: Regarding Movements in Connection with the Dismissal of Communists of Hitachi Mukaijima Chapter, All Japan Ship-building Labor Union

To = Chief, CCAR

From = Kiyoyuki Ito, Police Inspector, Chief of Police, Mukaijima-cho Police Station

As it had been reported in Mukai-Kei, no. 2,267, dated 17 October, according to the purport of purging Communists from vital industries, on 17th yesterday, the Hitachi Ship-building plant simultaneously announced the dismissal of all Communists from the various factories.

Furthermore, the factory at Mukaijima on 15 October had announced in the letter, Mukai-Kei. No. 2,246 of purging 17 men, tried to serve notice of dismissal to the subject personnel but they refused acceptance by stressing that the management

had violated the labor agreement. Consequently the movement of the purgees and the labor union committee is being watched closely.

From 1620 to 2100 hrs, 17th inst, lasting long hours, a conference convened in the union conference room on the formation of fighting committee. We confab finally approached to the following result:

1. In regards to the purge, we shall re-negotiate with the head office.
2. In reference to the employment during the period of suspension of the would-be-purgees, a ballot was casted by the 61 fighting committee members and the following result was revealed:
   a. Suspension from work - 37
   b. Appear for work by rejecting suspension - 19
   c. Blank - - - 3
   d. Invalidity - - - 2

The result of the ballot was the suspension from work of the would-be-purgees.

In regards to the re-negotiation, either the chairman of the executive committee or a member of the executive committee may make an official trip to the head office.

It is opined that after the close of the fighting committee conference, the would-be-purgees had assembled in the same room, had discussed on the resolution formed by the fighting committee of suspension from work of the would-be purgees conducted by the fighting committee. An angle different from the above committee, out from the would-be-purgees:

Kazuchi Iwamoto - age 29
Suzume Miura - " 23

claimed that the purge was a violation of the labor agreement and it seemed that this morning the above two personnel had made a trip up north to the head office for negotiations.

Furthermore, as it had been already reported previously, the Communist Party, Kitachi Mukaijima cell organiza-

tion members were totally dismissed.
In the issue of the cell, the accompanying agitation leaflets were distributed to the union members of the plant. They are submitted for your information.

END

(1) Leaflet - Headlines
Generally Speaking Why All This Precaution?!
The Company is Plotting Second Mitaka-
Mukaijima Case.
Here is Danger of Communists
Wrecking Machinery & Installations.

(2) Leaflet - Headlines
Protect the Labor Union
Red Purge and the Section Chief

HEADQUARTERS
CHUGOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
APO 317

Kure, Honshu

CMGR 001 (C-Br)

13 January 1948

SUBJECT: Report on Emperor's Visit to Chugoku Region

THRU : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343

TO : Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers
APO 500
(ATTN: Government Section)

1. Reference ltr CMGR, Ser. No. CMGR 001, dtd 27 Dec 1947, subject as above.

2. Forwarded for your information in accordance with verbal instructions of Mr. J. P. Kent, National Government Division, Government Section, GHQ, SCAP.

3. Inclosures are supplementary reports for Yamaguchi and Tottori Military Government Teams.

RUSSELL C. SNYDER
Colonel, FA
Commanding

2 Incls:
1. Subject report -- Yamaguchi (3 copies)
2. Subject report -- Tottori (3 copies)

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24 January 1950

SUBJECT: Investigations Conducted on the Labor Situations

TO : Mr Van Benschoten
Chief - L-G Section

From the 13 January 1950, I was assigned to the Labor Section, CCAR to do a special investigation on the labor situations in Kure and Hiroshima cities. My first step was to contact the Hiroshima Ken PESO, so on the 14 Jan, I went to the Hiroshima Ken PESO and conferred with Mr. Uesugi - Chief - Hiroshima Ken PESO for a little over an hour. I jotted down the lists of names of firms in Kure and Hiroshima cities which had been using laborers:

* SHimizu Gumi
Hatcho Bori,
Hiroshima Shintenchi, Hiroshima Shi.
Manager, Sango Kozuchi

* Hiroshima Kaiun Soko
Jinbo Dori, Ujina Machi,
Hiroshima Shi.

The above two firms are being suspected for breaking the Labor Security Laws. I was told that these 2 firms had been reported in writings to the Kure CCAR previously.

* Shimamura Gumi
1 chome, Nishi Hondori, Kure Shi
Manager, Tamesaburo Kajimoto

* Okugawa Gumi
Ondo Machi, Aki gun, Hiroshima Ken

Further investigations on the above two firms had been conducted on the 13-14 January.

* Naigai Unyu Company
1 chome, Sakaigawa, Kure Shi

Mr. Uesugi thinks that one of the above 5 firms is really breaking the Labor Security Laws.

I was told by Mr. Uesugi that for the past 2 years thru the various Ken, city and district PESO officials the labor supply firms had been educated on the proper usage of the

laborers, always to obey the Labor Security Laws.

The Labor Security Office official inspectors have no power as of the police in conducting investigations, while the inspectors of the Labor Standard Bureau have the power to investigate like the police. (Told by Mr. Uesugi)

On the 16 Jan 50, I with Kure PESO inspectors -- Mr. Doi and Mr. Nakamichi made a spot check at the Washo Grammar School, Washo Dori, Kure Shi. The additional construction of a new building at the above school was contracted by the

Miura Construction Co.
Oshingai, Hiro Machi,
Superintendent - Uichi Miura
Foreman at the above school -- Kazuo Miyahara
The price for the contract - ¥1,230,000

At the time of the investigation, the following were questioned:

carpenter - Sakuzo Yoneyama
¥300 per day

Carpenter
apprentice- Tadashi Murakami
¥170 per day

Laborer - Kaiji Hiwada
¥170 per day

After the spot check investigation was conducted at the above school, the 2 inspectors and I went to the Miura Construction Co., in Hiro Town. The chief clerk at the office was out of town with the keys to the shelves where documents were being kept so we had to come back to Kure reluctantly. 2 days later the clerk, Yamaguchi with all the necessary documents appeared in person at the Kure PESO. After the investigations, it was found that the above firm, Miura Construction Co., had hired the above laborers directly and not thru sub-contractors. The investigation was closed.

On the 20 Jan 1950, with the Kure Labor Standard Bureau investigators - Mr. Fukui, Mr. Maekawa and I went to the firm:

Takeuchi Komu Ten
No. 81, Motomachi, Kure Shi,
Superintendent - Nobuo Takeuchi,

Carefully Mr. Fukui and Mr. Maekawa conducted the investigations, always questioned the staff members. They looked thru the piles of documents, jotted down the necessary informations. One document with names of employees was borrowed by Mr. Fukui for further investigations to be conducted at his office. Mr Fukui told me the investigations in the documents would take about 4 or 5 days. I listened and watched closely throughout the investigation at the above office but did not feel or find any misconduct among the two parties. The investigations are to continue at the different work spots.

On the 20 Jan 1950, at the Kure Labor Standard Bureau, at 1000 hours,

Morio Moriyama - clerk-accountant
Kure Harbour Labor Loading Union

was questioned by Mr. Fukui for about an hour on the labour set-up of his union. The following was told by Mr. Moriyama to the inspector - Fukui.

There are at present:

70 laborers.
¥400 monthly membership dues per person paid to the union.
(¥2,8000 monthly income for the union)
¥7000 paid for the head of the union (monthly)
¥14000 paid for 2 clerks in the office.
¥7000 balanced for other minor expenses for the up-keep of the office (fuel, rent, lights, etc)

The best part of this union set-up is that every union member gets a monthly salary of 7 to 9 thousand yens even if some of them are laid off from work. The laborers are satisfied with the way their wages are being paid. This union has a permit granted by the Labor Ministry to operate such an organization.

The head of this organization is one of the Hiroshima Prefectural Assembly members. The union members are mostly comprised of repatriates. This is a sort of a relief set-up for the needys. There are very few such union throughout Japan and I believe if she is abiding with all the necessary regulations, then Kure should be very proud of the existance of such an union. Further investigations are being conducted by the officers of the Kure Labor Standard Bureau.

During my short tenure of assignment with the Labor Section, I have made several trips a day to both the PESO and the Labor Standard Bureau for consultations with the inspectors, discussing the whole labor situations from different angles.

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In the following paragraphs I wish to convey to you the generalized labor situation throughout Japan.

The national and the prefectural governments when there is a certain construction or demolition job to be accompolished, offer the project to the lowest bidder. To be more specific, I shall narrate an example.

A prefectural government proclaims a public bidding of a ¥500,000 project. The work is offered to the lowest bidder. Say, ¥300,000 the lowest bidder. The bidder knows that he is not going to make any profit but in order to keep his whole outfit moving he takes it. To cut down his whole expenses as much as possible, he trys to cut down expenses on every item of work on the project, thereby producing a very low quality of work. Outwardly the finished project may look satisfactory, but the durability of the work accomplished is very doubtful. Last but not the least, the bidder or the sub-contractors employing laborers manoeuvre on the payrolls. With an unseen unilateral pressure, the "bosses" prey on the helpless laborers.

If the above project is offered on its face value of ¥500,000 by the government to a trustful bidder, no scheming or practically no manoeuvring on the labor payrolls shall be seen. At the present time, it may be impossible for the government subsidy to allow such a system but I am sure there might be a workable system that will not prey on the helpless laborers' payrolls.

The high government authorities must be adjusted first. Then and only then, the scheming on the laborers' payrolls shall be disappeared entirely.

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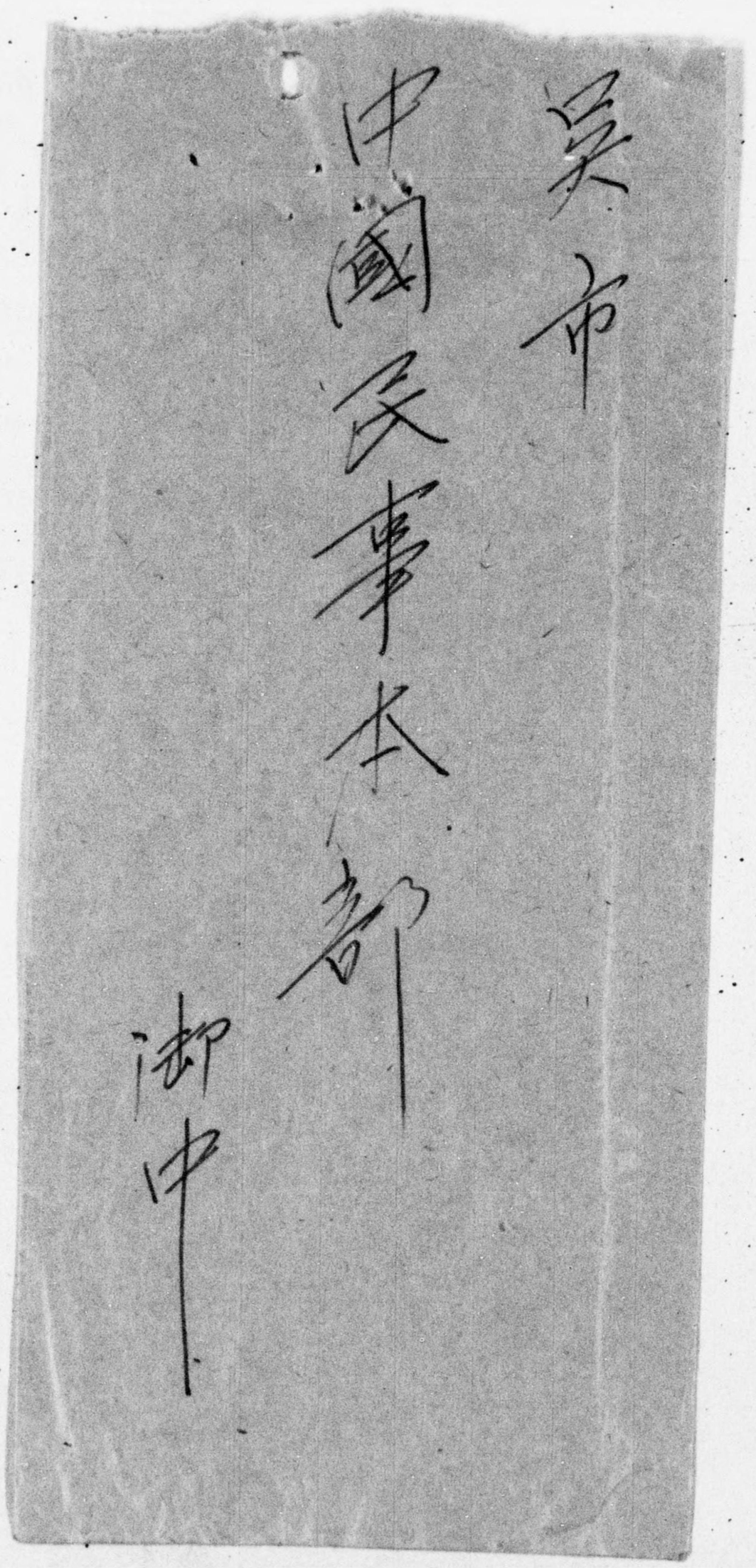

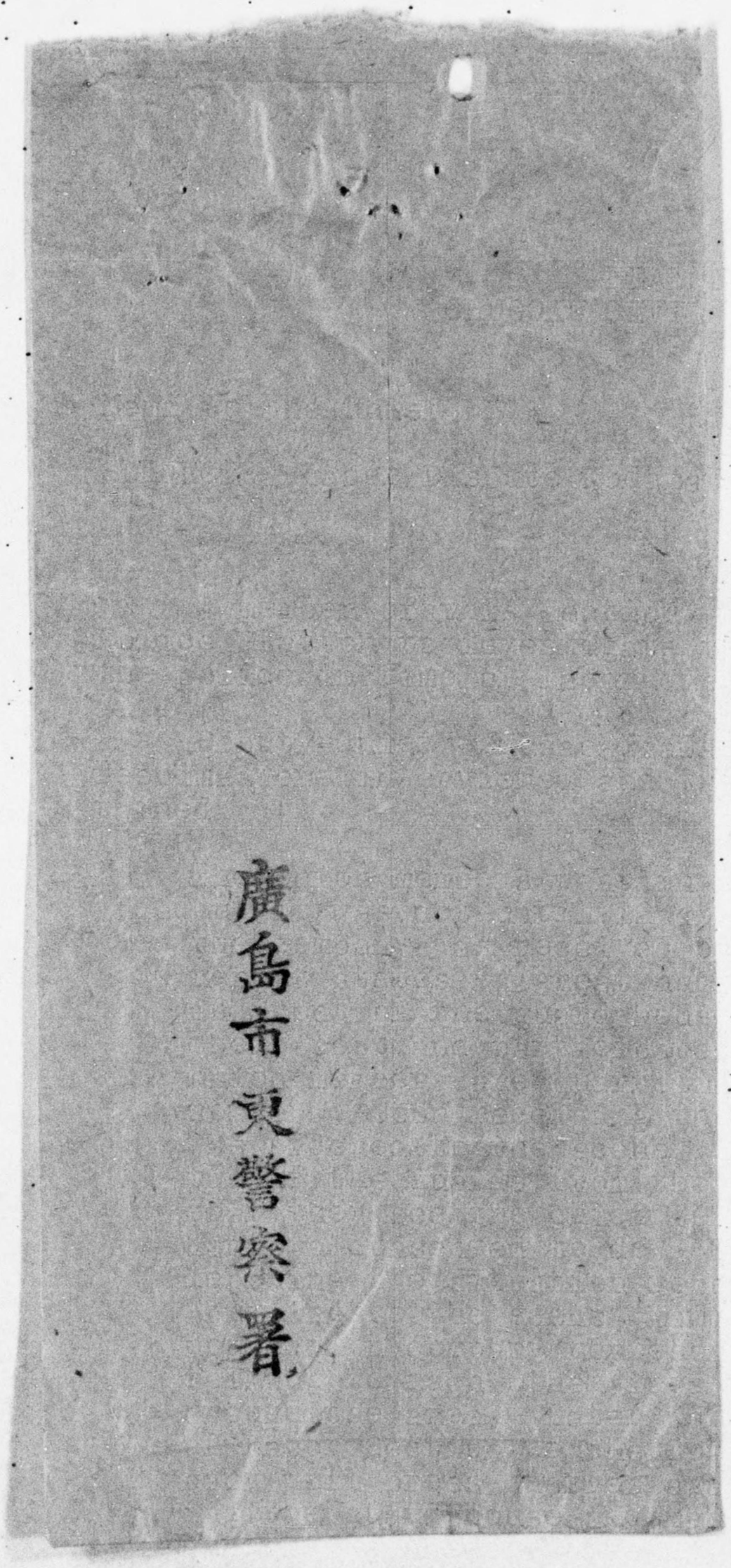
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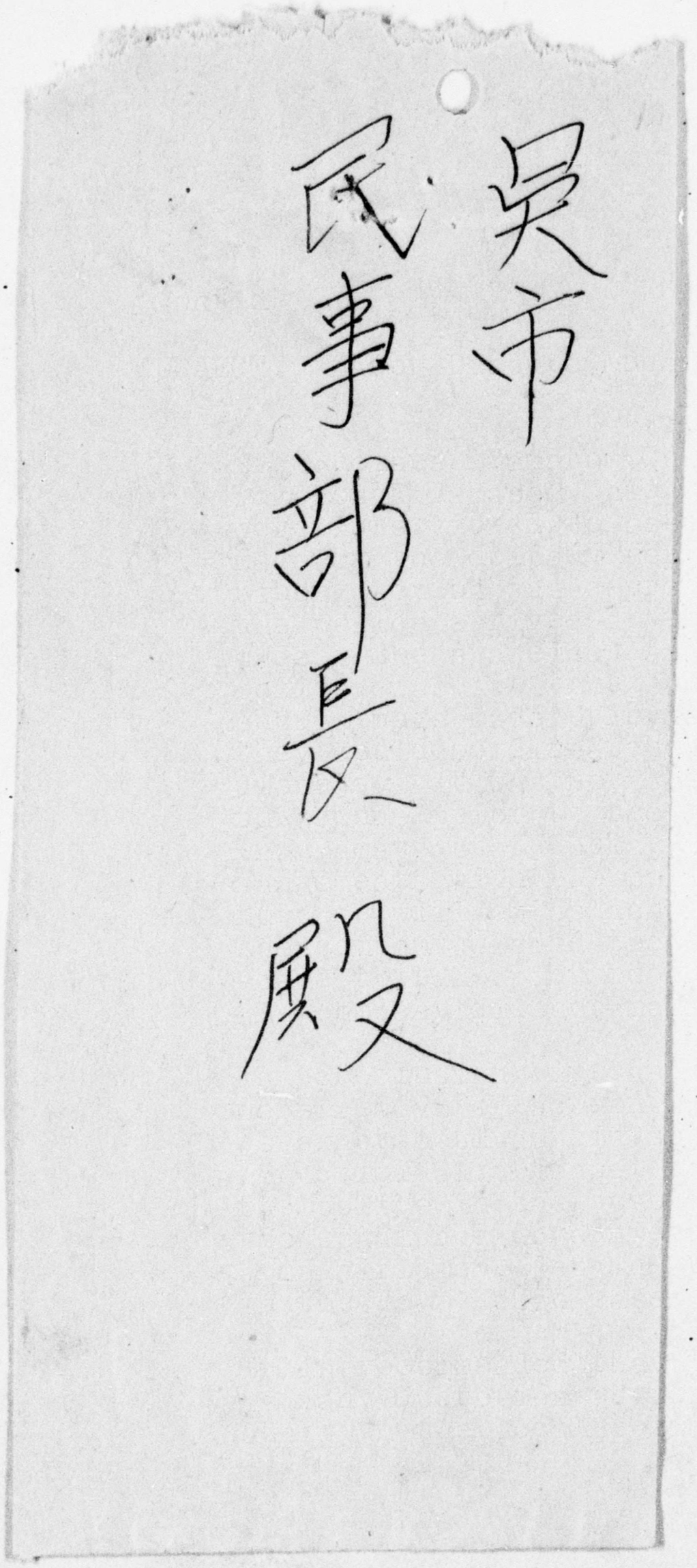
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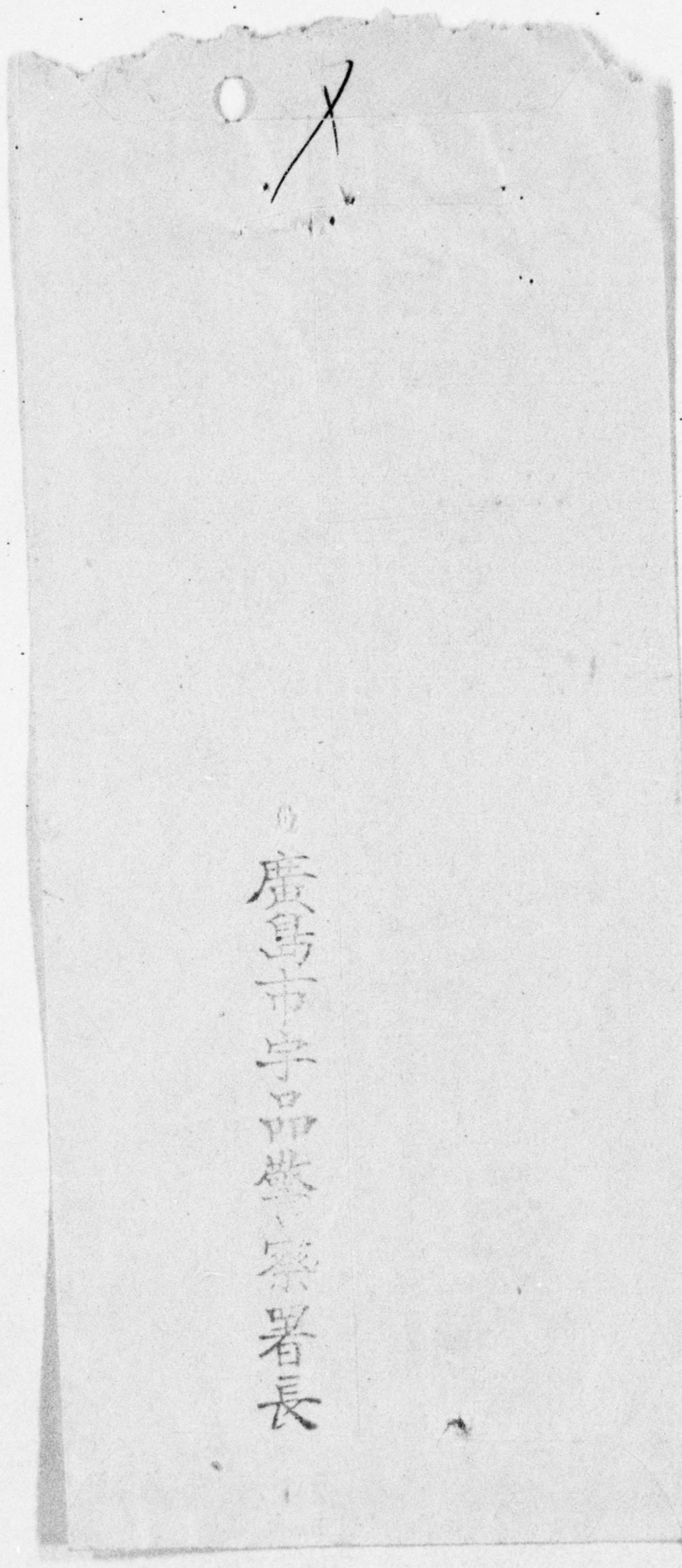

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追而應召の際携力し古拳銃は絡戰と
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民事部殿

拳銃彈発見に就いて報告、

當署管内に於て左記の通り拳銃彈を発見

致しましたので報告いたします、

左記、

一、発見の日時　昭和二十五年八月二十九日午後六時

二、発見の場所　廣島市旭町一、七〇七番地

榎本勝信方　土藏内

三、発見者の住居氏名、

廣島市旭町一、七〇七番地

榎本勝信

吉三十九才

四、物件の種類並に数量、

ブローニング弾薬　四拾発

五、発見の経過

前記日時陽所に於て大掃除中櫃内より出たるものにして発見者は昭和十七年二月元陸軍少尉として朝鮮に應召の際忘れ置きしものと供述して居り発見と同時に届出たりの

六、物件の措置、

宇品警察署に於て保管中

廣島市

發見者山田喜代一は友人等と前記日時頃青崎小学校々庭に於いて野球中偶々ボールが前記場所に転げ行きたるを以つてこれを拾はんとしてボールを探してゐた際材木の下にあるのを發見したものである

右屋出に依り現場に臨検し捜査するに戦時中は前記附近には軍隊宿営し居りたるが終戦と同時に解散したる際放置しその上に青崎小学校舎建築した際の残材を積み重ねたものと思料される

六措置

屋出に依りこーこ、中國民事本部、呉憲兵隊英連邦軍情報部廣島市警察本部

に電話即報すると共に書面報告をなし
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廣島市警察本部長

軍刀発見について

首標の事について左記の通り届出があつたので報告致します

記

一 發見の日時　昭和二十五年八月三十日午前九時頃

二 發見の場所　廣島市仁保町青崎小学校々庭裏側古材木集積場の材木の下

三 發見者住所職業氏名年令　廣島市仁保町　無職　山田喜代一　当三十三年

四 種類及数量　軍刀　壹振　但し乙種軍刀　長さ〇・九五メートル

五 發見の狀況

廣島市

Higashi Police Station.

HKH No. 480.

Subject: To the matter of the discovery a army sabre.

To: Chief officer of Legal Sec. of Chugoku Civil Affairs.

We hereby report you that a Japanese army sabre discovered as follows.

1. The date of discover.

On 30th day of August 50 at 9 AM.

2. The place of discover.

At the lumbers pile in the rear of Aosaki Primary School play graund, Aosaki, Niho-Machi, Hiroshima Pr.

3 The name, age, occupation and address of the discoverer.
Kiyoichi Yamada age 33 No occupation at Niho-machi
Hiroshima-Shi.
4 The Variety and its Amount.
One Japanese army sabre 0.95 mt. long.
5. The Cause of the discovery.
When the discoverer Kiyoichi Yamada and his friends were playing "Base ball" in said ground, the ball was rolled under said pile so they were at searching the ball and found the sabre under the lumber.
By that reason, our police went said school ground and ascertained that during the war, the school was used for army camp some time, but the

termination of the war the sabre was left and the lumber of said school bulding were put them over as it was.

6. The arrangement.

As soon as the report is received, notify to Hiroshima C.I.C., Chugoku C.A. and M.P. and S.I.B BCOF. of Kure by the phone and this document.

On this 31st day of August 1950.

Shiko Zuiki
Chief of Higashi Police Station
Hiroshima Municipal