INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Kobe, 11th September 1946.

No. 53

To: H.Q., International Relief Committee, Yokohama
Subject: Doubtful Cases for Registration.

There are, in our district, a few ladies of foreign birth and upbringing, but who, by marriage to Japanese subjects, have lost their original nationality. Some of them have now enquired whether they could not be placed on our roster, and benefit from whatever distributions we make to certain groups of foreigners.

Women of American birth married to Japanese are automatically entitled to our distributions because according to American laws they have retained their U.S. citizenship. This, as you know, is rarely the case according to the laws of other countries - such as, f.i., Great Britain and Switzerland, or France. Yet in the case of the French certain concessions seem to be made by their authorities. There is a distinct discrepancy which cannot but lead to discrimination.

SCAP has evidently recognized the handicap under which women of foreign birth - who generally have maintained their foreign ways of living - are labouring because of their Japanese marriage, and a recent directive includes all of them in the "foreign haikyu".

We would appreciate it if this very correct and humanitarian view could be extended to our Relief, and would thank you to submit and support this proposal. The number of women in our district would possibly not reach a dozen; yet the moral effect would be important and generally gratifying. Of course only those originally of such nationalities as make them eligible under the general scheme would be considered, and supporting proofs would be demanded.

May we further revert to our letter No.39 of the 22nd July concerning Mrs. Nadya Gyarmathy. Her application was sent in with our No.x of 10th April. Mrs. Gyarmathy is clamouring for her inclusion in our distribution in a rather embarassing way, promising "action" by local Army officers...

For our guidance: Have local Army offices any voice in such matters ?

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman

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

Kobe, 10 September 1946

No.52

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee Yokohama.

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch.

Subject: Registration

The following "Niseis" have filed their named with this branch.

Fukui, Kazuye (Kay)

Fukui, Mariko (Marie)

Fukui, Ritsuko (Rita)

Kajiwara, Chiyoko

but before placing them on our register would you please ascertain from the American Consul in Yokohama whether they are "in order".

Your prompt reply would be appreciated.

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

Chairman

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

Kobe, 6th September 1946

No.51

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee, Yokohama

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch

Subject: Telephone Conversation of 6, September. 1946.

We beg to confirm that in the course of the telephone conversation with your Mr. Moss by Mr. Price, this moring, the following subjects were discussed:

1) Our letter No.45 re additional requisition orders.
2) Our letter No.50 re additional clothing supplies, also distribution policy for the Chinese for these supplies
3) Our letter No.49 re 10 in 1 Rations distributions.
4) Your letter of 30, August, 1946 re additonal rations ex Leyte Supplies.
5) Implementation of directive re supplementary rations for foreign nationals.

We shall be greatly obliged if you will confirm by letter as soon as possible the various details given us on these subjects to obviate the possibility of misunderstandings arising.

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

U. O. Casal
Chairman

HCWP/jt

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

29/8/46

No.50

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch.

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

Subject 1 :

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

Subject 2 :

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

Subject 3 :

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

29/8/46.

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

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

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

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

U. A. Casal
Chairman

HCWP/jt

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

Kobe, 26th August 1946

No.49

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee.

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch.

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

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

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

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

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

U. A. Casal
Chairman

HCWP/jt

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

Kobe, 23rd. Aug., 1946

No.48

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee, Yokohama

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch

SUBJECT: Registration

This will serve to certify that Miss.Farida Agie who is now living in Tokyo, has been taken off our records. No distribution of "Relief" Clothing has been made to her in this district.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Vice-Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
c/o HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Hyogo Kencho Building

Kobe, 22nd. August, 1946

No.47

TO: Headquarters, International Relief Committee, Yokohama

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch

Subject: REGISTRATION

We beg to enclose three new registrations

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CONDE, Raymond R., | (Philippine) | (4) |
| ITO, Grace | (American) | (3) |
| REQUIEN, Marcel | (French) | (1) |

With reference to our No.42 of the 9th instant we enclose duplicate of registrations covering :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| NHIEP, N.R. | (Indo-Chinese) | (2) |
| PHAMDAI TAI | (Indo-Chinese) | (3) |
| NGUYEN XUAN OANH | (Annamese) | (2) |

We also attach registrations of three Fathers attached to the Monastery of the Divine Word in Tajimi, Gifu-ken

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|---|---|---|
| CESKA, Anthony | (Czeck) | (1) |
| KAISER, Stephen | (Austrian) | (1) |
| WILLMES, Bernhard | (Stateless) | (1) |

Failing advice from you to the contrary, all the above mentioned nine names with their respective families will be included on our record as eligible for relief.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
c/o HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Hyogo Kencho Building

Kobe, 22nd. Aug., 1946

No.46

To: Headquarters, International Relief Committee, Yokohama

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch

Subject: Minutes of Meeting

We beg to enclose herewith Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 14th August 1946.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Letter No. 45

Kobe, 21st August 1946.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Subject: Requisitions Surplus Air-dropped & IRCC Supplies.

With reference to our letter No.32 of the 22nd June: this is to advise that some time ago we received, from the local Military Government, the items corresponding to the second part of the list attached to the above letter ("Overcoats, winter, wool" to "unusable items of clothing"), but we do not yet seem to have received the pertaining Requisition Order.

The first part of the list was covered by Order No.1 dated 2nd May. We would appreciate your looking into the matter, so that we may undertake the distribution in due time.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Letter No. 44

Kobe, 21st August 1946.

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

Subject: Donation D.H. Delburgo.

With reference to earlier correspondence, terminating with letter No.33 of the 22nd June, we are glad to advise that we at last succeeded in obtaining the Yen 10'000 in cash, and in depositing them into a free account.

Please note, however, that in accordance with Mr. Delburgo's wishes this is to be considered as a special trust fund, to be used exclusively for financial assistance to people in distress within the Kobe area, at the discretion of this Committee and without discrimination as to nationality.

The fund is therefore not available for the Committee's running expenses.

For the present we have a certain amount of money on hand, but from this pending expenditures will have to be deducted.

According to your letter of the 3rd August further voluntary contributions may no longer be accepted. We fail to see a reason for this, since the donations were actually spontaneous, and expenses have to be incurred. While the committee-members give their time, work and experience without stint, they can hardly be expected to do coolie-work, to play the watchman, or to themselves put up the money needed for such services. The question was discussed with Miss Buckman of the Welfare Department whom we had the pleasure to meet a few days ago. It seems an absolute necessity to us to have a goodly sum on hand for any kind of "quick service" that might be needed so as to make our efforts efficient. Protection of the goods while in storage as well seems advisable. Such things have to be paid for.

The average receipts were some Yen 2.50 per head, which is certainly nothing to give a wrong impression, but just helps to finance our activities in a reasonable way.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Kobe, 15th. August, 1946

No.43

To: Headquarters International Relief Committee

From: International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch

Subject: Minutes of Meeting

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

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Kobe, 9th August 1946.

Letter No.42

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

Subject: Registrations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

copies of whose applications are enclosed.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

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

Kobe, 9th August 1946.

Letter No.41

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

From: I.R.C., Kobe Branch

Subject: Minutes of Meetings.

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

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/O Hyogo Military Government Team
Hyogo Kencho Bldg

Kobe, 2nd. August, 1946

Letter No. 40

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

From: I.R.C., Kobe Branch

Subject: Registration

We beg to enclose herewith eight new registrations accepted by our Committee :-

BERMONT, Alexander Petrovich (Russian Emigrant) (2)
FETISOFF, Leonid Grigorievich (Russian Emigrant) (1)
FLORES, Edwardo (Philippine) (2)
HAMIDULLIN, Timer Bai (Turko Tartar) (6)
KARLA, Gokaldas Bhanji (Indian) (1)
MARINSKY, Hirah (Polish) (1)
SLUTSKY, Evsey Azurovich (Russian Emigrant) (4)
VERNET, Georges (French) (2)

Please cancel from the record the following names:-

HERZOG, Norbert - repatriated

BORJENSKI, Nikolai } passed away
GUTERRES, ANTONIO THOMAZ }

Should there be any objections to any of the eight names given above, please advise promptly.

Please acknowledge receipt.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

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

Kobe, 22nd. July, 1946

Letter No. 39

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

Subject: Registration Doubtful Cases

Mrd. Nadya Oyama-ochy

With reference to our letter of the 10th April last, we shall be glad to have your final decision.

This person is very persistent in her demands and we would like to give her a definite reply.

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
C/O Hyogo Military Government Team

Kobe, 22nd July, 1946

Letter No.36

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

Subject: Committee Membership

Mr.Clifford Price has been co-opted to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Mr.H.J.Mason.

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

Chairman

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

Kobe, 22nd. July, 1946

Letter No. 37

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

Subject: Clothing & Matzos

The 60 cases advised in your letter of the 3rd instant were duly taken delivery of on the 8th inst.

Please advise soonest possible what has been decided with regard to the 2 cases of Matzos that were intended for the Chinese.

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

Chairman

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Kobe, 22nd. July, 1946

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

Subject: Distribution of Food

This will serve to certify that Mr.Erick Ane Kammerer has not participated in any distribution of the Relief supplies to date; i.e. in this district.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

for Chairman

N.B. Distributed to date
Ladies Stockings
Odd cans of foodstuff

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

KOBE BRANCH

Kobe, 12th July 1946.

To: International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Subject: Registration - Doubtful Cases.

Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., we have taken note of the decision given by the Headquarters of the Military Government. We would thank you to induce them to reconsider it, and to reverse it at least to some extent, and the reasons we submit are as follows:-

1) The support given us by the Military Government is based on humanitarian principles. For the same reason shiploads of food are given to the Japanese, and a few extra tins of food or some items of clothing given to (legally) Japanese individuals closely connected with entitled foreigners can hardly upset principle or rightousness.

2) It is a fact that the "common-law wives" have, throughout the war, been most faithful to their husbands. They have not only regularly visited interned (or imprisoned) husbands - at times travelling great distances - but by every means at their disposal have alleviated their hard lot, especially in regard to food and clothing, often depriving themselves of the main share. Such devotion deserves to be recognized; it was similar in the case of "free" husbands.

3) From what became known during the war, we hardly go wrong in assuming that the common-law wives in question were not extreme nationalists. On the contrary, their contact with foreigners made them anti-war-minded. Due to their (if illegitimate) marriage to an enemy foreigner, these women and their children were generally treated like enemies by the police, the landlords, and especially the neighbours, thereby suffering much trouble and anxiety. A slight balancing of this penality seems fair, and can only make them stouter adherents of our ways and ideals.

At the same time we have, among our eligibles, because of "proved" nationality, quite a number of foreigners who, all through the war, were not only violently opposed to their Government, but actively pro-Japanese, and anti-foreign in general. While these black sheep continue to enjoy every protection from their "hated oppressors", it again seems not right that for some slight technicality far more honest illegitimate families should suffer.

4) Earlier, already, some of the marriages were not registered because of the husband's negligence; others could not be legalized, and will not be, f.i. because of Indian caste-prejudice. A number could not be registered during the war because of war-time difficulties. As far as we know it is even now not an easy matter to validate a marriage or legitimatize a child, with most nationalities. To await production of legal papers would mean an indefinite period.

5) It is obvious that such a discrimination against illegitimate families will in the end fall on the entitled foreigner, the husband and father. The most common decency will make him share his paltry allowance with his family, and in the case of clothing he will have to make up the shortage at heavy extra-expense, to himself.

But even from a purely legal standpoint, the husband is responsible for his illegitimate wife and family. The American Courts (as many others) recognize a common-law wife (an American expression !) as having distinct rights, practically identical with those of a legally married woman. They impose absolute and comprehensive duties on the (illegitimate) husband, both in respect to wife and children. The discrimination decreed, therefore, would appear as contrary to the legal views of the United States, as should easily be ascertainable from the Legal Department of SCAP.

We hold no brief for those temporary "wives" of Japanese nationality who since the war find it to their advantage to live with a foreigner, nor for those foreign-born Japanese whose claim to foreign nationality is doubtful or, at best, very belated. The former applicants we drop, the latter have to wait for proper confirmation. But - apart from the legal standpoint submitted - we do plead for the bona-fide "common-law wife" and the bonafide children, and especially for those who, having an interned or imprisoned husband, have undergone extreme hardships rather than become unfaithful. Any objection to this standpoint on the part of "legal" wives we cannot find. We plead for them and their children in the name of humanism, that trait of the ~~human~~ white races to which the Americans so pre-eminently subscribe, and the seed of which will bear all the better fruit if now and then one drops out of the straight furrow.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Vice-Chairman

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

Letter No. 36 Kobe 2 July 1946

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

Subject : A R C Clothing & additional Supplies

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

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

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

International Relief Committee

Brand Chairman

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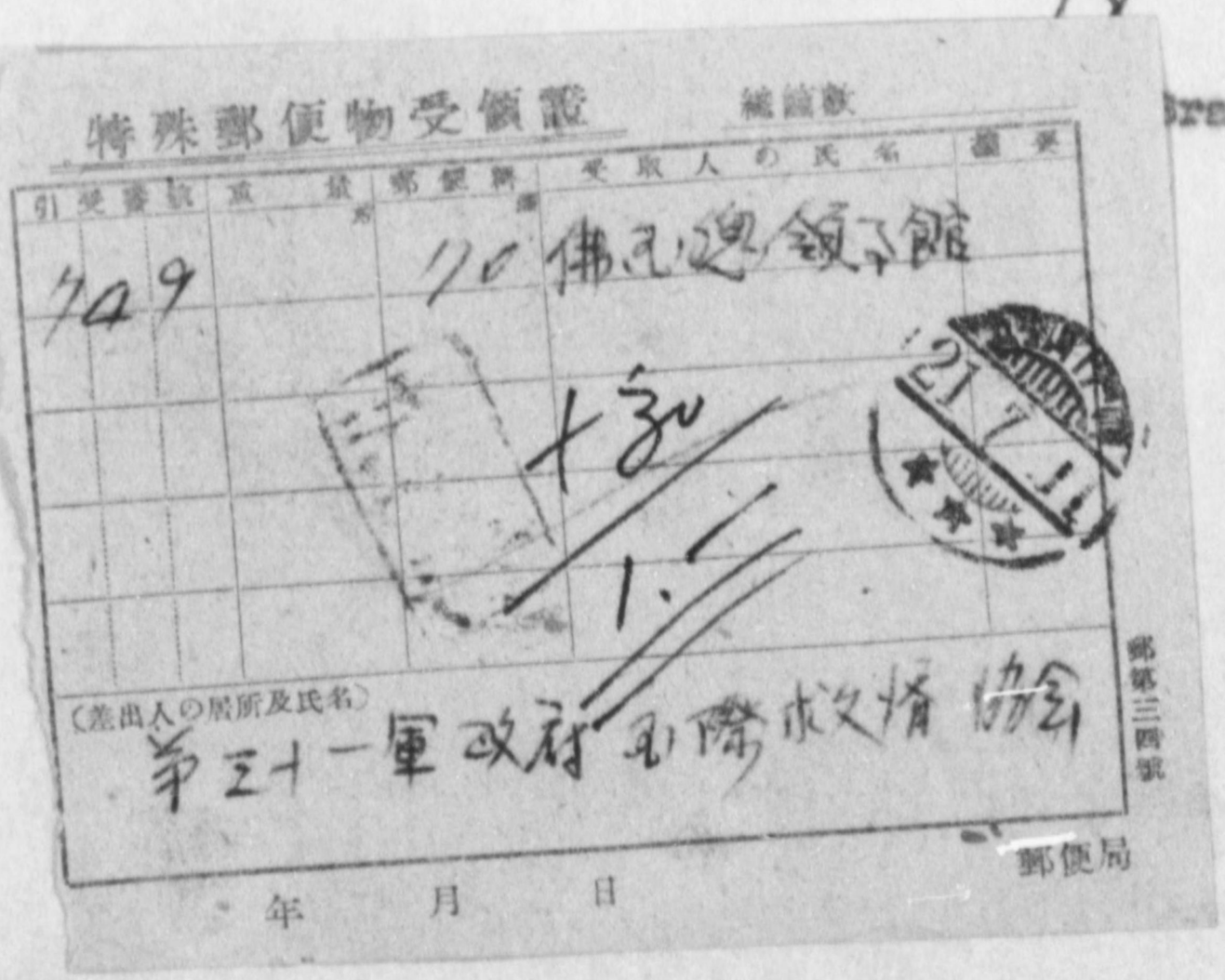
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(差出人の居所及氏名)
第三十一軍政府司法部求刑係

年 月 日 郵便局

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International Relief Committee

C.W. Brand Chairman

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Letter No. 35. Kobe 2d July 1946

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

Subject : Weekly & Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

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

You will understand that this is extremely unsatisfactory.

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

International Relief Committee

C.W. Brand Chairman

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

Letter No 34

To : HQ.I.R.C. Yokohama

From : I.R.C. Kobe Branch

Subject : Registrations

Please note the following cancellations :

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| A-9 | Aitelli | 1 f. | |
| A-18 | Amram | 3 persons | Mr L.Amram remaining |
| A-19 | Amram | 3 persons | |
| G-35 | Guttinger | 1 | |
| P-9 | Pellerin | 5 persons | |
| T-11 | Totah | 4 " | |
| W-13 | Wimitzer | 4 " | |

All these having left for their country

International Relief Committe

C.W.Brand Chairman

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

KOBE BRANCH

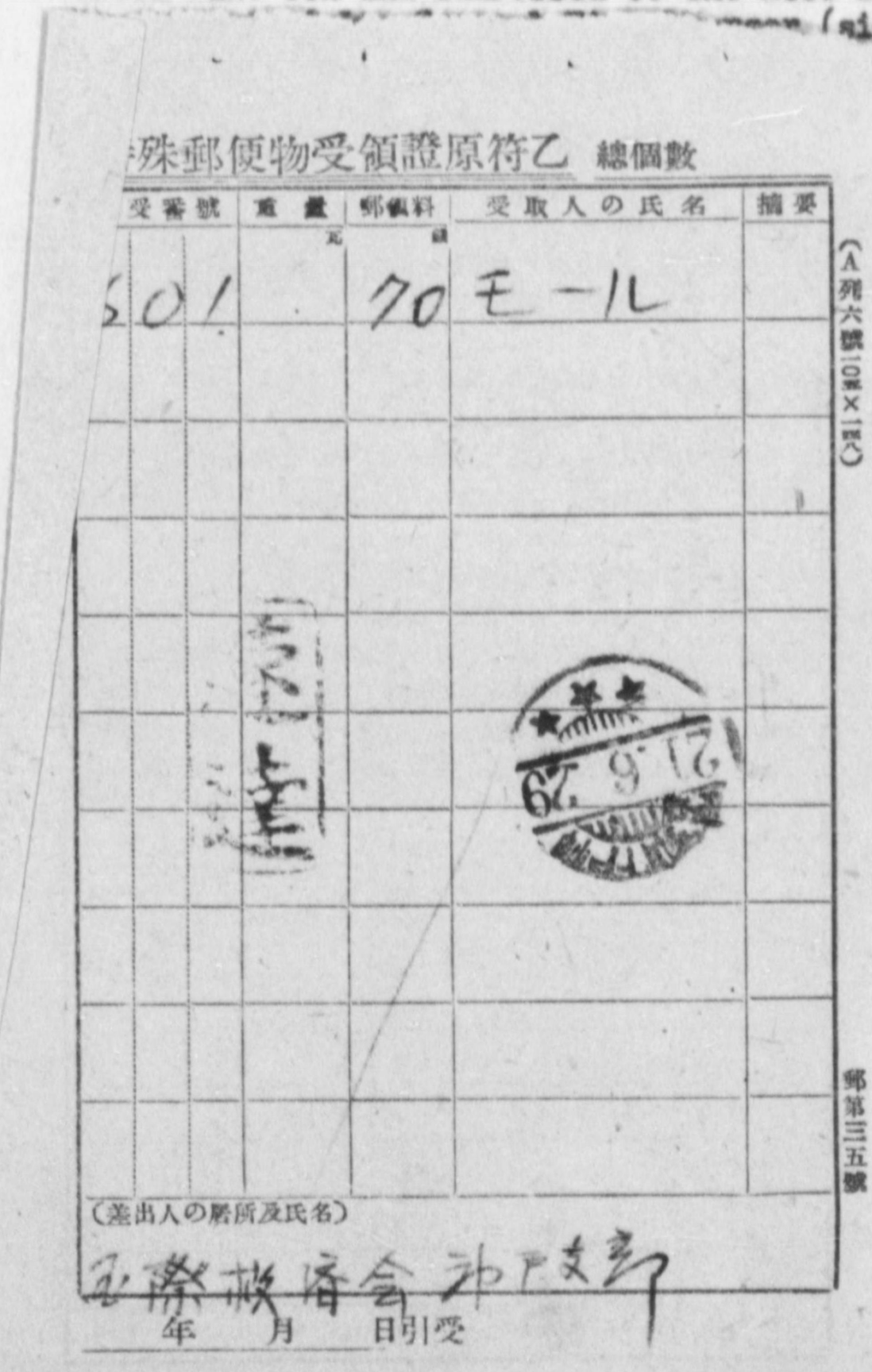
Letter N: 33 KOBE, 22nd June 1946.

To: The International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Subject: Donation Delburgo & Free Bank Account

With reference to your letter of the 31st May, we repeatedly went to see the local Teikoku Bank, but failed to obtain their agreement for an "open" account.

The letter AG 123 (MG) from the Headquarters of the Eighth Army, dated June 6th and addressed to the Kobe Branch of the Teikoku Bank, Ltd., signed by 1st Lt. James H. Nash), estricted in any way, was of no

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RNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman

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The Bank's contention, which we can understand to some extent, is that they have to abide by the official banking regulations, which forbid such open accounts into which frozen checks can be paid. Any instruction to the contrary will have to come to them from the Okurasho.

The Yokohama Specie Bank, whom we also saw, confirmed that Mr. Delburgo's check could only be issued as a frozen one, in accordance with the Okurasho's permit. Mr. Delburgo's application had been made for a free check. The Bank of Japan, whom we consulted, could do nothing in the matter.

It is evident, therefore, that if the Yen 10.000 donated (and possible further gifts) shall become available to us without complications whenever needed, a new arrangement will have to be made, whereby the Eighth Army's order is issued to the Okurasho for transmission to the Teikoku Bank, Kobe. We would thank you to again take up the question on our behalf at the earliest, so that it may soon be cleared to our satisfaction.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Chairman

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Roll #9

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Letter No 32

Kobe 22 June 1946

TO : HQ I.R.C. Yokohama

FROM : I.R.C. Kobe

SUBJECT : REQUISITIONS SURPLUS AIR-DROPPED & I.R.C.C. SUPPLIES

Herewith you will find STOCK LIST of these goods.

The first part is covered by Requi sition No 1 dated 2 May, approved by Capt. MYDEN.

As arranged will you please make out a second requisition covering all the rest, have it approved & sent to us as promptly as possible.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe branch

C.W.Brand Chairman.

特殊郵便物受領證原符乙 總個數

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(差出人の住所及氏名)

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
c/o 1st Military Government
Kencho Building

Letter N°:31

Kobe 20th June 1946

To : HQ. I.R.C. Yokohama

From : I.R.C. Kobe

SUBJECT : SUBCOMMITTEES ADDRESS

We shall thank you to let us have the addresses of all SUBCOMMITTEES together with the list of their Members.

We are being questioned on this point & we are not in a position to reply.

International Relief Committee

C.W.Brand Chairman

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe Letter No 30

To / Headquarters I.R.C. Yokohama
From : I.R.C. Kobe Branch
Subject : REGISTRATION%

Mr. JAKOB Hirsh (Our reference J - 4 ) is transferring his residence to Yokohama & has applied for the cancellation of his registration on our records .

This gentleman wishes to be now registered at the Headquarters Yokohama.

Copy of his application was sent to you in due course & we trust there will no difficulty in including this case (classified here as " B ") in your relief.

International Relief Committee
Kobe Branch

C.W.Brand / Chairman.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government
Hyogo Kencho

Kobe LetterNo 29

2½ July 1946.

To/ Headquarters
International Relief Committee
Yokohama

From : Kobe Branch
Subject : REGISTRATIONS

DINABURG Z. 3 Persons
DINABURG B. 1 "

coming from Karuizawa
have applied for registration in Kobe.

Will you please let us know, preferably by CABLE whether these 2 names have been cancelled from Karuizawa lists.

Should we not hear frpm you by the 25th inst. we shall understand that cancellation has been effected in Karuizawa & shall enter these in our records.

International Relief Committee

C.W.Brand Chairman

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
c/o 31st Military Government
Hyogo Kencho

Letter No 28.

To / Headquarters I.R.C.
From / I R.C. Kobe Branch
Subject : REGISTRATIONS

We beg to enclose herewith SEVEN NEW registrations accepted by our Committee :

VIERA Felix
GRAHAM John
ETZINE Ray W.
EVANS T.H.
MITCHELL
BISKARRA
Ruiz de la HERMOSA

and THREE more

MAULAWIN Mariano

MOY Henry
TASHKANDI

FOR WHICH WE SHALL THANK YOU
to let us have your decision

C.W. Brand Chairman

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

31ST MILITARY GOVERNMENT KOBE 4006

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SAFELY DELIVERY INSTPUCTIONS TELEPHONED MOSS

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE 31ST

MILITARY GOVERNMENT KOBE

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ask Octagon Moss to dial 20277

STAFF ENROL AS EMPLOYEES INTERNAL AFFAIRS MILITARY GOVERNMENT STOP DELBOURO PERMIT OTAINED WRITING FULLY STOP DOUBTFUL CASES ONLY LEGAL DEFINITION CA E ACCEPTED AT PRESENT

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe Letter No 27. Kobe 31 May 1946

To Headquarters I.R.C.
From I.R.C. Kobe Branch
Subject EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

Chairman: We beg to confirm telegram 29 May from our

REFERRING TO MY LETTER 23 MAY EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF TELEGRAPH WHAT HAS BEEN DONE%

subject We shall be pleased to hear from you on the

International Relief Committee

C.W.Brand Chairman.

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INTERNATIONAL RRLIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Letter N°-25

Kobe 27 May 1946

To/ Headquarters I.R.C.
From : I.R.C. Kobe Branch
Subject : REGISTRATION (Doubtful cases)

Enclosed herewith an application on which we would like tp have your decision.

Mrs F.D.RUPERT - Japanese married to an American Civilian Internee ~~P.O.W.~~ now in the United States.

On this subject :Doubtful cases, we are still awaiting your replies to our letters 28th 30th March & 10th of April.

We shall thank you to look into the matter and let us have your decision as promptly as convenient possible.

International Relief Committee

↓ See Telegram HQ 31.5

C.W. BRAND - Chairman.

ONLY LEGAL DEFINITION
CAN BE ACCEPTED AT PRESENT

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WHAT IS LEGAL DEFINITION ?

PERSONAL

Kobe 23 May 1946

C.H. MOSS Esq.

Chairman
International Relief Committee
Yokohama.

My dear Mr Moss

In writing you a private letter,I find it easier to express certain feelings of the Committee in Kobe, which it would not be diplomatic to entrust to the official mail.

The various Committees have been set up now for many months to handle relief for the Foreign Communities. But,what have we achieved ?

Going by the Directive of 30th January,1946,we cannot expect much . Even the items enumerated in paragraph 3 are only just now being made available to us and,as we all know,these do not justify the organization of large committees with paid staffs. The American Red Cross clothing is the only item that amounts to anything at all. The balance of P.O.W. supplies is more or less a bit of leftover odds & ends,and a distribution thereof would not really mean any substantial aid.

Doubtlessly we could help just a few really "destitute" people,but this would in no way mitigate the acute shortage of essentials experienced by every Allied & Neutral national living in this country.

When you first visited Kobe we were given to understand that a considerable amount of supplies would ultimately be made available to us. This impresssion was confirmed in later interviews with you and Captains Myden & Blackburn.

To put it very bluntly,we are not a little disappointed by the progress made since. The large amounts of Army surplusses made available to the Japanese Government tend to make us feel that the original efforts to help the Foreigners have not met with the approval of G.H.Q. If the failure to procure some relief for Allied & Neutrals had been due to the fact that no surplusses are available,we would not have any reason for disillusionment,but as things stand to-day, we feel that we are simply being ignored and that the "raison -

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| 引受番號 | 重量 | 郵便料 | 受取人の氏名 | 摘要 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 99 | 瓦 | 70錢 | モス | |

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（差出人の居所及氏名）
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年　月　日引受

d'être" of the International Relief Committee is non-existant. Honestly speaking, all the work put in by the members of the Committees seems utterly futile. We do not want to seem# unduly disheartened,neither do we wish to throw in the sponge. But,on the other hand, some little encouragement in the way of a more defnite promise that ultimately some good can be done,would certainly go a long way to dispel this feeling of fighting windmills.

The need for relief has certainly not diminished, on the contrary the requests for aid are pouring in daily & we are firmly convinced that a lot of foreigners are having a very hard time to keep body and soul together. If these ends cannot be reached through our Committee,could the Army of Occupation possibly take the matter entirely in their own hands ?

Should the Army Authorities you are dealing with - although we are fully convinced that they are doing all they can - not receive sufficient support to initiate the desired help, would an appeal to Colonel Sams of G.H.Q. Welfare Section help attain the desired results ?

When the Nagoya Chinese managed to get an appeal for relief to S.C.A.P, taken up through a Chinese Association in San Francisco,the highest authorities in Tokyo were making enquiries. Could the American Press in Tokyo be convinced that our cause is a just one and deserves the attention of the Allied High Command and consequently give it some publicity ?

EMPLOYEMENT OF STAFF. An issue which I would like you to go into carefully is the question of our paid staff. Colonel Scott has passed this request on "through channels" on 10th & 24th April,and again on 8th May with his recommendation. It had previously been ascertained from Captains Mydenand Ellis that the engagements of Messrs Thieck & Mason,met with their approval,but even this matter has not been settled yet. Both gentlemen would very much like toknow where they stand. Could M.G. Yokohama sanction these appointments,preferably by cable ?

A & B RATIONS. Emphasizing my contention that we are getting nowhere,I refer to our "Report on visit to H.Q.I.R.C. Yokohama 19th & 20th April 1946 " reading in part as follows

" Captain Blackburn was requested to confirm "
" to Kobe the arrangements covering "A" & "B" "
" rations,so that those qualifying for the "A" "
" rations will receive same instead of the cur-"
" rent "B" ration ."

The question was also discussed with Capt. MYDEN during my visit

during my visit to Yokohama and confirmed in our letter No 4 dated 8th March 1946. Even so,up to-date,no steps were taken to correct the mistake originally made by the Kobe Kencho. For your information I may add that in Osaka and Kyoto, "A" rations are being issued to those qualifying.

In closing these lines,I wish once more to assure you that the Kobe Committee is quite prepared to carry on and to put their full energy at the disposal of the Foreign Community if this will serve a purpose.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely

C.W. Brand

P.S. Just at the time of writing
we are given to understand that
Mr.Mason has found other employment
with the Army.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe Letter No 25 — Kobe 25 May 1946

To : Headquarters I.R.C. Yokohama.

Subject : REGISTRATION

Kindly note the following alterations to be made to the list of registrations :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ASSUMALR.R. | 1 | To be cancelled All having been repatriated → 19 |
| BHAGCHAND M | 1 | |
| DASWANI L.I. | 2 | |
| DASWANI V.S. | 4 | |
| GAGANDAS T. | 1 | |
| GOBINDRAM H. | 1 | |
| JERAMDAS K. | 1 | |
| KHEMLANI T.T. | 3 | |
| MALKANI T.G. | 2 | |
| MASRANI D.M. | 1 | |
| MELVANI T.N. | 1 | |
| MOTOOMULL K. | 1 | |

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C.W.BRAND Chairman

特殊郵便物受領證原符乙　總個數

| 引受番號 | 重量 | 郵便料 | 受取人の氏名 | 摘要 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 621 | 瓦 | 錢 90 | モス | |

（差出人の居所及氏名）

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe Letter No. 24.

Kobe - 18 May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: Mr. DELBURGO'S DONATION.

We wish to confirm receipt of your telegram enquiring whether Mr. Delburgo's donation was to be paid out of his "Frozen Insurance Account".

As wired you last night, payment of this amount is to be made from his current account with the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., Kobe Branch - which is blocked in accordance with the recent financial ordinance. There is absolutely no question of any Insurance account being involved in connection with this donation.

We trust that with our wire in hand it will be possible for you to secure the necessary release at an early date.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe Letter No. 23

Kobe - 18 May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: REGISTRATIONS.

Kindly note the following alterations to be made to the list of registrations:-

No. M-14. MARICH - Increase by one male - Paul Marich.

Kyoto M-1. MARICH - Cancel.

No. R-21. RUEGG - 1 male, 1 female, 2 girls 10-15 yrs. Cancel.

S-E-1. Add following new applications herewith:-

ENJO SHIMAI KAI
(Dames Auxiliatrices du Purgatoire)

| | |
|---|---|
| Esther Connel | British |
| Cecile de Dampierre | French |
| Henriette de Montarby | French |
| Elizabeth Lasaffre | French |
| Yvonne Vaillant | French |
| Marixe van der Beken Pasteel | Belgian |
| Marie Coltilde Verwilghen | Belgian |

Kusunoki-cho, 4-chome, Hiroshima-shi.

Attached please find revised summary list of today's date.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
Letter No. 22. c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 16 May, 1946.

To: HEADQUARTERS I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: REGISTRATIONS

We hand you herewith tabulated alphabetical lists as follows:-

Alphabetical list for Kobe residents.
-ditto- for Osaka residents.
-ditto- for Kyoto/Otsu residents.
-ditto- for Outlying Districts residents.

and also attach an analysis showing total number of persons in our area registered up to date. This analysis shows the Italian community separately as we have yet to have your confirmation regarding including these nationals.

We are still waiting for additional lists from the Chinese.

We also send you herewith five additional application forms from Italians - these are included in the analysis.

As changes occur we shall continue to keep you advised.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

U. A. Casal, Vice Chairman.

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18 May, 1946

## ANALYSIS OF KOBE AREA COMMUNITIES

| ADULTS | KOBE AREA | OSAKA AREA | KYOTO AREA | OUTLYING AREAS | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Males | 425 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 479 |
| Females | 484 | 21 | 23 | 21 | 549 |
| Total | 909 | 40 | 41 | 38 | 1,028 |
| **CHILDREN** | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | |
| 0-5 yrs. | 38 | 1 | 2 | - | 41 |
| 6-10 yrs. | 24 | - | 1 | - | 25 |
| 11-15 yrs. | 22 | 1 | 2 | - | 25 |
| Total | 84 | 2 | 5 | - | 91 |
| Females | | | | | |
| 0-5 yrs. | 53 | 1 | 3 | - | 57 |
| 6-10 yrs. | 28 | 1 | 2 | - | 31 |
| 11-15 yrs. | 29 | 2 | - | 1 | 32 |
| Total | 110 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 120 |
| GRAND TOTAL:- | 1,103 | 46 | 51 | 39 | 1,239 |

(Breakdown of "Outlying Areas" - Kakogawa 6 Hiroshima 10
Awaji 2 Okayama 3
Shikoku 18

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ITALIAN COMMUNITY - KOBE

90 males - Navy and Merchant Marine
10 males adult - Local residents
7 females adult -do-
1 male 0-5 yrs.
2 males 11-15 yrs.
1 female 11-15 yrs

111 totally

# ANALYSIS OF KOBE AREA COMMUNITIES

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| ADULTS | KOBE AREA | OSAKA AREA | KYOTO AREA | OUTLYING AREAS | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Males | 425 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 480 |
| Females | 485 | 21 | 23 | 14 | 543 |
| Total | 910 | 40 | 42 | 31 | 1,023 |
| **CHILDREN** | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | |
| 0-5 yrs. | 38 | 1 | 2 | - | 41 |
| 6-10 yrs. | 24 | | 1 | - | 25 |
| 11-15 yrs. | 22 | 1 | 2 | - | 25 |
| Total | 84 | 2 | 5 | - | 91 |
| Females | | | | | |
| 0-5 yrs. | 53 | 1 | 3 | - | 57 |
| 6-10 yrs. | 28 | 1 | 2 | - | 31 |
| 11-15 yrs. | 31 | 2 | - | 1 | 34 |
| Total | 112 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 122 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | 1,106 | 46 | 52 | 32 | 1,236 |

(Breakdown of "Outlying Areas" - Kakogawa 6 Hiroshima 3
Awaji 2 Okayama 3
Shikoku 18

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ITALIAN COMMUNITY - KOBE

90 males - Navy & Merchant Marine
10 males adult - Local residents
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2 males 11-15 yrs.
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Total 1342

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government
Hyogo Kencho Bldg. - Kobe

Kobe Letter No. 21.

Kobe - 16 May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: REQUISITION DATED 7 MAY, 1946.

We thank you for the copy of the above mentioned requisition.

We presume that the quantity of women's shoes has been kept at the figure of 350 pairs because there is not yet enough to take care of all our needs. However, we would appreciate it if you could see your way clear to increasing the requisition for the O.B. Pads so that every one may be taken care of. We will require approximately 550 for our area.

No additional information regarding other clothing items from the American Red Cross shipments has been received. We would appreciate it if you could let us know at the earliest possible moment just what items can be expected - and some data about sizes - so that we can begin canvassing our community for their needs. We have heard rumours to the effect that women's blouses or dresses have already been distributed in Yokohama. No doubt this is not correct as you had laid emphasis on the importance of distributions commencing simultaneously at both Yokohama and Kobe.

In any event, we would appreciate hearing from you at the earliest possible date on the results of the inventory of these A.R.C. supplies.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

U. A. Casal, Vice Chairman.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 16 May, 1946.

Kobe Letter No. 20.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: REQUISITION FOR SUPPLIES IN KOBE

We beg to refer to copy of your requisition dated 2 May, 1946, covering items (other than clothing) which had been reported to you as available in Kobe.

We are now advised by the 31st Military Government that there are several additional items which can be turned over to us. In order to simplify matters, we would ask that you kindly cancel the requisition dated 2 May, and substitute same with a fresh one covering all the items on the attached list.

With particular reference to the clothing items, we would like to point out that a portion of these articles is likely to be very badly worn and unsuitable for general distribution. We mention this because this fact should be borne in mind when pro-rating available supplies to the various districts.

Would it be possible for telephonic or telegraphic instructions to be sent to Kobe releasing these goods?

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

U. A. Casal, Vice Chairman.

## LIST OF ITEMS AVAILABLE IN KOBE

| Type of item. | Number of item. |
|---|---|
| COCOA, Bkfst. (9 4-lb. cans to case) | 7 cases |
| RATION A No. 4-B | 33 cases |
| CANNED SOUP | 72 cases |
| CANNED FRUIT | 46 cases |
| MATCHES | 7 cases |
| CIGARETTES | 27 cartons |
| CHEWING TOBACCO | 1 case |
| PIPE TOBACCO | 2 cases |
| HERSHEY ALMOND CANDY BARS | 7 cartons |
| TROPICAL HERSHEY (Candy) | 2 cases & 2 cartons |
| SHAVING CREAM | 3 cases |
| LAUNDRY SOAP (60 bars) | 1 case |
| TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES & RAZORS | 1 case |
| CHEWING GUM | 4 cases |
| "K" RATIONS | 4 cases |
| "C" RATIONS | 18 cases |
| TEN-in-ONE RATIONS | 15 cases |
| "C" RATIONS ASST'D | 2 broken cases |
| TOMATO PUREE | 8 cases |
| BEAN SOUP, DEHYDRATED | 19 cases |
| BOUILLION CUBES | 3 cases |
| CANNED BEANS | 2 cases |
| CANNED SPINACH | 9 cases |
| CANNED FRUIT JUICE | 10 cases |
| CANNED BEETS | 2 cases |
| CANNED PORK & BEANS | ½ case |

| Type of item. | Number of item. |
|---|---|
| OVERCOATS, winter, wool | 502 |
| TROUSERS, wool | 46 |
| FLYING SUITS, Jap. | 3 |
| BLANKETS, Jap. | 31 |
| PILLOWS, Straw | 86 |
| PARACHUTES | 23 |
| MATTRESSES, Straw | 93 |
| COMFORTERS, cotton, small | 103 |
| COMFORTERS, cotton, large | 70 |
| COVERALLS | 324 |
| TROUSERS, sun-tan | 8 |
| SHIRTS, sun-tan | 26 |
| SHIRT, wool, OD | 1 |
| JACKETS, woollen | 120 |
| SHOE LACES | 1 case |
| A.R.C. supplies, mixed | ½ case |
| CAPS, Fatigue, U.S. | 3,391 |
| FIELD JACKETS, U.S.Army (old type) | 6 |
| BELTS, web | 6 |
| SOCKS | 108 prs. |
| MATTRESS COVERS | 14 |
| BENCHES, wooden | 12 |
| TABLES, wooden | 7 |
| BEDS, wooden | 15 |
| HANDKERCHIEFS | 571 |
| U.S. Army Service Shoes | 891 prs. |
| TORN & UNUSABLE SHOES | 224 prs. |
| UNUSABLE ITEMS OF CLOTHING | 1 bdl. |
| WAISTCOATS, wool | 44 |

General
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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

KOBE LETTER No. 19.

Kobe - 14 May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I. R. C. Yokohama.

Subject: RELIEF PACKAGES FROM U.S.A. to JAPAN & GERMANY

We beg to refer to the attached clipping from the "STARS & STRIPES", which is self-explanatory.

We take it that this applies to foreign nationals in Japan, as well as the Japanese, and as soon as it gets under way will be of considerable help to those of us who have friends or relatives in the U.S.A.

The purpose of this letter is to enquire whether you could possibly determine what procedure must be followed by the senders. If we have not been misinformed, similar packages to the GIs may only be despatched after submission of a letter from prospective recipients making a definite request for the items concerned. If a similar condition is made in respect to these parcels, the question of postal limitations would be involved.

Aside from the above point, our friends and relatives abroad will find it difficult to determine just what items we need most - what sizes of clothing for children who have grown during the war, etc. - so that unless we are permitted to mail our requests, it will be difficult for the senders to despatch those items of which we are in greatest need.

We would be grateful if you could obtain any additional information on this subject from the authorities concerned.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

Clipping

General

Letter No. 18.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Kobe - 13th May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: DONATION FROM Mr. D.E.DELBURGO. ¥ 10,000.-

We thank you for your wire authorizing acceptance of the above donation.

Attached please find our application to the Okurasho, in quadruplicate, for the release of the above amount from Mr. Delburgo's blocked account, together with a covering letter which we trust will expedite action on this request.

We would appreciate it very much if you could have this application delivered to the Okurasho personally and followed up.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

P.S. While on the subject of finances, will you let us know when we may expect the remittance for petty expenses which was promised us last month?

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government,
Hyogo Kencho Bldg., Kobe.

Kobe - May 13, 1946.

To: This Ministry of Finance, Tokyo.

Subject: DONATION OF ¥ 10,000.- FROM FROZEN ACCOUNT OF MR. DAVDD H. DELBURGO, KOBE.

We beg to refer to the attached application from Mr. David H. Delburgo for the transfer by unrestricted cheque of ¥ 10,000.- from his blocked current account in the Yokohama Specie Bank, Kobe, to the INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE, Kobe Branch.

Mr. Delburgo has offered the above amount as a donation to this Committee to be used as relief for destitute foreigners.

This Committee has gratefully accepted the donation, which has the approval of the 31st Military Government in Kobe, under whose supervision we are working.

It would be very much appreciated if your Ministry would have the goodness to make this release effective at the earliest possible moment.

Please accept our thanks in anticipation of your kind attention to the above.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

General.
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INTERNATIONAL RELIED COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe 13th May 1946

Letter No 17.

To ; Headquarters I.R.C. Yokohama

Subject : REGISTRATION

We beg to hand you herewith

92 Applications from ITALIAN Nationals

regarding which we shall be pleased to have your decision.

International Relief Committee

C.W. Brand

Chairman.

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe 11th May 1946

Letter No 16.

To ; Headquarters I.R.C. Yokohama

Subject ; REGISTRATION

Please make the following alterations in the Kobe Group :

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SHALU | 1 person | ( | |
| DASWANI | 4 " | ) | Cancel. |
| TIKAMDAS | 1 " | (( | All concerned |
| ASUMAL | 1 " | ) | having been repatriated. |
| GAGANDAS | 1 " | ( | |
| MELWANI | 1 " | ) | |

CHINESE The Chinese Association reports
12 Chinese Students in TOTTORI KEN

NEW APPLICATION Herewith from a Mrs Antonina VASILIEFF-BONDAREFF a Russian by birth. She was married to a Russian who later became a Roumanian . Her husband died in Kobe two years ago. Since the beginning of the war,both had been members of the russian Haikyu & received none of the privilieges enjoyed by Axis Nationals.

We consider her case a deserving one & will include her in our lists unless we hear from you to the contrary.

CANCELLATIONS Please note to cancel from the Kobe lists:

Mr. BRUNNER who left for home
Mrs STUNZI now residing in Karuizawa.

International Relief Committee

C.W. Brand
Chairman

General # 2

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 7th May, 1946.

Letter No. 15.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.

Subject: COAL

We beg to refer to the interview with Capt. Blackburn in your office on the 19th April, at which time the requirements of this district were made known to him, viz.

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| Kobe | Approx. | 600 tons monthly |
| Kyoto | " | 40 tons monthly |
| Osaka | " | 40 tons monthly |

We have not heard further from your end in connection with this subject and are writing to enquire what the position is at present. Because of the warmer weather, the need is no longer a very pressing one for many households, but there are quite a few families whose stocks of fuel are running low and who are most anxious to replenish same at the earliest opportunity without being compelled to pay prohibitive black market prices.

Will you be good enough to let us know what the position is?

CHINESE COMMUMITY IN KOBE

Please be advised that the Chinese community in Kobe, numbering more than 900 households, have askedfor the release to them of 300 tons of coal, on the same basis as arranged for the other nationals. We pass this request on to you for action.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

General.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Letter No. 14. Kobe - 4th May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: REGISTRATIONS

We send you herewith the following additional application forms:-

Jeremie CETTOUR -
Mary Florence DENTON -
Amedee GRINAND -

The above three for inclusion in the OUT-OF-TOWN GROUP.

INDONESIANS:- Attached two applications in duplicate:-

Hadji Ismail NAZIR - 2 adults & 2 children.
Sjarif DJOHAN - 1 adult.

Note that no copies of these two applications are being retained here.

REVISIONS:- Please make the following alterations in the Kobe Group.

Irene CREMIEUX and 1 son - Cancel - repatriated.

Jean Weill - Cancel Mrs. Weill only - repatriated.

G. BARBE and wife - Cancel - repatriated.

Rudolph Maria RITCHIE - Cancel Yuki Maria Ritchie only - Does not qualify.

Heliodoro Antonio dos REMEDIOS - Cancel son Teddy - Does not qualify.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

C. W. Brand, Chairman,

General.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 3rd May, 1946.

Kobe Letter No. 13.

To: Headquarters I.R.C. Yokohama.

Subject: CIVILIAN RADIOGRAMS OUTSIDE JAPAN

With further reference to our previous letter on the subject of correspondence with foreign countries, we beg to refer you to the attached copy of letter of even date to Lt. Col. P. W. Scott.

If radiograms can be despatched abroad it would serve very materially towards improving the situation in this respect and we would greatly appreciate anything you can do at your end to bring this matter to the attention of the authorities concerned.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 3rd May, 1946.

To: Lt. Col. P. W. Scott,
Commanding Officer
31st Military Government

Subject: CIVILIAN RADIOGRAMS OUTSIDE JAPAN.

The attention of this Committee has just been drawn to a "DLT RADIOGRAM LONDON/OSAKA" despatched by a civilian in London to the home address of a local British resident. The date of despatch was 30th April and that of receipt 2nd May.

We bring this matter to your attention and wish to enquire whether it would be possible - through your good offices - to make available to local allied, and neutral residents, facilities to despatch radiograms to their relatives and friends abroad.

We need not tell you how grateful the local foreign community would be if such facilities were extended to them. Please accept our sincere thanks in anticipation of anything you may be able to do in this connection.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

P.S. As a matter of routine we are also bringing this subject to the attention of our Headquarters Committee, with the request that they also take up this matter at their end.

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Letter No. 12.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama. Kobe - 3rd May, 1946.

Subject: PX FACILITIES.

We are fully aware of your efforts to obtain PX privileges for the allies, neutrals and stateless and appreciate your difficulties in this connection. However, at the request of a large number of the members of our Community, we are writing you on this subject.

There is no need for us to explain to you the fact that the purchases of daily necessities such as toilet articles - toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razor blades, toilet paper - kitchen utensils, toilet paper, kotex, electric light bulbs, etc. are practically impossible.

It is possible that your Community in Yokohama is not quite so badly off as the burnt-out group in Kobe, because the compulsory evacuation from Yokohama city must have served the purpose of saving a large portion of the household articles which otherwise would have been lost in the fire, as was the case in Kobe in numerous instances. This particularly applies to such items as cooking utensils, tableware, sheets, etc.

We can realize the official attitude on the subject of extending PX privileges to civilians, but as the total of people concerned is very limited - as compared with the number that the PX stores are equipped to handle - we wonder whether it would not be possible to extend some limited privileges to the local residents.

We would greatly appreciate anything you can do for us in this connection.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
31st Military Government

Letter No. 11.

Kobe - 3rd May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.
Subject: PRIORITY ON CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS.

When we visited you in Yokohama a fortnight ago, the question of priority classification for distributions was brought up. You stated that complete instructions will be provided in this respect at the time the goods are forwarded to us, but that it was in order for us to submit our suggestions.

As mentioned in the minutes of our committee meetings, we propose to adopt the following plan:-

PRIORITY ON CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

"A" - Special cases of DESTITUTE PERSONS.
(These are the thirty odd persons whom we consider destitute and in urgent need of assistance. We have tried to keep this group as small as possible, and have included in it only those people who, because of old age, etc., are unable to fend for themselves.)

"B" - Bona fide burnt out persons who have been unable to replace necessities. (This group would exclude those whose fire losses were not large and also those whose means were such that they have been able to replace a fair portion of their losses.) Also "near destitutes".

"C" - Persons not burnt out - with moderate means.
(This group would include those whose fire losses were not large - as well as the majority of the non burnt out persons - excluding those with very substantial means.)

"D" - Others.

METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION

As soon as the available items and quantities are known to us, we shall issue application forms to all members somewhat as per attached specimen.

When the forms are returned we shall endeavour to fill the first choices as far as possible - basing ourselves on the above priority classification. When this is impossible, the fortunate ones will be decided by lot.

We are well aware of the fact that it will be practically impossible to adhere to any set of rules in making these distributions - and that we will have to make numerous

exceptions as we go along. However, so long as it is going to be impossible to make uniform overall issues, then it will be necessary to have some form of priority classification and it is our intention to proceed along the above mentioned lines.

While we are on this subject, we might mention that we are constantly being questioned by members of our community as to the date of distributions and what items are available. This is particularly true in those cases of women who are in urgent need of a pair of shoes. By making great sacrifices they can probably buy a pair of shoes in the black market at around ¥ 1,500.-, but because of the large expense involved they would prefer to wait if there is any chance of receiving a pair of shoes from this Committee.

We are fully aware of the difficulties you are faced with in this connection, but sincerely trust that you can let us know by return of post when and what items are available.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government
Hyogo Kencho Bldg., Kobe.

The International Relief Committee has for distribution the under-mentioned items, but the quantities available are not sufficient to make issues to every one. You are requested to state your needs in the order for their urgency, or preference, viz. if you are most in need of a Shirt and then a pair of Shoes, please state Shirt at the head of the list, Shoes next, etc. We will then do our best to see that you get a Shirt, and if this is impossible a pair of Shoes, but cannot make any definite promises. THOSE NOT IN NEED PLEASE REFRAIN FROM APPLYING.

MEN'S -- SHIRTS SWEATERS PYJAMAS
LADIES'-- BLOUSES SKIRTS SWEATERS
CHILDREN'S -- DRESSES .....

Instructions re sizes:-

SHOES - State length and width (at widest point) of foot in INCHES.
Or attach a sketch.

SHIRTS - Men - State collar size.
Women - State bust size.

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APPLICATION

| Item | Size |
|---|---|
| 1st choice ..... | ..... |
| 2nd choice ..... | ..... |
| 3rd choice ..... | ..... |
| 4th choice ..... | ..... |

Name:(PRINT) Haikyu District No. ..... Signature:
..... Sex: Age:..... .....

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Letter No. 10.

Kobe - 2nd May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: DONATION FROM FROZEN ACCOUNT

The attached letter to Lt. Col. Scott is self explanatory.

We have been informed that application for release of this amount from Mr. Delburgo's frozen account would have to be made through the usual channels - i.e. the Bank of Japan, and that its eventual release was a matter of course.

Before we proceed further on this subject, we are writing to enquire whether there would be any objection on your part to our acceptance of this donation. The only stipulation which Mr. Delburgo made was that this donation be used for the relief of destitute foreign nationals in Kobe.

It is quite possible that this donation is but the first of many more to follow from other individuals, which may enable us to extend financial assistance to needy cases.

As we would like to let Mr. Delburgo know whether his offer is acceptable, will you be good enough to telegraph a reply to this letter.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

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C. W. Brend, Chairman.

Accepted by wire 7.5.46

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe Letter No. 9

Kobe - 2nd May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: FROZEN FIRE INSURANCE ACCOUNTS.

Our attention has been brought to the fact that some foreigners are experiencing difficulties in securing release from the above mentioned accounts of the ¥ 300.- monthly allowed for foreigners' extra food rations.

The local branch of the Bank of Japan has been in telephone communication with their Tokyo Office on this subject, but without any satisfactory results. They have suggested that we make an appeal directly to the Ministry of Finance. This we have done as per attached letter, which is self explanatory, and would thank you kindly to forward same to the proper department.

Also see FINANCES #5

No doubt you will have similar instances in your district and a definite ruling on the part of the Finance Ministry on this subject will be of assistance to the other sub-committees as well.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government
Hyogo Kencho Bldg., Kobe.

Kobe - 2nd May, 1946.

Mailed S.D.
7.5.46

To the Ministry of Finance,
Tokyo.

Dear Sirs:- Re: FROZEN FIRE INSURANCE ACCOUNTS

We are writing this letter on behalf of those members of our Community whose cash deposits have been exhausted and who are entirely dependant on their Frozen Fire Insurance Accounts to cover their living expenses.

In such cases, we understand that applications for withdrawals covering the regular monthly amounts, as follows, have been granted.

| | If WITHOUT any other source of income | In ADDITION to other sources of income |
|---|---|---|
| Head of Family | ¥ 300.- per month | ¥ 100.- per month |
| For each additional family member | ¥ 100.- per month | ¥ 100.- per month |

In addition to the above amount, foreign nationals who are authorized by the Japanese Government or by SCAP authorities to draw special food rations will be permitted to draw out of their blocked funds a sum not exceeding ¥ 300.- monthly per person to cover the cost of said rations. This is in accordance with your memorandum to the Bank of Japan dated 18th March, 1946 and is already in effect as regards withdrawals from ordinary accounts.

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that in conformity with the above memorandum, you permit this additional withdrawal from the frozen insurance account as well, to such persons as qualify. The local financial organizations can quite readily testify as to the applicants' qualification for this additional withdrawal.

We attach hereto an application from Mr. B. Dassum, residing at No. 35, Shinohara Kitamachi 4-chome, Nada-ku, Kobe, and would request that you kindly grant this application at the earliest possible date.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to the above,

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

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C. W. Brand, Chairman.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 1st May, 1946.

To: Lt. Col. P. W. Scott,
Commanding Officer,
31st Military Government Hq. & Hq. Co.

Subject: DONATION FROM FROZEN ACCOUNT

Mr. D. H. Delburgo, an Italian Jew and long time resident of Kobe, has offered a donation of ¥ 10,000.- to this Committee, out of his frozen account with the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., to be used for the relief of destitute foreign nationals coming within the scope of this Committee's jurisdiction.

This Committee has voted to accept this donation provided there is no objection on your part.

In case this donation meets with your approval, we would thank you to let us know the best manner in which the amount could be made available to us. Could this be done on your authority in Kobe, or would the matter have to be referred to Yokohama or Tokyo?

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

Mr J. Hull 2.5.46 14[30]
Cl. Scott quite agreable
suggests however to get
HQ.1.R.C's approval. - HQ1.R.C approved by wire 7.5.46

D.D. should take himself the
necessary steps for unfreezing.

Due May 13th

General.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Letter No. 8.

Kobe - 1st May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: GHQ DIRECTIVE EXEMPTING ACCOUNTS OF DEPOSIT OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

We thank you for your registered letter of the 27th April which reached us on the 30th.

It would appear that the details of this directive will have to be worked out by the Authorities concerned and that some considerable time may still be required before the exemption is made effective.

In this connection we refer you to Paragraph 3 of our Letter No. 1, wherein we suggested the possibility of this Committee acting in some official capacity in implementing this Directive. We would point out to you the ease and speed with which the matter of drawing ¥ 300.- additional for the foreigners food rations was handled in this district through arrangements and forms prepared by this Committee. We fully realize that the conditions of this new Directive will probably be rather involved, i.e. the length of internment, imprisonment, freezing of funds, etc. and it is to be hoped that the details will be sufficiently specific to avoid possible misinterpretations. With complete instructions, we feel that this Committee is qualified to handle this matter and should you approve we would ask that you place our services before the authorities concerned.

We are particularly concerned about those beneficiaries who live in outlying districts and who may be left entirely in the dark unless the new ruling and its clauses are specially brought to their attention. We can hardly expect the Japanese financial organizations to notify all possible beneficiaries.

Naturally, all those who come within the scope of this directive are appreciative of the privilege extended them by SCAP. However, there are others in our community who were most definitely sympathizers with the Allied cause, but whose accounts were not frozen - nor were they imprisoned - and so do not qualify. Nevertheless, as Occidentals, they must perforce maintain a higher standard of living than the Japanese people and the ¥ 300.- extra which they are permitted to draw for their special food rations, plus the regular Japanese allowances, is by no means sufficient to permit them to do this. It does not seem fair that they should be given the same treatment as the nationals of a defeated nation, bearing in mind their higher standard of living.

Would it not be possible for the authorities to extend the scope of the above privileged class to include all thœe other than enemy nationals?

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Letter No. 7

Kobe - 1st May, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: SPECIAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO KOBE GERMANS.

In response to your enquiry re rumours of special food distributions to the Kobe Germans at the German Club, we beg to report as follows.

As far as we have been able to determine, we can only presume that the rumours in question arose from the fact that the local German Community, i.e. residents, refugees and merchant marine personnel - are members of the regular foreigners food distribution centres. As such, those residing in District No. 2 receive their issues at the German Club Building.

According to information in our possession, the only time that any special distribution was made to the Germans was some time in November last year, and covered a group of destitute German refugees who were without funds to pay for their official rations. Later, the German Community here were able to make financial arrangements to take care of this destitute group and they were included in the Foreigners Food Distribution Centers, i.e. on the same basis as is being done in Yokohama.

In connection with the procedure followed at Kobe in regard to German stocks, it would appear that when the Military Government was organizing the Foreigners Food Distribution Centers, the question of stocks held by the German Community was brought up and it was proposed that they pool these stocks and place them at the disposal of the entire foreign commuhity here. This was agreed upon and distributions have been made from these stocks during the past six months.

You will realize that this arrangement was concluded and in operation for some considerable time before the formation of our Committee.

We are obtaining figures covering the per capita issues from this source and will send them to you early next week. If these figures approximate the distributions which can be made from confiscated stocks at your disposal - we consider it only fair that the Kobe Group be excluded from participation in this category. Of course, all residents outside of Kobe Area (what we here call the Out-of-Town Group) should share in your supplies.

Please let us hear from you on this point.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government
Hyogo Kencho Bldg.

Letter No. 6

Kobe - 30th April, 1946

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama
From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch
Subject: STAMPING OF I.R.C. SUPPLIES

So that the stamping on supplies issued by the I.R.C. Committees throughout Japan may be uniform, we make the request that you order sufficient rubber stamps to take care of all the various sub-committees.

Please let us know whether this will be done, or whether you wish us to have our own stamp made here. In the latter case kindly give us some idea of the type of stamp being used by you.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

See file # 11
Letters 13 & 14 May

General.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
31st Military Government

Letter No. 5.

Kobe - 29th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.
From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.
Subject: TELEGRAM THROUGH ARMY CHANNELS.

This is just to let you know that the cablegram despatched by you through Army channels on the 17th inst. only reached this office at 10.30 a.m. on the 27th. For your information we give below the following indications appearing on this message:-

MCN: 5868
TOO: 261720 I
TORSC: 261830 I
TORAG: 270800 I

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman

CLEAR TEXT ROUTINE

MCN: 5868

TOO: 261720 I

TORSC: 261830 I

TORAG: 270800 I CG I CORPS 261720 I APRIL 46

TO: (ACTION) CO 31 ST MIL GOVT CO

KF 05533 01600....PASS TO INTERNATIONAL RELIEF CIMMITTEE RAD, HQS EIGHTH ARMY.
CITE D 99547 "EXERTING EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT CONCERNING FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS FOOD PROBLEM. UNDERSTAND DIRECT APPLICATION OKURASH ENABLES WETHDRAWL EACH FAMILY FIFTEEN H HUNDRED. REPORT ER RECEIVED KOBE GERMANS RECEIVED SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FOODSTUFF FROM GERMAN CLUB. REPORT IF ACCURATE. SIGNED MOSS CHAIRMAN INTERNATIONAL RELIEF CIMMITTEE."

DIST:

ACTION: 31 AMG

INFO: C/S

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Rec'd. 27th April 10.30 A.M.
Replied 1.5.46

General file eventually for Subjects files

# REPORT ON VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS I.R.C. YOKOHAMA

19th and 20th April, 1946

Messrs. C. W. Brand and H. J. Mason

Talks were held with Capt. Blackburn, Military Government, Yokohama, Mr. Moss, Mr. Gueymard - as well as attendance at a Committee Meeting of the Headquarters Committee. The points enumerated below cover the main topics discussed.

1. TRIPS TO YOKOHAMA For all visits to Yokohama, the approval of the Military Government there should first be obtained and in future a cable should be sent to Mr. Moss requesting authority for the trip.

2. RED CROSS SURPLUS SUPPLIES Requisition for the Kobe surplus had not yet been filed by Mr. Moss who promised to attend to this at the first opportunity. Yokohama stocks of Red Cross Supplies appear to be very much larger than Kobe; also some 600 cartons of 10-in-1 rations in Fukuoka were being transferred to Yokohama. (X) There have disappeared Re distribution of these surplus air-dropped supplies, it was agreed that because of the difficulty in reconciling the past Red Cross distributions for the different areas, the policy will be adopted of pooling all stocks and pro-rating on a population basis. Mr. Moss will also advise us what basis to follow as regards priority classification for those items on which a general overall distribution is impossible. This applies to other supplies as well.

3. AMERICAN RED CROSS CLOTHING SUPPLIES Inventory of these goods not yet completed. Mr. Moss stated the services of the I.R.C. Yokohama staff might be offered to expedite matters. Rather considerable discrepancies between the packing lists and the case contents expected. The under-mentioned figures picked at random from the packing lists are mentioned here only to give some idea of the TYPE of items which can be expected and must not be released outside the Committee as they are by no means final.

MEN's Shirts (700) Sweaters (2500) Pyjamas (480)
WOMEN's Dresses (4000) Shirts (2700) Blouses (1100)
O.B. Pads (2700) Brassiers (1600)
CHILDREN's Dresses (4700) Pants (1900) Sweaters (7000)
Shirts (1200) Boys' Sweaters (3000) Baby Blankets (1400)
Shoes for girls and children very limited quantities.

As soon as the inventory is made up, Yokohama will prorate the supplies on basis of population figures and despatch to respective sub-committees with full instructions as to distributions. Re the Chinese population, Mr. Moss stated that it was the understanding of the Military Government that the original shipment was intended for the occidental population and that their needs should be taken care of first.

Yokohama has prepared a form which applicants will be asked to fill out - stating their needs and sizes. We were given to understand that Yokohama intended to have these forms filled in without advising the community of the items available - we mentioned that perhaps it would be advisable to let the community know what items are available, but that quantities were insufficient to go round, and ask them to state their needs in the order of their urgency. By doing this the actual needs of the community might be better filled.

4. QUESTIONNAIRES A total of 1205 was handed to Yokohama. In accepting these, Yokohama confirmed that while the financial status of those who are not in the so-called special destitute class need not be disclosed - it was absolutely essential that passports or other nationality affidavits be carefully checked. Expired passports would be acceptable. When in doubt, the approval of some official body should be obtained. All questionnaires must be signed. It was suggested by us that this detail could best be taken care of (together with a re-check of

the passports where necessary) at the time issues are actually made. This procedure was approved, the condition being made that the originals retained in Kobe be signed. Also, notation should appear on the originals that the passport has been verified. Any changes should be reported to Yokohama so that their copies can be corrected.

4-a. Italians, etc. Yokohama are accepting applications from all nationals coming under Classification 4 - viz. Argentina, Finland, Italy, Siam and Austria - but will not act on them until approval of Military Headquarters on their status is secured. It was agreed that we would notify these nationals in our area that their applications can be filed.

4-b. Formosans. It was confirmed that Military Government will not recognize the Formosans as Chinese Nationals.

4-c. Chinese in Nagoya. It was reported that General MacArthur had been advised that the Chinese population in Nagoya numbering some 600 had appealed to the San Francisco Chinese Association for assistance. Military Government enquired what we were doing about them and were advised that the local Chinese Association had been asked for reports on all Chinese Communities throughout our area, but nothing has as yet been received covering Nagoya. We were asked to get this report and pass it on soonest possible.

4-d. Indonesians. All cases to be referred to Yokohama. Mr. Soewanto, head of this group, will personally handle these cases. Yokohama will retain records and refer to us in case our aid is needed in making distributions.

5. STARTING DISTRIBUTIONS. It was definitely confirmed that there was no truth whatever in the report that Yokohama were ready to commence distributions, but were held up because Kobe had not yet submitted their reports.

6. CORRESPONDENCE ABROAD. Mr. Moss advised us that this matter had been taken up and was still under consideration.

7. FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS. Our appeal had been taken up very strongly with SCAP through Military Government in Yokohama, but no results to date, although it appears that the subject is still open, and may ultimately receive favourable consideration. Mr. Moss had also appealed to the British Embassy, from which conversations it was inferred that there was some reason to believe that the situation will be satisfactorily settled.

8. BUTTER. Our report on the butter situation was passed on to Mr. Moss, who is well informed on this question. He stated that Yokohama foreigners are also still far behind on their butter quota; that Japanese were given butter at official prices while foreign haikyus were still short delivered. He promised to take up this question, but did not appear optimistic. Capt. Blackburn took notes on this matter.

9. TYPHUS SERUM. If supplies are unavailable in Kobe, Mr. Moss suggested that we apply to Yokohama where apparently supplies are ample enough to make arrangements for the entire foreign community to be vaccinated - local doctors' handling charge to be paid by beneficiaries.

10. COAL. There does not appear to be any memo covering this subject as the arrangement had been made through the Home Ministry. Capt. Blackburn was advised of our approximate monthly needs as follows:-

Kobe 600 tons - Kyoto 40 tons - Osaka 40 tons

and he promised to take steps to see that these quantities were made available to us. We were requested to notify the Chinese community of this arrangement and to forward their requirements to Yokohama.

11. "A" and "B" RATIONS. Capt. Blackburn confirmed that the beneficiaries of the "A" rations are as originally advised, i.e. the neutrals, stateless and enemy nationals do NOT receive "A" rations. Capt. Blackburn was requested to confirm to Kobe the arrangements covering "A" and "B" rations, so that those qualifying for the "A" ration will receive same instead of the current "B" ration.

12. GERMAN NAVAL STORES. We were asked to report on rumours regarding special distributions to German nationals in this area.

13. FUNDS. Mr. Moss reported the receipt of an additional ¥ 5,000.- from the International Red Cross. He will remit a small amount to us forour petty expenses. He is in favour of collecting contributions from the foreign community, with which suggestion we concurred. If these were large enough it may even be possible to extend some financial assistance to destitute cases. However, it was emphasized that - as far as possible - these cases should be taken care of by their national groups. In any event the question of contributions can only be taken up after distributions are started.

14. WEEKLY REPORTS. It was agreed that the various sub-committees will interchange weekly reports on their activities so that all parties can be kept informed of what is going on in the various areas.

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General.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

LETTER No. 4.

Kobe - 26th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.
from: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.

Subject: REGISTRATIONS

We send you herewith the following additional application forms:-

Randel de SILVA DHARMARATNE - For inclusion in the so-called "Insufficient" group.

Carl Alfred SEILER - For inclusion in the Kobe group.

Note that these two parties are already included in the total figures handed to Mr. Gueymard.

OUT-OF-TOWN GROUP - Arranged alphabetically. This covers totally 37 persons, grouped as follows:-

| Adults | | Children | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M. | F. | 0-5 yrs. | 5-10 yrs. | 10-15 yrs | |
| 20 - | 10 | 1 - 1 | 1 - 1 | 2 - 1 | Total 37 persons. |

Regarding the 15 Dominican Missionaries in Shikoku, they write us that they get each year from the Spanish Legation at Tokyo a Certificate of Nationality. Photographs for this purpose had already been forwarded but they are not yet in receipt of these certificates. We consider these cases bona fide and will not take any further steps to investigate their nationality status, as no doubt you can quite easily secure confirmation from the Spanish Legation should you wish to do so.

INDONESIANS We enclose herewith the following applications from Indonesians:-

Mr. Suta Lala - Nara-ken. In duplicate.
Mr. Toma Mozu - Nara-ken. In duplicate.
Mr. Mas Omar Mulyadikusuma - Yamaguchi-ken. 1 copy, the other copy is already in your possession - in the "Out-of-Town" group.

In accordance with our conversations re this group, we are forwarding both original and duplicate to you for handling and will retain no copies in this office.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

General

Letter No. 3.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 26th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.
From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.

Subject: CHINESE REGISTRATIONS

Further to our letter of the 24th inst., we wish to report the figures covering the Nagoya District, as well as the Chinese Students Association in Kyoto, as follows:-

| | Adults | Children 0-5 | Children 5-10 | Children 10-15 | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAGOYA | 93 - 81 | 20 -21 | 25 - 25 | 24 - 26 | 315 |
| KYOTO STUDENTS | 124 - 9 | | | | 133 |

We would also ask that you hold in suspense the figure of 655 persons totally previously reported for Kyoto Prefecture. This figure was far in excess of the total served by the International Red Cross Distribution Centre last fall and investigations have shown that they had included the Formosan population as well. We have asked the local Chinese Association to write very strongly to the Kyoto Association and secure a revised list.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

Letter No. 2. General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 25th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.
From: I.R.C., Kobe Branch
Subject: AMERICAN FOOD SUPPLIES FROM OKINAWA

1. You have, of course, noted the newspaper reports on the rather substantial quantities of American food supplies being shipped to Japan from Okinawa. Undoubtedly you will be taking such steps as may be desirable to try to have a portion of these items allotted to the foreign nationals. So that the views of this Committee can also be placed before the proper authorities, we take the liberty of writing you as follows and would greatly appreciate it if you would have the goodness to do whatever you possibly can in this connection.

2. You will see that we have first applied for a portion of the goods to be earmarked for distribution through Japanese channels as a part of our regular official rations, whereby we would be guaranteed the stipulated quantities; secondly, we have applied for an additional portion for distribution by the I.R.C. as part of our activities to relieve the foreign population.

3. EARMARKING FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS' OFFICIAL RATIONS

The Japanese Government had undertaken to provide monthly to all foreign nationals (occidentals) the following items, in addition to extremely limited quantities of other foods.

| | Category "A" | Category "B" |
|---|---|---|
| Butter | 3 lbs. | 2 lbs. |
| Canned Food | 7 lbs. | 5 lbs. |
| Meat | 300 momme | 300 momme |

There is absolutely no provision made for such items as milk, fruits, coffee, tea, cocoa, etc. - all of which can only be procured at prohibitive prices beyond the reach of the majority of our community.

4. However, despite promises, deliveries of butter have fallen far short and we have yet to receive our February, March and April rations. Moreover, we are now faced with the price of ¥ 65.- per pound (pre-war price was ¥ 1.65, ¥ 5.00 immediately after the war and now ¥ 23.49). Furthermore, the quality and variety of the tinned food leaves much to be desired, while meat is only available at about ¥ 50.- per pound.

5. For reference purposes we give below approximate figures of what these quantities will amount to for this area. As this Committee has been organized primarily for allied nationals, neutrals and stateless, our records are naturally not quite complete in respect to those who have been excluded. However, we believe the figures are sufficiently close to give a fairly accurate picture of the whole situation.

Kobe Branch Area
Western Honshu & Shikoku

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Butter | 2000 persons @ 2 lbs. monthly | = | 4,000 lbs. |
| | 600 persons @ 3 lbs. monthly | = | 1,800 lbs. |
| | Total Monthly | | 5,800 lbs. |
| | Total Annually | | 69,600 lbs. |
| Canned Foods | 2000 persons @ 7 lbs. monthly | = | 14,000 lbs. |
| | 600 persons @ 5 lbs. monthly | = | 3,000 lbs. |
| | Total Monthly | | 17,000 lbs. |
| | Total Annually | | 204,000 lbs. |
| Meat | 2600 persons @ 2½ lbs. monthly | = | 6,500 lbs. |
| | Total Monthly | | 6,500 lbs. |
| | Total Annually | | 78,000 lbs. |

If it could be arranged for the above quantities to be earmarked for the official monthly rations to Foreign Nationals, we could at least be assured of supplies on these three items for the next twelve months.

6. The question of price on these items is something that must also receive consideration. Needless to say, we would be fully prepared to pay - through Japanese official channels - any reasonable prices on these food items, but we sincerely trust that the American authorities will supervise same so that no prohibitive charges are made on these items.

7. ALLOCATING SUPPLIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

In addition to the foregoing, to enable this Committee to better the lot of those allied, neutral and stateless nationals who are accustomed to occidental food - and who have through force of circumstances been so severely rationed during the past five years, many of them in internment camps - we appeal to the American Military Authorities to instruct the Japanese handling these food supplies to release to us the total amount of 30,000 cartons of Ten-in-One Rations and say 72,000 lbs. of Jams and Spreads. The total number of foreigners falling in the above category is approximately 3,000 persons so that if each one were issued one carton a month -- a not excessive but certainly very attractive addition to our daily rations -- we would have sufficient to carry on for ten months. The additional quantity of jams and spreads would provide 2 lbs. per person per month for a period of one year. Admittedly, these are luxury items, but in view of the fact that bread - of very indifferent quality - is our main staple food, we are urgently in need of such items as jams and spreads. In presenting our case we wish to draw the attention of the authorities to the

fact that the items contained in these Ten-in-One Rations are not particularly suited to the average Japanese taste and moreover the distribution of such items on an equitable basis amongst a large population will prove extremely difficult.

8. Chinese community. For those foreign nationals falling within the scope of this Committee who are not Occidentals, we wish to make the following appeal. Because of the fact that the above mentioned foods do not constitute a part of the usual Chinese diet, we would make the appeal for the under-mentioned items to be allocated to this Committee for distribution amongst the Chinese nationals:-

Flour
Canned Fish
Dry Beans
Dehydrated Potatoes

9. We sincerely trust that you will be able to combine the foregoing with the ideas and requirements of your community and that the appeal will receive the sympathetic consideration of the authorities concerned.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand. Chairman.

General file

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
31st Military Government.

Letter No. 1.

Kobe - 25th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

From: Kobe Branch.

Subject: EXEMPTION FROM FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS

1. We confirm our cable despatched to you yesterday evening relative to the announcement in the Japan Times of the 18th inst., as follows:-

"PLEASE SEND URGENT GHQ DIRECTIVE EIGHTEENTH APRIL RELATIVE UNFREEZING OF ALLIED NATIONALS ETCETRA TOGETHER WITH COVERING OKURASHO INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS IF POSSIBLE"

See Copy Directive attached to Letter 27.4.46. File Finances #5

2. It is indeed gratifying to see that at least that portion of the foreign community which suffered most during the war will now have their funds released. Naturally this group is most anxious to take advantage of this ruling at the earliest possible date, hence our cable of yesterday.

3. We are rather curious as to what proof of qualification will be required by the financial organizations. Perhaps our Committee could assist the authorities concerned by furnishing necessary affidavits. Special and dubious cases could be referred to a General Committee Meeting and unless unanimously approved will be referred to you for finah decision. Of course, to enable us to proceed we shall need detailed instructions regarding qualification.

4. We await your reply with interest together with any information as to how this question is being handled at your end.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

P.S. We shall number of letters consecutively and would ask that you kindly do the same so that any missing letters can be detected.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
31st Military Government

File Letters to Yoko

Kobe - 24th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.
From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.
Subject: CHINESE REGISTRATIONS

We beg to submit hereunder the total Chinese applications recorded to date, as ~~MMM~~ reported to us by the Kobe Chinese Community Committee.

CHINESE COMMUNITIES IN KOBE BRANCH AREA

| Prefecture | Adults M. | Adults F. | Children 0-5 yrs. M. | Children 0-5 yrs. F. | Children 5-10 yrs. M. | Children 5-10 yrs. F. | Children 10-15 yrs. M. | Children 10-15 yrs. F. | TOTAL | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HYOGO | 1195 | 921 | 230 | 206 | 217 | 216 | 199 | 166 | 3,350 | |
| OSAKA | 534 | 197 | 117 | 85 | 62 | 57 | 72 | 55 | 1,179 | |
| KYOTO | 245 | 151 | 47 | 45 | 42 | 49 | 36 | 40 | 655 | × Include Formosans returned for correction see our letter 26.4.46 |
| NARA | 80 | 48 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 207 | |
| SHIMANE | 42 | 41 | 21 | 16 | 12 | 16 | 9 | 12 | 169 | |
| MIE | 41 | 33 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 125 | |
| OKAYAMA | 41 | 40 | 24 | 14 | 18 | 15 | 33 | 8 | 193 | |
| EHIME | 21 | 16 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 72 | |
| KAGAWA | 25 | 18 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 66 | |
| KOCHI | 21 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 53 | |
| | 2245 | 1475 | 459 | 407 | 385 | 397 | 386 | 315 | 6,069 | |

There are still several prefectures from which reports have not yet been received. The local Chinese Committee has asked all districts for the reports and they are specially communicating with Nagoya district for a report at the earliest possible date.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

HJM/m

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

Kobe, 23rd April, 1946

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama

From: Kobe Branch

Subject: REGISTRATION - Out-of-Town Group
Mr. Nikolai Feoktistovich POROSHIN, Stateless
Russian Emigrant

Our original report included a man and wife under the above name. Please note that the wife is a Japanese subject and under your ruling should, of course, be deleted. Please also note that this party has no occupation as he is no longer employed as an interpreter. Will you kindly alter your records accordingly.

In this connection we would like to enquire just what the nationality status of such unfortunate Japanese women as may be married to "Stateless" foreigners is? It is obvious that they cannot acquire the nationality of their stateless husbands. In these cases would a Church marriage be sufficient? But what if the man is not a member of the Russian Orthodoz Church? Please let us have your decision on this point as soon as possible.

Would it not be possible to authorize the inclusion of these cases which - in the considered and unanimous opinion of this Committee - are voted actually bona fide and deserving of special consideration as the parties involved cannot become legally married even if they should wish to.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
(signed) C.W.BRAND
Chairman

N.B. The remarks under "Financial Status" should read "Sufficient".

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama. Kobe - 18th April, 1946
From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.
Subject: BUTTER

1. We wish to draw your special attention to the difficult situation that has arisen in connection with the supply of this important item of food, in compliance with an appeal made to us by the Foreign Food Distribution Centers.

2. Since the directive in connection with the extra food rations to the foreign nationals was issued last December, we have received to date only four deliveries of butter, i.e.

Dec. 24th, 1945 - 1st pound for December.
Feb. 19th, 1946 - 2nd pound for December
Mar. 15th, 1946 - 1st pound for January
April 15th,1946 - 2nd pound for January

We are thus 5 pounds short on deliveries to date, viz. 2 lbs. each for February and March and the 1st pound for April.

3. When the last lot was obtained on the 15th inst., we were given to understand that the price of butter has recently been increased to ¥ 65.- per lb. from the old price of ¥ 23.- per lb. in bulk ex suppliers' warehouse. Furthermore, we would have to pay the new price for all future supplies.

4. The new price of ¥ 65.- per lb. is prohibitive and beyond the reach of the majority of our community, although admittedly there will always be a small percentage who will take the butter even at this exorbitant figure. There is also the question of frozen funds, but this is another matter - emphasis should be laid on the fact that at ¥ 65.- per pound, it will be impossible for the majority of the foreigners to afford this important item in their diet. Would it not be possible for you - with the assistance of the proper authorities concerned - to ensure the supply of butter to foreign nationals at a reasonable price?

5. Regarding the supply of butter, we might add that Hyogo Prefecture is not self-sufficient. The one or two factories operating here, i.e. Nestle's factory in Awaji and another factory in Kaibara, do not produce anything like the quantity required by us which amounts to practically 4,800 lbs. per month. The only people able to meet our requirements are the Hokkaido Kumo Kosha (Hokkaido Co-Operative Society) Osaka Branch, but even these people state that they have not received any fresh supplies from Hokkaido since October last year, due mainly to the fact that present production is down to about one-fourth of that of last year.

6. Another point is the fact that stocks are evidently being withheld pending a price increase, as otherwise we cannot account for the fact that no supplies have been received in Osaka during the past six months. Regardless of the future price increase, past shortages should most definitely be furnished at the price of ¥ 23.- per lb.

7. This community is entirely dependent on the Hokkaido Kono Kosha for its supply of butter and if this organization are successful in securing Government approval of the figure of ¥ 65.- per pound as the official price, the only solution of our difficulties would be in assistance from some authority that can induce the supply of butter at reasonable prices to the foreign nationals.

8. We are fully aware that the problem is a difficult one but trust that inasmuch as it is one which affects foreigners throughout Japan, you will be able to take it up with the Military Government at your end, and beg to thank you in anticipation of your kind efforts to assist us.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

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C. W. Brand, Chairman.

File Letters to Poko

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/O 31st Military Government

Kobe - 18th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.
From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.
Subject: RED CROSS AIR-DROPPED SURPLUS SUPPLIES.

We refer to your letter of the 10th inst. wherein you state that food items for immediate distribution to urgent destitute cases should be taken from stocks available in Kobe.

We believe that you had in mind the small surplus quantities of air-dropped POW clothing and food items which were turned over to the Military Government by the International Red Cross last November. While we are not aware what supplies in the same category at your end are available, those here are extremely limited. Details are shown on the attached list, furnished to us by the Military Government here. This stock has been reported to Headquarters and we have been instructed by the 31st Military Government to apply to the Commanding General, Yokohama Base, through you, for release of this stock to us.

In order to save time, we wired you on the 16th inst. as follows:-

"REFEERING YOURS TENTH SUBJECT RELIEF SUPPLIES PLEASE APPLY COMMANDING GENERAL YOKOHAMA BASE INSTRUCT THIRTYFIRST MILITARY GOVERNMENT RELEASE TO US BALANCE RED CROSS SURPLUS SUPPLIES TURNED OVER TO ARMY HERE NOVEMBER TWENTYFIFTH 1945"

and look forward to your early reply on this subject. At the time that this stock is released to us, we trust you will give us any instructions that may be necessary regarding the distribution of same, or whether this matter is left entirely to our discretion.

A perusal of the stock list will readily show that the Kobe stock of the Red Cross surplus supplies will not go very far and we would request that consideration be given the matter of supplementing same with items from the Yokohama area, if your stocks are proportionately very much larger.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

HJM/m

BALANCE ON HAND

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SURPLUS AIR-BORNE

P.O.W. CLOTHING & FOODSTUFF

(Handed 31st Military Government - 25th Nov., 1945)

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Clothing Items

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Army Socks | 144 pairs | 108. |
| Army Shoes | 713 pairs | 891. |
| Unmatched Shoes & very old shoes and worn tabis | 381 pairs | 224 |
| Army Overcoats | 169 pcs. | 502. |
| Army Caps | 3,180 pcs. | 3391 |

Tobacco

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cigarettes 20s. ..... | 27 | 64 cartons @ 10 pkts = 640 pkts. |
| Pipe Tobacco ..... | 2 c/s | 800 pkts. in 3 cases |
| Chewing Tobacco ..... | ✓ | 360 pkts. in 1 case |

Rations

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ten-in-One ..... | 15 | 40 cartons (Some spoilt) |
| "K" WWWWWWWWWWWW ..... | ✓ | 144 pkts in 4 cases |
| "C" ..... | ✓ | 2 cases approx. 200 tins totally |

Cocoa

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Packed in 4-lb. pkgs. | ✓ | 7 c/s of 9 4-lb. cartons |

Chocolates

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Hershey 1-oz. bars .. | 2 c/s + 2 cartons | 3750 pcs. 3 c/s of 25 cartons of 50 pcs. |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chewing Gum ..... | 1 c/s | 4 cartons of 920 pkts. = 3680 pkts. of 5 sticks |
| Canned Fruits ..... | 10 c/s | 45¾ cases of 24 tins = 1098 tins |
| Fruit Juices ..... | 10 c/s | 18 cases @ 24 tins = 432 tins |
| Soups (Assorted) ..... | 99 c/s | 91 cases (Make up unknown) |
| Matches ..... | ✓ | 6½ cases of 1200 bxs. = 7800 boxes |
| Shaving Cream ..... | ✓ | 480 tubes in 3 cases |
| Razors ..... | ✓ | 101 pcs.) |
| Toothbrushes ..... | ✓ | 150 pcs.) 1 case |
| Toothpaste ..... | ✓ | 240 pcs.) |

Note: These supplies have not yet been checked by the I.R.C., Kobe Branch. Above figures reported to us by 31st Military Government.

16th April, 1946.

MOSS INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
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REFERRING YOURS TENTH SUBJECT RELIEF SUPPLIES PLEASE APPLY COMMANDING GENERAL YOKOHAMA BASE INSTRUCT THIRTYFIRST MILITARY GOVERNMENT RELEASE TO US BALANCE RED CROSS SURPLUS SUPPLIES TURNED OVER TO ARMY HERE NOVEMBER TWENTYFIFTH 1945 INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

Intl. Relief Committee
c/o 31st Military Government Kobe.

file Letters to Yoko.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 18th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.
From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.
Subject: KOBE INDIAN COMMUNITY.

We have for acknowledgment your letter of the 10th inst., together with copies of correspondence on this subject.

The question of a member of the Indian Community being on this Committee was taken up at our initial meeting, from the minutes of which you will see that there were altogether five nominees for the two seats reserved for the British Community. One of these five was Mr. Jayaswal, a member of the Indian Community. However, this gentleman was not elected. In view of this procedure, we do not feel that their community has been disregarded as stated in their letters.

For the time being, this Committee feels that the present number of seven members is sufficient and that there is no call for a larger committee. Of course, on all matters relating exclusively to the Indian Community we are adopting the policy of referring to the Indian Residents' Association, which is fully competent to advise us on such matters.

They have extended co-operation in this respect, as witness their recommendation on the Indian destitute cases. Furthermore, as we do not believe that it is the policy of the I.R.C. to extend their priority privileges on a nationality basis, we fail to see how their interests could be particularly served by having a member on this Committee.

If, at a later date, the scope of our activities should be extended to warrant enlarging our Committee, we shall not fail to give consideration to their request - but for the time being we believe that so long as matters which relate particularly to their group are referred to them before action is taken, we consider the situation satisfactory.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

HJM/-

General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 13th April, 1946

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.

From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.

Subject: INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SURPLUS SUPPLIES

Dear Sir:-

We would appreciate it if you could let us know what procedure is being followed in respect to the surplus of the International Red Cross relief supplies which were turned over to the Army last November and which, we understand, constitutes a portion of the items which are to be handled by the International Relief Committee.

If we are not mistaken, it was the intention of your Mr. Moss to pro rate all of the available surplus and we look forward to the receipt of your information on this subject.

We have a number of acute destitute cases which are in need of immediate attention. The questionnaires in respect to these are being re-written and as soon as further investigations are completed, they will be forwarded to you. We trust that you will soon put us in a position to effect real assistance to these people.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

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C. W. Brand, Chairman.

General.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 13th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.
From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.

Subject: DISTRIBUTION OF COAL.

Dear Sirs:-

When Mr. Brunner returned from his last trip to Yokohama, he advised us that arrangements had been made in your area for the distribution of ½ ton of coal per month per household at a price of ¥ 280.- per ton home-delivered.

This arrangement was also confirmed verbally by Capt. Myden when the under-signed met him in Kyoto on the 4th inst.

In order to enable us to proceed with our applications for this coal distribution, would you kindly enquire from the Military Government at your end and ascertain the date of their memorandum on the subject and pass this information on to us, as it will greatly facilitate matters here.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

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C. W. Brand, Chairman.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

Kobe - 10th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I. R. C., Yokohama.

From: I. R. C., Kobe Branch.

Subject: FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Dear Sirs:-

Re the sum of ¥ 10,000.- granted by The National Catholic Welfare Association, through the International Red Cross, for the administration expenses of the Committee.

With reference to the above sum, we would like to enquire whether it would be possible to allot a portion of same to this branch. While such items as office personnel salaries, office space, etc. are being provided us by the Military Government, there are naturally numerous petty expenses which must be defrayed by us in connection with our work. Are we authorized to apply to the military authorities for such cash expenses, or can they be paid from the above mentioned fund.

We would appreciate your early reply on this subject. Needless to say - any remittance made to us should be so arranged that the funds are not frozen.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

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C. W. Brand, Chairman.

Instead of this Original a signed Copy was sent to Yokohama

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe - 10th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters I.R.C., Yokohama.
From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.
Subject: FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sirs:-

We give below draft of a letter which has been prepared by this Committee, the aim of which we feel sure you will concur with, and we would appreciate it if you could bring this plea to the attention of the Military Authorities concerned, as well as such other bodies as may be established in Tokyo representing the British, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Soviet, Swedish and Swiss interests, and also the International Red Cross Committee.

"May we, as representing the foreign communities in Japan, earnestly appeal for your full and urgent support of a plea that the American authorities concerned permit at least Allied and Neutral residents in Japan to correspond again freely with Allied and Neutral Countries abroad, both by mail and telegram.

Seven months have elapsed since the war terminated, and while we had expected a certain delay in the resumption of normal life, we had hoped that it would not be too long before we would be permitted to communicate again with relatives and friends abroad, with whom such relations have been suspended for almost five years. We are sure that the U. S. Authorities realize that a continuance of such a state causes untold anxiety to all concerned.

Certain precautions, we know, are still necessary, and we realize that the Japanese Postal Authorities may not yet be permitted to resume their service abroad, yet we believe it should be possible - in view of the comparatively few concerned - to permit us either the use of the Military Postal and Telegraphic facilities, or to allow us to establish certain offices where mail and telegrams could be collected, checked and handed over to the appointed Army Office for transmission. We are sure that with goodwill, a satisfactory arrangement could be devised.

Whatever difficulties the occupation and reorganization of Japan may entail, and these we do not minimize, it can hardly be the intention of the responsible authorities to inflict distress upon people who have been their Allies and friendly neutral throughout the war, and who have suffered for it.

We trust this plea will receive your kind consideration and we shall be pleased to hear from you on the subject."

We look forward with much interest to your report on the outcome of the foregoing.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch

C. W. Brand, Chairman.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
c/o 31st Military Government

Kobe, 10th April, 1946

To: Headquarters, I.R.C.,

From: I.R.C., Kobe Branch

Subject: REGISTRATIONS - Doubtful Cases

Dear Sirs:-

We wish to hand you herewith two applications on which we would like to have your decision.

Mrs. Margery Lee von Mittelstaedt - American married to a German

Mrs. Nadya Gyarmathy - Russian married to a Hungarian, but separated since 1929.

We also two applications (in duplicate) covering two sisters in Shidzuoka, which district comes under your jurisdiction.

Very truly yours
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
Kobe Branch
(signed) C.W.Brand
Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
kobe branch
c/o 31st Military Government
Hyogo Kencho Bldg

Kobe, 8th April, 1946

From: I.R.C., Kobe Branch

To: Headquarters, I.R.C., Yokohama

Subject: REGISTRATIONS

Dear Sirs :-

Attached hereto please find interim report covering registrations of Kobe Area Residents (i.e. excluding those not covered by the five Foreign Food Districts of this city).

The total recorded to date is 1,000. We expect roughly 50 more in the Kobe area and about 200 in the outlying districts - bringing the total figure for the area covered by this Committee to say 1,350 heads.

We have omitted the Chinese population from the above count as their figures are not yet in, but estimate the total for this group as around 7,000 heads.

Re Indonesians, if the writer is not mistaken, Mr.Moss mentioned that they should all be referred to Tokyo? Will you please advise us whether they should be included in our list or not?

As soon as further figures are available, we shall send you an up-to-date report on these registrations.

Very truly yours
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
(signed) C.W.Brand
Chairman

file - General

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
c/o 31st Military Government
Hyogo Kencho Bldg.

Kobe - 8th April, 1946.

To: Headquarters, I.R.C., Yokohama.

From: I.R.C. Kobe Branch.

Subject: FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS.

Dear Sirs:-

Further to our previous correspondence on the above subject, we beg to hand you herewith a letter received from the five Foreign Food Distribution Centers of Kobe, which is self-explanatory and which may be of some assistance to you in your negotiations with the authorities concerned.

We might mention here that information has just been received that foreigners drawing extra food rations may draw an additional Yen 300.- per head, but we consider this only a temporary mitigation of our difficulties and sincerely trust that you will be able to obtain a more satisfactory settlement at an early date.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

C.W. Brand, Chairman.

C O P Y

Kobe - April 3rd, 1946.

To the International Relief Committee,
Kobe Branch,
K O B E

Dear Sirs:-

At the General Meeting of the Committee of the five Foreign Food Distribution Centers of Kobe, held today, the fact was established that owing to the new restrictions regarding the withdrawal of frozen funds, a large majority of our members will be unable to meet payments for the rations distributed through the various food centers.

We, therefore, request you to appeal to S.C.A.P. Tokyo in an effort to mitigate these restrictions to such an extent that foreign residents will henceforth be permitted to draw an amount supplementary to the present authorized sum, in order to be able to defray the cost of such items as are distributed through the foreign food centers, which sum amounts to approximately Yen 400.00 per month per capita.

The foreign community specifically desires to point out that this request is made ostensibly to temporarily bridge the present financial impasse until such time that definite financial arrangements for the foreigners have been made.

On account of the extreme urgency of the above mentioned request, we would thank you for taking this matter up at the earliest possible date.

Yours faithfully,

District No. 1. L.W. Waldstein.
District No. 2. F.F.A.Guterres.
District No. 3. C. W. Brand.
District No. 4. C. S. de Souza.
District No. 5. J. Crane.

Gen. file.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
c/o 31st Military Government
Hyogo Kencho Bldg.

Kobe - 8th April, 1946.

From: I. R. C., Kobe Branch.

To: Headquarters, I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: REQUISITION FOR WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S SHOES & CLOTHING

Dear Sirs:-

1. Please arrange to forward to this Committee the following items as soon as possible:-

a) Women's Shoes, Clothing and Accessories

650 complete sets.

b) Children's Shoes, Clothing and Accessories

1-5 years - 85 complete sets
Girls 5-10 yrs. 35 -ditto-
Boys 5-10 yrs. 50 -ditto-
Girls 10-15 yrs.30 -ditto-
Boys 10-15 yrs.50 -ditto-
Total - 250 complete sets.

c) Men's Clothing and Accessories - if any available.

500 complete sets.

2. These figures are based on actual registrations recorded to date, plus estimated allowances for Kobe and out-of-town registrations yet to come in and an approximate margin of 10% to take care of misfits which will ultimately be returned to you.

3. When forwarding these items, please provide us with invoices in triplicate and also with any pertinent information re actual distributions so that the procedure followed here will be as identical as possible to that in your area.

4. What is the method adopted by you in distributing these items to distant out-of-town members?

5. On receipt of this communication, kindly acknowledge receipt of same and let us know when these items can be forwarded.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

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Vice-Chairman

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH
c/o 31st Military Government
Hyogo Kencho Bldg.

Kobe - 8th April, 1946.

From: I. R. C. Kobe Branch

To: Headquarters, I.R.C., Yokohama.

Subject: REGISTRATIONS

Dear Sirs:-

Attached hereto please find interim report covering registrations of Kobe Area Residents (i.e. excluding those not covered by the five Foreign Food Districts of this city).

The total recorded to date is 1,099. We expect roughly 50 more in the Kobe area, and about 200 in the outlying districts - bringing the total figure for the area covered by this Committee to say 1,350 heads.

We have omitted the Chinese population from the above count as their figures are not yet in, but estimate the total for this group as around 7,000 heads.

Re Indonesians, if the writer is not mistaken, Mr. Moss mentioned that they should all be referred to Tokyo (?). Will you please advise us whether they should be included in our list or not?

As soon as further figures are available, we shall send you an up-to-date report on these registrations.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

.....
C. W. Brand, Chairman.

HJM/m.

KOBE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

Kobe, 30th March, 1946

To the International Relief Committee
Yokohama

Attention: Mr. C. Moss, Chairman.

Gentlemen:-

We beg to hand you applications covering American ladies who have married Japanese or Germans - as well as one from a family of Niseis.

We understand that these should have the approval of Mr.U.A.Johnson and would thank you kindly to refer these applications to him and let us have his decision.

Mrs. Mary Jaqueline PESTEL (Married to a German)
Mrs. Katherine Gilmore KAWAMURA (Married to a Japanese)
Mrs. Pauline Thayer SCRIBA (Married to a German)
Miss Kay Fukui & 2 sisters (Niseis)
Mrs. (?) Agnes Marjorie FORBES

Please be good enough to acknowledge this letter and give us some idea as to when we may expect Mr.Johnson's decision on these five cases, so that the parties concerned may be advised accordingly.

Very truly yours,
C.W.Brand, Chairman
per H.J.Mason