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ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-FIRST WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN FROM THE CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF UNITED STATES ARMY DEPARTMENT

Note by the Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION, ARMY DEPARTMENT, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN TO THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

9 April 1948

JAPAN

I. REPARATIONS and

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

General MacArthur's Headquarters announced additional advance reparations shipments to the Philippines and to China. The Philippines shipment, third to date, was shipped on 4 April and consisted of 485 packages of machine tools and secondary metal-working equipment weighing 1,189 metric tons. The fifth, sixth and seventh shipments to China were sent on 27 March and 4 April and consisted of 1808 packages of machine tools and secondary metalworking equipment weighing 3876 metric tons.

A. Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

No objection was offered on 29 March to the government release of the following imported oil and oil materials:

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Type	Amount (in units)
Blue	1
Sei	29
Humpback	3
Sperm	78

Receipt of 1,256 metric tons of by-products was also reported.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Office reported the following receipts of fish at the Tokyo Central Fish Market for the periods 11-20 and 21-29 February:

Type	Amount (in metric tons) 11-20 Feb.	21-29 Feb.
Fresh fish	1,967	1,535
Shell fish	0	0
Frozen fish	713	835
Salted and dried fish	905	890
Others	1,065	383

Marine products received in seven major cities during January were reported as follows:

City	Amount (in metric tons)
Tokyo	13,206
Osaka	6,821
Yokohama	4,197
Kobe	3,201
Nagoya	2,567
Kyoto	2,165
Fukuoka	1,791

B. Industry

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported that coal production totalled 1,051,900 metric tons during the 9.1 working days of the period 21-31 March, bringing the total production during the 1947-48 fiscal year to 29,308,400 metric tons. This total represents 97.7% of the 30 million metric ton goal. The Ministry also reported the following stockpiles, in metric tons, as of 29 February: 145,000 available for current shipments, and 467,100 in transit.

C. Finance

The most recent data on the proceeds of the sales of assets of closed institutions follow:

Week Ending	Amount in Yen
6 March	50,376,821
13 March	71,224,127
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3. On 26 March, authorization was granted to borrow additional funds up to 109,840,000 yen to complete the budgetary program for the settlers fund financing special account.

4. On 30 March authorization was granted for making one-year borrowings of 200,000,000 yen to cover the anticipated deficit in the state forest enterprise special account as of 31 March 1948.

D. Foreign Trade

E. Public Health and Welfare

The Ministry of Welfare reported the sale of 149,567 kilograms of absorbent cotton for January and the sale for January and February respectively of 1,594,580 and 1,631,155 surgical instruments and appliances. The value of these and additional sales was indicated as follows:

Item	Value January	Value February
Surgical instruments	11,772,297 Yen	14,280,921 Yen
Absorbent cotton	24,379,372	1/
Rubber medical items	14,408,535	8,166,716
Controlled medicines	132,258,793	112,433,735
Uncontrolled medicines	350,649,001	394,856,319
Home remedies	219,136,281	336,600,286

1/ February sales figures not provided.

The Ministry of Welfare also announced the following production for February: Whenever available, value is indicated.

Item	Production		Value
Absorbent cotton	128,876	pounds	
Gauze	108,635		
Bandage cloth	53,493		
X-Ray	170	units	
Ultrashort wave	71		
Ultraviolet ray	6		
Infrared ray	1		
Luminous screens	21		
Intensifying screens	138		
Electro-surgical	7		
Rubber sanitary goods	10,714,761		11,580,262 yen
Dental instruments	137,862		15,119,439
Dental materials	1/		6,765,114
Medical instruments	1,646,066		17,115,012
X-Ray film	28,111	square meters	
Glass syringes	388,808	units	
Antu (rat poison)	1,500	kilograms	
Nekoriazu (rat poison)	3,370		
DDT concentrate	12,762		
Pure mapharsen	48		
Sulfathiazole	2,928		
Bismuth subsalicylate	907	liters	
Penicillin	6,610,000,000	oxford units	
DDT dusters	9,000	units	

February production of vaccines and antitoxins follows:

Vaccines	Amount	
	Crude	Refined
Triple typhoid	3,210,000 c.c.	470,000 c.c.
Diphtheria toxoid	1,944,200	1,550,640
Diphtheria antitoxin	0	60,000
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The Ministry of Welfare reported the receipt of LARA shipments 55 through 58 during the period 8-19 March, totalling 216 metric tons of food, clothing 2/ and miscellaneous items.

The following incidence of communicable disease was reported for the week ending 20 March:

Disease	No. of cases for Wk Ending 20 Mar.	Changes from Wk Ending 13 Mar.
Diphtheria	325	- 61
Typhoid	106	≠ 18
Dysentery	71	≠ 14
Paratyphoid	20	- 20
Epidemic Meningitis	61	- 8
Typhus Fever	17	≠ 5
Smallpox	0	- 8
Scarlet Fever	27	- 11
Malaria	58	≠ 10
Japanese B-Encephalitis	0	No change
Measles	1,247	- 28
Whooping Cough	605	≠ 68
Pneumonia	3,682	- 114

1/ No production figure provided
2/ Including shoes

Tuberculosis	5,942	- 206
Influenza	74	≠ 16
Chancroid	1,048	- 195
Gonorrhea	5,201	≠ 803
Syphilis	4,810	- 451

The weekly hospital report for the period ending 6 March indicated 3,423 hospitals having a total capacity of 207,806 beds with 100,204 patients, and 298,666 out-patients treated.

F. Communications

Effective 5 April, radiotelegraph service via the direct Japan-Batavia circuit, previously restricted to Netherland East Indies governmental messages, has been opened to the press and for private messages.

Effective 5 April, the Ministry of Communication was authorized to expand the radiotelegraph service to and from Japan via the United States to include over 45 additional countries in Western Europe and North Africa.

III. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM and

IV. STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES

A. Politics and Government

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Prime Minister Hitoshi Ashida assured the Social Democratic Party on 5 April that the government did not intend to revise labor legislation in such a manner as to restrict labor's right to strike. He said that existing legislation would be adequate "so long as labor disputes are confined within the bounds of lawful means and labor unions are operated along democratic lines."

B. Labor

Fourteen unions affiliated with the All-Japan government and public workers unions have accepted in principle the government's compromise plan involving acceptance of the new 2,920 yen monthly wage scale. However, most of these unions insist that the government accept the following demands as a prerequisite for final settlement of the dispute: No revision of the existing labor laws, no dismissal of strikers, no mass discharge of workers and payment of salaries to workers for the periods during which work stoppages occurred.

The government insisted that the unions accept the plan unconditionally and announced that it will not pay wages at the new wage level to employees of unions which do not accept the government's plan unconditionally.

A compromise plan proposed by the Government for settlement of disputes between government and public office employees was accepted conditionally by the All-Japan Government Communications Workers Union and a number of other government employees unions on 2 April while several unions refused to accept. The plan provided for immediate payment of the difference between wages based on the old 1800 yen wage scale and the first 2500 yen of the new 2,920 yen scale; 1/ establishment of a council of representatives of government and unions to study a permanent job classification system; and payment retroactively of the additional 420 yen per month beginning with April, as soon as the job classification system has been worked out.

On 31 January it was reported that 4,700,290 men and 1,430,037 women comprised the membership of 28,439 labor unions.

During January there were 62 labor disputes accompanied by work stoppages and disruption involving a total of 32,450 workers. Eight were lockouts involving 469 workers, 9 were slowdowns involving 943 workers, 13 were "production controls" involving 1,417 workers and the remaining 32 were strikes involving 29,711 workers. An additional 1,925,874 workers, most of whom were government employees, were involved in 100 labor relations cases in which negotiations broke down and a third party intervened to assist in adjustment.

1/ As transmitted by GHQ SCAP

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FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

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ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-SECOND WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN FROM THE CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF UNITED STATES ARMY DEPARTMENT

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16 April 1948

JAPAN

I. Reparations and

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

General MacArthur's Headquarters announced the seventeenth interim reparations shipment, destined for British Commonwealth Nations in the Far East and consisting of 252 packages of machine tools and secondary metal working equipment weighing 739 metric tons. This shipment was made on 4 April and constituted the fourth delivery charged against the United Kingdom allocation. 1/

A. Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported the following staple crop collection as of 31 March:

Type	Amount (in 1,000 metric tons)
Rice and rice substitutes 2/	4,583
Wheat and barleys 2/	817
Sweet potatoes	2,080
White potatoes	984

On 31 March SCAP authorized the release of eighty metric tons of imported canned foods for reprocessing into candy. On 2 April SCAP authorized the allotment of 6,204 metric tons of copra meal, of which 3,102 metric tons was intended for shoyu production and 3,102 metric tons for animal feed production, and 2,819 metric tons of soy bean meal, of which 1,466 metric tons was for shoyu

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The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported December livestock slaughter as indicated below:

Type	Number	Weight (in metric tons)
Cattle	36,633	7,772
Calves	846	42
Hogs	17,899	1,021
Horses	9,878	1,616
Goats	617	16
Sheep	10	.1

1/ The following substitution, based upon later information received from GHQ,SCAP, should be made in the corresponding section of the 121st weekly report: The fifth, sixth and seventh shipments to China were sent on 27 March, 4 and 9 April, and consisted of 2176 packages of machine tools and secondary metalworking equipment weighing 4,638 metric tons.

2/ Grains given in brown rice equivalents.

Reported for 21 and 24 March were receipts of 6,177 and 6,040 metric tons respectively of whale products from the Antarctic whaling expedition, which has been completed. The Ministry announced a catch of 339 metric tons of whale meat in the Bonin Islands during the week ending 23 March, consisting of the following:

Type	Amount (in units)
Fin	3
Sei	6
Sperm	11

The Tokyo Metropolitan Office reported the following receipts of fish at the Tokyo Central Fish Market for the period 1-10 March:

Type	Amount (in metric tons)
Fresh fish	2,293
Frozen fish	764
Salted and dried fish	884
Others	566

February log and lumber production and stockpiles were reported as follows:

Type or Use	Production		Stockpiles	
Logs for general use	57,544,000	cubic feet	171,623,000	cubic ft
Mine timbers	7,839,000		31,593,000	
Railroad ties	1,686,000		5,843,000	
Telephone poles	450,000		1,058,000	
Pulp logs	2,498,000		23,543,000	
Veneer logs	988,000		4,245,000	
Piling	129,000		217,000	
Sawlogs	41,592,000		147,563,000	
Lumber	291,192,000	board ft	288,312,000	boardft
Plywood	9,482,000	square ft	22,111,000	square ft
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B. Industry

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported delivery of coal to industry totalling 2,728,000 metric tons in January and 2,771,000 metric tons in February (preliminary figure).

C. Finance

D. Foreign Trade

Private trade transactions approved during 16-31 March consisted of 426 export contracts valued at $5,314,259 and 15 import contracts valued at $1,066,262. The number of contracts and value of each by commodity classification follows:

Type	Number	Value
Exports		
Total	426	$5,314,259
Machinery & metals	10	149,501
Textiles & fibers	143	3,922,552
Ceramics, bamboo, paper, misc.	235	941,833
Foods, furs & chemicals	38	300,373

Imports		
Total	15	$1,066,262
Rayon pulp	1	257,000
Hides	1	29,854
Dyestuffs	8	190,440
Soap	1	459,000
Castor seeds	1	31,000
Sodium hydrosulfite	3	98,968

E. Public Health and Welfare

The Ministry of Welfare reported the following stockpiles of DDT and Typhus vaccine for the week ending 27 March:

Item	In Wholesale Houses	In Factories
10% DDT dust	3,548,920 pounds	935,790 pounds
5% DDT residual-effect spray	254,016 gallons	155,585 gallons
Typhus vaccine	137,908 vials	0

Also reported for the weeks ending 27 March and 3 April was the following production of DDT dusting and spraying equipment:

Item	Amount (in units) Wk Ending 27 Mar.	Wk Ending 3 Apr.
DDT dusters	1,800	1,700
Sprayer, knapsack type, 3-gal cap.	2,080	2,980
Sprayer, pump type, semi-automatic	950	930
Sprayer, hand type, ½ gal cap.	900	950
Power dusters	1	1

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The weekly hospital report for the period ending 12 March indicated 3,430 hospitals having a total capacity of 207,571 beds, with 102,927 patients, and 301,566 out-patients treated.

F. Communications

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III. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM and

IV. STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES

A. Politics and Government

B. Labor

The Central Labor Relations Board is continuing its attempts to mediate the dispute between the government and certain government employee's unions. On 12 April a memorandum was issued to the government employees unions insisting that they accept the 2,920 yen monthly wage scale. The government continued to reject the unions' demands for payment of wages during the work stoppages period, immunity for strike leaders, and no revision of existing labor laws.

On 3 April the unions which have agreed to the wage proposal representing 1,200,000 of the affected 1,870,000 workers, met in order to work out the details of the new 2,920 yen monthly wage scale. The government has announced that wages have been paid on the basis of the new wage scale to employees of unions which have accepted the government pay scale, but the old 1,800 yen monthly scale was used as a basis for payments to employees of unions which had not accepted the new scale.

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23 April 1948

JAPAN

I. REPARATIONS and

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

The eighteenth shipment of advance reparations transfers, made on 18 April, included 492 packages of machine tools and secondary metal working equipment, weighing 851 metric tons. These items were designated for the Philippines, and constituted the fourth shipment to that country.

A. Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

As of 10 April, SCAP reported the collection of 4,583,000 metric tons (in brown rice equivalents) of rice and rice substitutes, and of 2,108,000 metric tons of sweet potatoes.

On 13 April, SCAP authorized the release of 694 tons of soybean cake and 425 tons of misc, to be distributed at official prices. The release of 5,187 metric tons of dry skim milk powder for the school lunch program for the months of April, May and June was authorized 16 April.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported the following marine landings for February, 1948:

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Sardines	11,580
Bonito	46
Tuna	1,306
Mackerel	6,936
Horse mackerel	433
Flounder	6,065
Sea bream	1,227
Cod & pollack	22,059
Yellowtail	1,192
Shark	7,365
Other fish	32,442
Shellfish	5,497
Crustaceans	2,534
Cuttlefish & octopus	9,832
Sea cucumber	406
Whale	240
Seaweed	1,035

As of 29 February, 66,315 metric tons of fish were in cold storage.

The Bonin Islands whale catch for the week ending 27 March included 10 sei and 2 sperm whales, and 122 metric tons of by-products.

On 12 April approximately 17,000 bales of abaca were received from the Philippine Islands for use by the Japanese fishing industry. 1/

B. Industry

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported the production of 813,800 metric tons of coal during the 8.6 working days of the period, 1-10 April.

January coal production totalled 2,856,631 metric tons and February coal production, 2,754,919 metric tons. The Ministry also submitted the following data concerning industrial production for March 1948, including a revised figure for salt production in Janaury:

Item	Production (in metric tons) February (revised)	March
Salt	6,026	8,758
Fine-cut tobacco		1,169
Rough-cut tobacco		1,222
Crude camphor		177
Refined camphor		47
Camphor oil		210

Pyrite production in February was repored at 80,438 metric tons with shipments totalling 86,135 tons. Stocks on 29 February were reported at 863,444 metric tons.

C. Finance

D. Foreign Trade

Private trade contracts approved during the period 1-15 April may be summarized as follows:

Commodity	Number of Contracts	Value in Dollars
Exports		
Machinery & metals	39	$ 758,130
Textiles & fibers	166	3,145,099
Ceramics, bamboo, paper		

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Foods, furs & chemicals	59	532,277
Imports		
Wool	2/	700,011
Dyestuffs	14	324,690
Salt	1	37,260
Scrap rubber	1	200,760
Cottonseed oil	1	245,571
Castor seeds	1	27,875
Miscellaneous	7	228,250

E. Public Health and Welfare

The Ministry of Welfare reported the receipt of LARA shipments 61 and 62 during the period 5-11 April, totalling 146 tons of food.

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2/ Number of contracts not reported.

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Dysentery	51	- 20
Paratyphoid	25	↑ 5
Epidemic Meningitis	50	- 11
Typhus Fever	11	- 6
Smallpox	1	↑ 1
Scarlet Fever	33	↑ 6
Malaria	50	- 8
Japanese B-Encephalitis	0	no change
Measles	1,714	↑ 467
Whooping Cough	555	- 50
Pneumonia	3,824	↑ 142
Tuberculosis	6,017	↑ 75
Influenza	111	↑ 37
Chancroid	1,224	↑ 176
Gonorrhea	6,030	↑ 829
Syphilis	5,295	↑ 485

Disease	No. of Cases for Wk Ending 3 Apr.	Changes from Wk Ending 27 Mar.
Diphtheria	304	- 62
Typhoid	63	- 8
Dysentery	39	- 12
Paratyphoid	21	- 4
Epidemic Meningitis	49	- 1
Typhus Fever	7	- 4
Smallpox	0	- 1
Scarlet Fever	51	↑ 18
Malaria	53	↑ 3
Japanese B-Encephalitis	0	no change
Measles	1,316	- 398
Whooping Cough	472	- 83
Pneumonia	3,023	- 801
Tuberculosis	5,317	- 700
Influenza	124	↑ 13
Chancroid	1,070	- 154
Gonorrhea	6,104	↑ 74
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The weekly hospital report for the period ending 20 March indicates 3,460 hospitals having a capacity of 208,685 beds with 96,838 patients, and 313,915 out-patients treated.

F. Communications

Effective 1 May, the Ministry of Communications was authorized to expand the two-way radiotelephone service to France and Spain via the United States.

III. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM and

IV. STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES

A. Politics and Government

Eleven Social Democrats, seven Democrats, three Ryokufukai members and one People's Cooperative Party member were appointed Parliamentary Vice Ministers on 15 April. One of the Social Democratic appointments was a woman.

The Diet recessed on 16 April until 26 April.

B. Labor

On 16 April all government workers unions involved in the current labor dispute accepted the government's wage terms of 2,920 yen a month as a provisional measure pending determination of new pay arrangements, and terminated all disputes. The government also announced that the Deputy Prime Minister and the Labor Minister will attempt to overcome the difficulties standing in the way of acceptance of the unions' 3-point demand. Payment of wages during work stoppage periods, immunity for strike leaders and no revision of existing labor laws constitute the terms of this demand.

C. War Crimes

On 16 April the International Military Tribunal for the Far East recessed to prepare judgment in the case of Hideki Tojo and 23 other alleged war criminals. The Tribunal first convened on 29 April 1946. On 3 and 4 May 1946 the indictment against 28 defendants was read and all accused were arraigned on 6 May 1946. The actual trial started on 13 May 1946. Since that date four individuals were dropped from the original case. One man was declared insane and three defendants died.

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FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION NO. 001/124

ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-FOURTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN FROM THE CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF UNITED STATES ARMY DEPARTMENT

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure is the one-hundred-twenty-fourth weekly report on Japan to the Far Eastern Commission from the Civil Affairs Division of the United States Army Department, covering the period to 30 April 1948. These summaries are based on the daily operational reports from Supreme Headquarters in Tokyo.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

E N C L O S U R E

CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION, ARMY DEPARTMENT, ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN TO THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

30 April 1948

JAPAN

I. REPARATIONS and

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

A. Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

On 20 April, GHQ SCAP authorized the release of 18,451 metric tons of imported soybean flour for the manufacture of miso.

Milk production during January totalled 10,714,000 liters.

Seven Major Japanese cities received the following amounts of marine products during February, 1948:

City	Marine Products Received (in metric tons)
Tokyo	11,508
Osaka	8,611
Yokohama	4,217
Kobe	4,051
Kyoto	3,149
Nagoya	3,100
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The Tokyo Metropolitan Office reported the following fish receipts at the Tokyo Central Fish Market during the period 11-20 March:

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Type of Fish	Amount (in metric tons)
Fresh	1,619
Shell	135
Frozen	430
Salted & dried	858
Other	1,460

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported the Bonin Islands whale catch for the week ending 3 April at 5 sei and 5 sperm whales, and 152 metric tons of by-products. A final shipment of whale products by the Antarctic Whaling Expedition, received during the period 7-11 April, totalled 16,605 metric tons.

B. Industry

Coal production for the 8.1 working days of the period 10-20 April totalled 793,000 metric tons (preliminary figure).

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported the following production data for March 1948, with certain revised figures for February:

ITEM	Production February (revised)	(in metric tons) March
Lignite	245,056	
Aluminum		374
Copper		4,578
Lead	823	912
Zinc		1,780
Caustic soda		6,413
Ammonium sulfate 1/		66,186
Calcium Cyanamide 1/	7,606	12,730
Calcium superphosphate 2/	79,845	81,486
Cement	88,000	132,000
Pig iron		45,000
Crude steel		111,000
Crude petroleum		16,036 kiloliters

During the period 20 March-20 April, 34 vessels, totalling 26,055 gross tons, were completed.

C. Finance

GHQ SCAP notified the Ministry of Finance on 17 April, that local governments throughout Japan were authorized to issue bonds, to the total value of 12,990,579,000 yen, to cover deficits for public works and similar expenditures during the 1947-48 fiscal year. On 19 April, the Ministry of Finance was authorized to issue Treasury Bills up to the value of 12,000,000,000 yen to cover a temporary deficit in general account receipts anticipated during April.

The Ministry of Finance was also authorized, on 19 April, to issue firewood and charcoal certificates up to the value of 600,000,000 yen to cover a temporary deficit in the "special account for adjustment of demand and supply of firewood." The Ministry was authorized, on that date to borrow 762,731 yen for the "special account of Deposit Bureau" to offset the deficit for the 1947-48 fiscal year provided this loan is repaid within the fiscal year 1948-49 from several accruing to this account.

The following proceeds from the sale of assets of closed institutions were announced by the Ministry of Finance:

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Week Ending	Value (in yen)
27 March	23,967,496
3 April	42,834,307
10 April	96,305,663
17 April	10,646,119

The Bank of Japan 10-day reports for the periods ending 31 March, and 10 and 20 April respectively, follow:

1. Report as of 31 March:

	Assets (in 1,000,000 yen)
Cash and bullion	574
Government bonds and other securities	133,825
Advances to Government	59,828
Loans	58,057
Agencies accounts	1,226
Inter-office items on Government account	0
Misc. accounts	3,884
Inter-office account	5,510
Total Assets	262,904

1/ 20% nitrogen content
2/ 16% phosphoric acid content

Liabilities
(in 1,000,000 yen)

Notes issued	218,775
Government deposits	12,421
Other deposits	18,240
Misc. accounts	6,070
Net profit current period	1
Capital & reserve	252
Inter-office items on Government account	7,146
Inter-office account	0
Total Liabilities	262,905

2. Report as of 10 April:

Assets
(in 1,000,000 yen)

Cash and bullion	568
Government bonds and other securities	134.163
Advances to Government	59,828
Loans	57,265
Agencies accounts	1 804
Misc. accounts	2,938
Inter-office items on Government account	0
Inter-office account	7 606
Total Assets	264.172

Liabilities
(in 1 000,000 yen)

Notes issued	215,424
Government deposits	14.947
Other deposits	17.309
Misc. accounts	7.796
Net profit current period	1,556
Capital & reserves	252
Inter-office items on Government account	6,888
Inter-office account	0
Total Liabilities	264.172

3. Report as of 20 April:

Agencies accounts	1 804
Misc. accounts	2,938
Inter-office items on Government account	0
Inter-office account	7 606
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3. Report as of 20 April:

Assets
(in 1,000,000 yen)

Cash and bullions	577
Government bonds and other securities	126 554
Advances to Government	59 828
Loans	54 007
Agencies accounts	1,375
Misc. accounts	3 128
Inter-office items on Government account	0
Inter-office accounts	5,288
Total Assets	250,757

Liabilities
(in 1,000,000 yen)

Notes issued	215.032
Government deposits	9 582
Other deposits	14,781
Misc. accounts	6,068
Net profit current period	1,605
Capital & reserves	252
Inter-office items on Government account	3,427
Inter-office accounts	0
Total Liabilities	250,757

D. Foreign Trade

E. Public Health and Welfare

The Ministry of Welfare reported the receipt of LARA shipments 63 and 64 during the period 14-19 April, consisting of a total of eight tons of clothing and shoes.

The following incidence of communicable disease was reported for the week ending 10 April:

Disease	No. of Cases for Wk Ending 10 Apr.	Changes from Wk Ending 3 April
Diphtheria	361	≠ 57
Typhoid	98	≠ 35
Dysentery	68	≠ 29
Paratyphoid	24	≠ 3
Epidemic Meningitis	81	≠ 32
Typhus Fever	17	≠ 10
Smallpox	3	≠ 3
Scarlet Fever	59	≠ 8
Malaria	70	≠ 17
Japanese B-encephalitis	0	no change
Measles	1,648	≠ 332
Whooping cough	780	≠ 308
Pneumonia	1/	1/
Tuberculosis	8,349	≠3,032
Influenza	88	- 36
Chancroid	1,136	≠ 66
Gonorrhea	6,034	- 70
Syphilis	[illegible]	

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The weekly hospital report for the period ending 27 March indicates 3,472 hospitals having a capacity of 208,996 beds with 106 299 patients, and 335,832 out-patients treated.

F. Communications

Effective 1 May, the Ministry of Communications was authorized to expand international postal service between Japan and all countries of the world to include all books, magazines and printed matter classified as "prints" under international postal regulations.

III. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM and

IV. STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES

A. Politics and Government

On 22 April Prime Minister Ashida requested that the current Diet session, scheduled to end 7 May, be extended to

1/ Not available

31 May to provide adequate time for deliberation on the 1948-49 budget. The provisional general account budget for May totalling 23,537,000,000 yen and the provisional special account budget of 48,137,000,000 yen, for the same month were submitted to the Diet on 24 April.

On 22 April, Kenji Osumi Democratic member of the House of Councillors, was indicted by the Yokohama District Procurator's Office on a charge of embezzlement and theft of former military supplies.

On 23 April an estimated 20,000 Koreans, in protest against the government's closing of Korean schools for failure to comply with the Japanese education law, invaded the Osaka Prefectural Office, intimidated officials, and caused property damage estimated at 500,000 yen. In another protest meeting at Kobe on 24 April approximately 7,000 Koreans invaded the Prefectural Office and intimidated the governor into releasing a number of Koreans arrested for failure to comply with the government order closing the schools. Several hundred persons believed responsible for the disorder are under arrest and investigation. On 25 April, a state of limited emergency was proclaimed.

B. Labor

On 24 April a compromise was reached by the new Wage Adjustment Committee on the differences between the wage plans of the government and the unions. Under the new plan, fourteen pay grades will be established ranging from a minimum of 1,000 yen to a maximum of 10,000 yen per month.

On 21 April the All-Japan Federation of Coal Miners Unions and the coal operators signed a 6-month agreement providing for an average base wage of 6,380 yen for pit workers and 4,000 yen for surface workers with take-home pay (including all allowances and bonuses prior to tax reduction) averaging 7,847 yen and 4,418 yen respectively. The agreement also provided for collective bargaining and procedure for settlement of grievances.

Authorization was given on 23 April for the release of approximately 19 metric tons of imported sugar as a special incentive ration for coal miners.

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12 May 1948

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION NO. 001/125

ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-FIFTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN FROM THE CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF UNITED STATES ARMY DEPARTMENT

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure is the one-hundred-twenty-fifth weekly report on Japan to the Far Eastern Commission from the Civil Affairs Division of the United States Army Department, covering the period to 7 May 1948. These summaries are based on the daily operational reports from Supreme Headquarters in Tokyo.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION, ARMY DEPARTMENT, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN TO THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

7 May 1948

JAPAN

I. REPARATIONS and

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

General MacArthur's Headquarters announced the nineteenth through twenty-second advance reparations shipments of machine tools and secondary metalworking equipment, to the Philippines, China and British Commonwealth nations in the Far East. The Philippine deliveries, fifth and sixth to that country, were made on 22 and 26 April and consisted of a total of 855 packages weighing 1,879 metric tons. The eighth shipment charged against China's account was sent on 27 April and consisted of 739 packages weighing 2,355 metric tons. 129 packages weighing 249 metric tons were shipped on 23 April as the third allocation to the United Kingdom.

A. Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

Agricultural land sales to farmers during March totalled 359,214 acres, bringing the total as of 31 March to 1,047,362 acres.

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On 30 April, under Cabinet Ordinance Number 118, the Government directed the closure of non-essential public restaurants until 30 April 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported the Bonin Islands whale catch for the week ending 10 April at 9 sei and 7 sperm whales, and 286 metric tons of by-products.

B. Industry

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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B. Industry

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported deliveries of coal to industry totalling 2,796,000 metric tons in February and 2,907,000 metric tons in March (preliminary figure). On 31 March a coal stockpile of 149,800 metric tons was available for current shipments and 422,200 metric tons were in transit.

C. Finance

On 1 May the Holding Company Liquidation Commission released 50 industrial and distributive companies from the list of firms having excessive concentrations of economic power. Minor changes are being made in an additional 144 companies, which had been defined as having excessive concentration of economic power, prior to being released from this designation. These 194 companies were included among the 325 designated for investigation under Public Law Number 207.

D. Foreign Trade

E. Public Health and Welfare

The Ministry of Welfare announced the following production of vaccines and antitoxins during March, 1948:

Vaccines	Amount Crude	Amount Refined
Triple Typhoid	8,420,160 c.c.	0
Diphtheria toxoid	3,109,200	3,603,960 c.c.
Diphtheria antitoxin	0	88,730
Small-pox	1,449,710 doses	2,210,360 doses

Also produced in March were 15,701,900,000 oxford units of penicillin.

Values of March production and sales of medical and sanitary items were indicated as follows:

Item	Production (in yen)	Sales (in yen)
Biologicals	16,495,544	
Rubber Sanitary goods	12,315,692	8,235,446
Dental Instruments	16,405,688	
Dental Materials	10,409,544	
Surgical Dressings	33,029,225	
Medical Instruments	18,577,834	
Controlled medicines		312,687,422
Non-controlled medicines		394,856,319
Home remedies		336,600,286

For the periods 12-17 and 18-24 April the following production of DDT dusting and spraying equipment was reported:

Item	Amount Period 12-17 Apr	Period 18-24 Apr.
DDT dusters	1,700	1,700
Sprayer, knapsack type 3 gal cap.	3,010	3,680
Sprayer, pump type, semi-automatic	355	1,655
Sprayer, hand type ½ gal cap.	950	950
Power dusters	5	2

The Ministry of Welfare also reported the following stockpiles of DDT and typhus vaccine for the week ending 17 April:

Item	In Wholesale Houses	In Factories
10% DDT dust		741,910 pounds

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5% DDT residual-effect spray	209,862 gallons	145,585 gallons
Typhus vaccine	131,328 vials	0

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Pneumonia	3,162	1/
Tuberculosis	7,297	- 1,052
Influenza	62	- 26
Chancroid	992	- 144
Gonorrhea	5,297	- 737
Syphilis	3,642	- 2,154

1/ Not available.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry presented the following data concerning the incidence of animal disease during March 1948:

Disease	Number of Cases
Blackleg	2
Infectious abortion (horses)	5
Infectious anemia (horses)	43
Pullorum (fowl)	2,804
Strangles	118
Swine cholera	27
Swine erysipelas	1
Swine plague	7
Trichomoniasis	342

F. Communications

Effective 1 May, the Ministry of Communications was authorized to extend the optional deposit plan for the payment of charges for international telegrams to any post or telegraph office in Japan designated by the Ministry of Communications.

III. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM and

IV. STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES

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B. Labor

During February there were 66 labor disputes accompanied by work stoppage and disruptions involving a total of 189,558 workers; 33 were strikes involving 77,263 workers, 4 were lockouts involving 54 workers, 13 were slowdowns involving 111,651 workers and the remaining 16 were "production control" involving 590 workers. An additional 1,908,521 workers, most of whom were government employees, were involved in 102 labor relations cases in which negotiations broke down and a third party intervened to assist in adjustment.

Labor unions on 29 February numbered 29,378 with 6,185,907 members, of which 1,447,444 were women.

A wage agreement between the metal mine workers and operators was reached on 28 April providing a monthly base pay averaging 4,000 yen for surface workers and 6,380 yen for under-ground workers. Pending upward revision of ore prices, the government is extending a loan to the operators to provide additional funds for the new wage scale.

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19 May 1948

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

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ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-SIXTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN FROM THE CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF UNITED STATES ARMY DEPARTMENT

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure is the one-hundred-twenty-sixth weekly report on Japan to the Far Eastern Commission from the Civil Affairs Division of the United States Army Department, covering the period to 14 May 1948. These summaries are based on the daily operational reports from Supreme Headquarters in Tokyo.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

E N C L O S U R E

CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION, ARMY DEPARTMENT, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN TO THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

14 May 1948

JAPAN

I. REPARATIONS and

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

The following correction, based upon later information received from GHQ SCAP, should be made in the last sentence of the corresponding section of the 125th Weekly Report: 326 packages weighing 892 metric tons were shipped on 23 April as the third allocation to the United Kingdom.

A. Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

On 1 May SCAP authorized the release of 4,356 metric tons of imported sugar for sweetening of milk rationed for bottle-fed infants under 1 year old. On 7 May authorization was received for the release of 9,051 metric tons of imported canned foods and 902 metric tons of cocoa caramel for distribution during April-July and 74 metric tons of imported vetch seed for production of grass for stock feed.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported the following staple crop collection as of 20 April:

Type	Amount (in 1,000 metric tons)
Rice and rice substitutes 1/	4,585
Sweet potatoes	2,135

For the period 1-27 March the intercoastal whaling catch was reported as 4 fin and 69 metric tons of by-products. The following data was furnished for the Bonin Islands:

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Type	Week Ending 17 April	Week Ending 24 April
Sei	25 units	7 units
Sperm	7	3
By-products	401 metric tons	155 metric tons

The Tokyo Metropolitan Office reported the following receipts of fish at the Tokyo Central Fish Market for the periods 21-30 March and 1-10 April:

Type	Amount (in metric tons) Period 21-30 March	Period 1-10 April
Fresh fish	1,505	1,583
Frozen fish	296	243
Shell fish	80	213
Salted and dried fish	587	741
Others	1,034	901

The Ministry of Agriculture reported the following data on production and deliveries of wood fuel for February 1948:

1/ In brown rice equivalents.

Type of Fuel	Production	Deliveries
Charcoal	186,747 metric tons	160,973 metric tons
Gasumaki	26,071	24.713
Firewood	3,511,173 soseki koku	1,924,766 soseki koku

B. Industry

The Limestone Mining Association reported the following for December and January, respectively: Limestone production, 469,476 and 297,592 metric tons; shipment, 449,226 and 284,407 metric tons; and stockpiles 211,631 and 321,904 metric tons.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported that during April 1,989,000,000 cigarettes, 1,102 metric tons of fine cut tobacco and 918 metric tons of rough-cut tobacco were produced. 1/

C. Finance

The Bank of Japan 10-day report for 30 April follows:

Assets (in 1,000,000 yen)		Liabilities (in 1,000,000 yen)	
Cash and bullion	584	Notes issued	220,440
Government bonds and other securities	128,008	Government deposits	8,972
Advance to Government	61,681	Other deposits	17,584
Loans	56,436	Misc. accounts	6,718
Agencies accounts	1,393	Net profit current period	1,805
Misc. accounts	3,883	Capital & reserves	253
Inter-office item on Government account	0	Inter-office items on Government account	2,067
Inter-office account	5,854	Inter-office account	0
Total Assets	257,839	Total Liabilities	257,839

The Ministry of Finance was authorized by GHQ SCAP, on the specified dates, to undertake the following transactions:

1. On 26 April, authorization was granted for the borrowing of 280,000,000 yen to offset a temporary deficit in the State Forest Enterprise Special Account.

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2. On 26 April, authorization was granted for borrowing not to exceed 5,378,000 yen for the Farm Settlers Special Account to meet approved budgeting schedules for April.

3. On 27 April authorization was granted for borrowing up to 110,000,000 yen for Landed Farmers Special Account to cover a temporary deficit expected during April. 2/

1/ The following correction, based upon later information received from GHQ, SCAP should be made in the corresponding section of the 123rd weekly report: Pyrite production for February was reported at 79,700 metric tons with shipments totalling 86,132 tons. Stocks on 29 February were reported at 286,029 metric tons.

2/ The following correction, based upon later information received from GHQ SCAP should be made in the corresponding section of the 124th weekly report: Procceds from closed institutions for the week ending 17 April were 21,096,610 yen.

D. Foreign Trade

E. Public Health and Welfare

The Ministry of Welfare reported the receipt of LARA shipments 65 through 70 during the period 20 April-1 May, consisting of a total of 77 metric tons of food, clothing, shoes and miscellaneous items.

On 6 May, the final report on the Community Chest campaign was released showing that 571,071,682 yen were raised towards the readjusted national quota of 6,782 hundred thousand yen.

The Ministry reported that the following laboratory animals were available for experimental purposes in March:

2,677 guinea pigs
964 rats
1,305 rabbits
52,963 white mice

For the period 25 April-1 May the following production of DDT dusting and spraying equipment was reported:

Item	Amount (in units)
DDT dusters	1,700
Sprayer, knapsack type, 3-gal cap.	3,640
Sprayer, pump type, semi-automatic	1,560
Sprayer, hand type ½-gal cap.	950
Power dusters	2

Also reported was the following production for March:

Item	Production
Absorbent cotton	155,335 pounds
Gauze	43,340
Bandage cloth	31,933
X-Ray	352 units
Ultrashort wave	38
Ultraviolet ray	101
Infrared ray	1

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Infrared ray	1
Luminous screens	188
Intensifying screens	489 units
Electro-surgical	14
Rubber sanitary goods	6,720,262 pieces
Dental instruments	846,461
Glass syringes	352,409 units
Rattraps	1,200
Nekiorazu (rat poison)	3,333 kilograms
DDT concentrate	18,407
10% DDT dust (using U.S. concentrates)	408,980 pounds
5% DDT residual effect spray (using (U.S. concentrates)	134,181 gallons
5% residual effect spray (using (Japanese concentrates)	70,000
X-Ray Film	28,209 square meters

The Ministry of Welfare also reported the following stockpiles of DDT and typhus vaccine for the week ending 24 April:

Item	In Wholesale Houses	In Factories
10% DDT dust	3,215,071 pounds	681,210 pounds
5% residual effect spray	202,708 gallons	125,733 gallons
Typhus vaccine	131,288 vials	0

The following incidence of communicable disease was reported for the week ending 24 April:

Disease	No. of Cases for Wk Ending 24 Apr.	Changes from Wk Ending 17 Apr.
Diphtheria	327	↑ 7
Typhoid	118	- 14
Dysentery	91	↑ 1
Paratyphoid	47	No Change
Epidemic Meningitis	52	- 18
Typhus Fever	23	1/
Smallpox	3	↑ 3
Scarlet Fever	64	- 4
Malaria	78	↑ 30
Japanese B-encephalitis	1 2/	↑ 1
Measles	1,641	↑308
Whooping Cough	814	↑147
Pneumonia	3,406	↑344
Tuberculosis	7,810	↑514
Influenza	106	↑ 44
Chancroid	829	-163
Gonorrhea	4,809	-488
Syphilis	4,400	↑758

On 8 May the Ministry of Welfare reported the following data based upon a nation-wide census of orphans concluded on 1 February 1948:

Group	Number
Total number of orphans recorded	123,511
Males	68,478
Living in institutions	12,202
Living with guardians	107,108
Self-supporting	4,201

Distribution by Age Groups was given as follows:

Age Group	Percent of Total Number
1 - 7 years	11
8 - 14 years	47
15 - 20 years	42

F. Communications

On 15 May the Ministry of Communications was authorized to

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F. Communications

On 15 May the Ministry of Communications was authorized to expand radio telegraph service via the Osaka-Colombo circuit between Japan and the United States, Central and South America, the West Indies and Asiatic points to include private, press and government messages.

III. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM and

IV. STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES

A. Politics and Government

On 7 May, the Diet voted to extend the current session until 20 June. On 10 May the Cabinet announced that an anticipated 373,537 million yen in revenues would provide a balanced budget for the 1948-49 fiscal year.

On 10 May Teijo Isozaki and Teranosuke Miura, Democratic Liberal Lower House members and Ichiro Kono, former Secretary General of the old Liberal Party, was indicted on perjury charges

B. Labor

On 10 May the Government authorized the distribution and sale at 15 yen per package of 391,650 packages of American cigarettes, containing 20 cigarettes each. These cigarettes obtained from United States Army surplus stocks were released as an incentive ration to 39,165 tax collection personnel.

1/Not available
2/Suspect

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ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN FROM THE CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF UNITED STATES ARMY DEPARTMENT

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure is the one-hundred-twenty-seventh weekly report on Japan to the Far Eastern Commission from the Civil Affairs Division of the United States Army Department, covering the period to 21 May 1948. These summaries are based on the daily operational reports from Supreme Headquarters in Tokyo.

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E N C L O S U R E

CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION, ARMY DEPARTMENT, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN TO THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

21 May 1948

JAPAN

I. REPARATIONS and

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

A. Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported the following staple crop collection as of 30 April:

Type	Amount (in 1,000 metric tons)
Rice and rice substitutes 1/	4,586
Wheat and barleys	817
Sweet potatoes	2,153
White potatoes	990

On 31 March, 52,799 metric tons of fish were reported in cold storage. The following data was furnished for the Bonin Islands whale catch for the weeks ending 1 and 8 May:

Type	Week Ending 1 May	Week Ending 8 May
Sei	3 units	11 units
Sperm	17	1
By-products-	346 metric tons	185 metric tons

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported the following log and lumber production and stockpiles for March:

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Logs for general use	71,878,000 cu.ft.	177,009,000 cu. ft.
Mine timbers	10,407,000	31,901,000
Railroad ties	1,863,000	6,643,000
Telephone poles	592,000	1,054,000
Pulp logs	2,775,000	23,582,000
Veneer logs	1,340,000	4,513,000
Pilings	130,000	346,000
Sawlogs	58,764,000	148,829,000
Lumber	300,312 000 bd.ft.	309,156,000 bd. ft.
Plywood	16,236,000 sq.ft.	23,135,000 sq. ft.
Bamboo	202,000 pieces(moso)	164,000 pieces (moso)
Others	590 bundles	463 bundles

B. Industry

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported that coal production totalled 792,500 metric tons during the 8 working days of the period 10-20 April (final figure); 974,500 metric tons during the 9 working days of the period 21-30 April (preliminary figure); and 764,600 metric tons during the 8 working days of the period 1-10 May (preliminary figure).

1/ Grains in brown rice equivalents

Pyrite production in March was reported at 92,760 metric tons with shipments totalling 91,069 metric tons. Stocks on 31 March were reported at 316,079 metric tons.

The Limestone Mining Association reported that during February 360,921 metric tons of limestone were produced, 357,736 metric tons were shipped and a stockpile of 322 387 metric tons was available at the end of the month.

C. Finance

The Ministry of Finance reported the proceeds of 226,724,790 yen from the sale of assets of closed institutions during the week ending 24 April 1948.

D. Foreign Trade

On 12 June, SCAP Foreign Trade Office in New York will discontinue direct sales operations, except for goods in inventory in New York on that date but will continue to assist American buyers in obtaining desired Japanese products.

E. Public Health and Welfare

The Ministry of Welfare reported the receipt of LARA shipments 71 and 72 on 1 May, consisting of a total of 2 metric tons of clothing, shoes and miscellaneous items. During the period 10-15 May, shipments 73-75 were received and these consisted of food, clothing, garden seeds and miscellaneous items weighing a total of 108 tons.

The Ministry reported the following production of DDT dusting and spraying equipment for the week ending 8 May:

Item	Amount (in units)
DDT dusters	1,900
Sprayer, knapsack type, 3-gal cap.	3,240
Sprayer, pump type, semi-automatic	1,380
Sprayer, hand type ½ - gal cap.	1,150
Power dusters	3

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Item	In Wholesale Houses	In Factories
Week of 1 May		
10% DDT dust	3,148,110 pounds	661,210 pounds
5% residual effect spray	213,458 gallons	166,715 gallons
Typhus vaccine	131,607 vials	0
Week of 8 May		
10% DDT dust	3,121,398 pounds	627,210 pounds
5% residual effect spray	207,108 gallons	158,879 gallons
Typhus vaccine	130,979 vials	0

The following incidence of communicable disease was reported for the week ending 1 May:

Disease	No. of Cases for Wk Ending 1 May	Changes from Wk Ending 24 Apr.
Diphtheria	296	- 31
Typhoid	125	≠ 7
Dysentery	82	- 9
Paratyphoid	57	≠ 10

Disease (cont'd)	No. of Cases for Wk Ending 1 May	Changes from Wk Ending 24 Apr.
Epidemic Meningitis	30	- 22
Typhus Fever	11	- 12
Smallpox	1	- 2
Scarlet Fever	54	- 10
Malaria	83	↗ 5
Japanese B-encephalitis	0	- 1
Measles	1,834	↗ 193
Whooping Cough	713	- 101
Pneumonia	2,373	-1033
Tuberculosis	6,691	-1119
Influenza	72	- 34
Chancroid	802	- 27
Gonorrhea	4,453	- 356
Syphilis	3,969	- 431

The following hospital report was issued for the weeks ending 3 and 10 April:

Item	Week Ending 3 Apr.	Week Ending 10 Apr.
Number of Hospitals	3,468	3,472
Bed capacity of hospitals	208,943	209,016
Number of hospital patients	109,013	100,580
Out-patients treated	349,769	295,055

III. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM and

IV. STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES

A. Politics and Government

On 16 May, the Government submitted to the Economic Planning Committee a preliminary draft, approved by the Cabinet, of a 5-year plan to restore Japan's standard of living to the 1930-34 level.

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FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

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Note by the Secretary General

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CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION, ARMY DEPARTMENT, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN TO THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

28 May 1948

JAPAN

I. REPARATIONS and

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

General MacArthur's Headquarters announced additional advance reparations shipments to China, the Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines consisting of machine tools and secondary metalworking equipment. The shipment of 252 units weighing 1,095 metric tons to China was made on 8 May and brings the total of consignments to that country to date to 4,037 units totalling 12,623 metric tons On 10 May 811 units weighing 1,464 metric tons were shipped to the Netherlands East Indies bringing the total to that country to 2,198 units weighing 5,366 metric tons. Of the total of 2,307 units weighing 6,714 metric tons shipped to the Philippines, 127 units weighing 1,074 metric tons were sent on 9 May.

A. Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

On 20 May release was authorized of 112 metric tons of imported dried skim milk and 66 metric tons of preserved butter to be distributed during May through October and 13 metric tons of bacon to be distributed during May and June.

In compliance with a directive requiring the registration of all fishing vessels, a total of 19,981 powered Japanese fishing vessels of 5 gross tons or over, with a total of 506,340 gross tons and 1,114,642 horsepower were registered as of 31 December 1947.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported the following marine landings during the month of March:

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The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported the following marine landings during the month of March:

Type	Amount (in metric tons)
Herring	14
Atka mackerel	685
Sardines	9,174
Bonito	928
Tuna	1,625
Mackerel	5,742
Horse mackerel	238
Flounder	6,581
Sea bream	1,713
Cod and pollack	18,752
Yellowtail	2,313
Sharks	8,831
Other fish	35,988
Shellfish	5,856
Crustaceans	1,624
Cuttlefish and octopus	9,159
Sea cucumber	517
Whales	85
Seaweed	1,750

The Tokyo Metropolitan Office reported the following receipts of fish at the Tokyo Central Fish Market for the periods 11-20 and 21-30 April:

Type	Amount (in metric tons) Period 11-20 Apr.	Period 21-30 Apr.
Fresh fish	2,730	2,298
Frozen fish	134	265
Shell fish	181	175
Salted and dried fish	314	507
Others	1,844	674

The Ministry of Agriculture reported the following data on production and deliveries of wood fuel for March 1948:

Type of Fuel	Production	Deliveries
Charcoal	243,501 metric tons	208,359 metric tons
Gasumaki	38,291	34,230
Firewood	4,518,943 soseki koku	2,482,195 soseki koku

B. Industry

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported that during the 9 working days of the period 21-30 April 966,100 metric tons of coals were produced (final figure). A preliminary report gave the following production figures:

Type	Amount (in metric tons)
Aluminum	322
Refined copper	4,022
Refined lead	763
Refined zinc	1,442

C. Finance

The Ministry of Finance was authorized by GHQ SCAP, on the specified dates, to undertake the following transactions:

1. On 11 May authorization was granted for the temporary borrowing of 1,160 million yen on the Operation Account of the Communication Enterprise Special Account

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2. On 18 May authorization was granted local governments to issue bonds, with a combined total of 809,103,000 yen, to match funds allocated by the National Government of School Construction under the Economic Stabilization Board Public Works Program.

3. On 18 May authorization was granted for the issuing and delivering of agrarian land certificates, not to exceed 420,000,000 yen, to meet legal obligations arising from the purchase of 129,000 cho of land under the Landed Farmers Establishment Special Measures Law.

The Ministry of Finance reported proceeds of 91,314,333 yen from the sale of assets of closed institutions during the week ending 1 May 1948.

D. Foreign Trade

On 19 May a sale to the Netherlands East Indies of 37,900,000 dollars worth of cotton textiles was announced. Included were 40,000 dozen towels, 63,000 dozen handkerchiefs, 150 million yards of cotton fabrics of all types, 250,000

• dozen undershirts and 3 million pounds of cotton yarns.

E. Public Health and Welfare

The Ministry of Welfare reported the following sales of medicines and medical supplies during April:

Item	Value (in yen)
Japanese Army and Navy Medicial supplies	3,252,588
Rubber sanitary goods	11,554,323
Non-controlled medicines	1,084,698,314
Controlled medicines	284,234,034
Home remedies	416,168,905
Surgical instruments and appliances	22,851,379

The following incidence of communicable disease was reported for the week ending 8 May:

Disease	No. of Cases for Wk Ending 8 May	Changes from Wk Ending 1 May
Diphtheria	306	↗ 10
Typhoid	152	↗ 27
Dysentery	122	↗ 40
Paratyphoid	66	↗ 9
Epidemic Meningitis	37	↗ 7
Typhus Fever	9	- 2
Smallpox	3	↗ 2
Scarlet Fever	57	↗ 3
Malaria	54	- 29
Japanese B-encephalitis	0	no change
Measles	1,934	↗ 100
Whooping Cough	720	↗ 7
Pneumonia	2,040	- 333
Tuberculosis	7,754	↗1,063
Influenza	72	no change
Chancroid	815	↗ 13
Gonorrhea	5,011	↗ 558
Syphilis	4,402	↗ 433

The following hospital report was issued for the weeks ending 17 and 24 April:

Item	Wk Ending 17 Apr.	Wk Ending 24 Apr.

Dysentery	152	≠ 27
Paratyphoid	122	≠ 40
Epidemic Meningitis	66	≠ 9
Typhus Fever	37	≠ 7
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Item	Wk Ending 17 Apr.	Wk Ending 24 Apr.
Number of hospitals	3,472	3,499
Bed capacity of hospitals	209,085	210,237
Number of hospital patients	101,051	100,843
Out-patients treated	311,752	292,110

F. Communications

The Ministry of Communications was authorized to extend radio telephone service between Japan and Trinidad effective 1 June.

III. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM and

IV. STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES

A. Politics and Government

On 22 May the Government approved the clearance of 129 persons on the purge appeals list as recommended by the appeals board. This board was abolished on 10 May.

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FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

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ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-NINTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN FROM THE CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF UNITED STATES ARMY DEPARTMENT

Note by the Secretary General

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Secretary General

E N C L O S U R E

CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION, ARMY DEPARTMENT, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH WEEKLY REPORT ON JAPAN TO THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

4 June 1948

JAPAN

I. REPARATIONS and

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

General MacArthur announced that another advance reparations shipment of 238 units of machine tools and secondary metal-working equipment weighing 635 metric tons was sent on 17 May to the British Commonwealth Nations in the Far East.

A. Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported that 254,938 acres of land were resold to eligible purchasers during April bringing total resales to 1,302,300 acres.

The release of 400 metric tons of imported barley and 3877 metric tons of imported molasses for the manufacture of yeast was authorized by SCAP on 25 May.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported the collection of 4,586,000 metric tons of rice and rice substitutes and 2,209,000 metric tons of sweet potatoes as of 20 May. 1/

B. Industry

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported that during the 8.5 working days of the period 11-20 May 846,800 metric tons of coal were produced. The Ministry also reported that coal deliveries to industry totalled 2,964,000 metric tons in March (final figure). During April 442,400 metric tons were in transit and 147,900 metric tons were available for current shipments.

The Limestone Mining Association reported that during March 425,045 metric tons of limestone were produced, 434,977

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The Limestone Mining Association reported that during March 425,045 metric tons of limestone were produced, 434,977 metric tons were shipped and 319,427 metric tons were stockpiled at the end of the month.

C. Finance

D. Foreign Trade

E. Public Health and Welfare

The Ministry of Welfare reported the following production of DDT dusting and spraying equipment for the week ending 15 May:

Item	Amount (in units)
DDT dusters	1,900
Sprayer, knapsack type, 3-gal cap.	1,640
Sprayer, pump type, semi-automatic	1,200
Sprayer, hand type ½-gal cap.	750
Power dusters	2

1/ Weight of rice and rice substitutes given in brown rice equivalents

Also reported was the following production for April:

Item	Production
Dental instruments and materials	683,643 pieces
Medical instruments	2,023,888
X-Ray film	28,209 sq. meters
Glass syringes	371,900 pieces
Antu (rat poison)	3,140 kilograms
Nekiorazu, Nesso and Yoku-byo(rat poison)	9,796
DDT concentrate	23,959
10% DDT dust (using U. S. concentrates)	54,420 pounds
5% DDT residual effect spray (using U.S. concentrates)	67,485 gallons
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Sulfathiazole	4,111	2,806
Bismuth Sussalicylate	581 liters	431 liters

The Ministry of Welfare also reported the following stockpiles of DDT and typhus vaccine for the weeks ending 15 and 22 May:

Week Ending 15 May:

Item	In Wholesale Houses	In Factories
10% DDT dust	3,118,808 pounds	396,980 pounds
5% residual effect spray	190,393 gallons	335,522 gallons
Typhus vaccine	129,779 vials	0 vials

Week Ending 22 May:

Item	In Wholesale Houses	In Factories
10% DDT dust	3,035,768 pounds	396,980 pounds
5% residual effect spray	184,345 gal.	133,482 gal.
Typhus vaccine	122,979 vials	0

During April, 861,925 pounds of 10% DDT dust, 156,719 gallons of 5% residual effect spray and 9,913 vials of typhus vaccine were released to the prefectures and ministries.

Pyrethrum emulsions production for the period 1 April to 10 May totalled 74,200 gallons. This is the first production of a total of 377,800 gallon quota planned for 1948.

The Ministry of Welfare reported the availability in April of the following laboratory animals for experimental purposes:

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The following animal diseases were reported for April:

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Trichomoniasis	131
Equinine infectious abortion	25
Swine erysipelas	32
Swine plague	8
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Reaction	No. of cattle
No reaction	87,630
Suspected cases	502
Slight cases	180
Severe cases	59

March meat inspection data were given as follows:

Item	Cattle	calves	horses	swine	goats	sheep
Live weight(metric tons)	6,845	58	1,347	1,485	17	1
Number slaughtered(units)	18,707	644	3,939	17,333	396	30
Condemned-anti mortem	2	0	21	1	0	0
Condemned post mortem (totally)	14	3	7	4	0	0
Condemned post mortem (partially)	870	27	334	1,151	5	1
Condemned post mortem (viscera)	6,268	70	737	4,688	26	4

The following incidence of communicable disease was reported for the week ending 15 May:

Disease	No. cases for Wk Ending 15 May	Changes from Wk Ending 8 May
Diphtheria	318	↗ 12
Typhoid	178	↗ 26
Dysentery	124	↗ 2
Paratyphoid	66	No change
Epidemic Meningitis	39	↗ 2
Typhus Fever	7	- 2
Smallpox	2	- 1
Scarlet Fever	86	↗ 29
Malaria	81	↗ 27
Japanese B-encephalitis	0	no change
Measles	1,748	- 186
Whooping Cough	758	↗ 38
Pneumonia	2,171	↗ 131
Tuberculosis	8,321	↗ 567
Influenza	58	- 14
Chancroid	1/	1/
Gonorrhea	4,657	- 354
Syphilis	4,373	- 29

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In a statement issued on 1 June, the Liaison Committee of the Anti-administration parties and groups, assailed the government for failing to fulfill its promise to submit the regular budget to the Diet by 15 May, and for "circulating only sketchy data on the budget." It was contended, moreover, that the anti-administration alliance was not in a position either "legally or politically," to deliberate on the skeleton budget and urged the government to desist from "such a patchwork method" and to face the Diet "with sincerity."

Deputy Prime Minister Suehiro Nishio admitted to the illegal property transactions investigation committee of the House of Representatives on 1 June that he had received 500,000 yen from building contractors during the general elections in April 1947, at which time he was Secretary-General of the Social Democratic Party. He insisted, however, that he had received the money as an individual and not as a representative of the party.

B. Labor

1/ Not available.

C. Education

SCAP Civil Information and Education libraries for the Japanese opened on 26 May in Sapporo and on 27 May in Sendai. Each of these libraries stocks a minimum of 3,000 books and 400 current periodicals. Other SCAP libraries in operation are at Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagoya, Osaka, Fukuoka and Niigata.

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Note by the Secretary General

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JAPAN

I. REPARATIONS and

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

General MacArthur announced that on 27 and 29 May 1,404 units of machine tools and secondary metalworking equipment weighing 3,310 metric tons were shipped to China as interim reparations.

A. Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported receipt of the following amounts of marine products in seven major Japanese cities during March 1948:

City	Marine Products Received (in metric tons)
Tokyo	11,853
Osaka	8,150
Kobe	4,087
Kyoto	3,745
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Logs for general use	50,538,000 cu. ft.	204,101,000 cu. ft.
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Plywood	14,239,000 sq. ft.	16,354,000 sq. ft.
Bamboo	89,000 pieces (moso)	93,000 pieces (moso)
Others	413 bundles	415 bundles

B. Industry

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported that coal production totalled 1,091,200 metric tons during the 9.3 working days of the period 21-30 May. The revised production figure of 2,627,000 metric tons for May represents 90.7 percent of the quota. Also reported was the following pyrite production for the ten day periods ending 10, 20 and 30 April:

Item	Periods 1-10 Apr.	11-20 Apr	21-30 Apr.
Production (metric tons)	29,523	26,053	32,466
Shipments (metric tons)	31,229	36,448	36,392
Stocks (metric tons) 1/	137,747	127,832	123,003

1/ Stocks have been revised to exclude approximately 175,000 metric tons in inaccessible areas.

The Ministry also reported the following data concerning industrial production for April 1948, with certain figures revised for March:

Item	Production March (revised)		April	
Pig Iron	45,000	m.t.	55,000	m.t. 1/
Cement	132,000		169,000	1/
Coke	222,000		234,000	1/
Soda Ash	4,861		5,877	1/
Calcium carbide	24,022		41,687	1/
Salt (government licensed plants only)	9,136		7,248	1/
Sulphuric Acid			162,114	1/
Industrial explosives (excluding TNT)	1,323		1,184	
Miso	15,762		14,651	
Crude camphor	177		130	
Camphor oil	210		154	
Refined camphor	47		43	
Truck chassis	942	units	1,208	units
Railway steam locomotives	7		1	
Railway electric locomotives	4		0	
Railway freight cars	83		73	
Railway passenger cars	113		48	
Household sewing machines	12,272		13,456	
Industrial sewing machines	587		658	
Small motor cars	258		265	
Electric motor cars	114	units	122	units
Machine tools	327		503	
Watches	48,065		46,033	
Clocks	133,664		142,931	
Cameras	8,531		8,424	
Binoculars and opera glasses	3,936		4,299	
Microscopes	1,968		1,354	
Sheet glass	10,464,200	sq. ft.	10,206,200	sq. ft.
Matches	19,597	match tins	22,088	match tins
Paper	34,492	short ton	37,983	short tons
Pulp	32,117		35,807	
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Wk ending 8 May	455,014,978
Wk ending 15 May	244,030,072
Wk ending 22 May	526,701,749

The following report was received from the Bank of Japan for the ten day period ending 20 May:

Assets (In 1,000,000 yen)		Liabilities (In 1,000,000 yen)	
Cash and bullion	578	Notes issued	217,883
Government bonds and other securities	127,271	Government deposits	6,102
Advance to Government	63,499	Other deposits	16,794
Loans	51,756	Misc. accounts	7,530
Agencies accounts	847	Net profit current period	1,947
Inter-office items on Government account	0	Capital & reserves	253
Misc. accounts	2,597	Inter-office items on Government account	1,844
Inter-office account	5,805	Inter-office account	0
Total Assets	252,353	Total Liabilities	252,353

1/ Preliminary figure.

D. Foreign Trade

E. Public Health and Welfare

The Ministry of Welfare reported the following production for April:

Item	Production
Absorbent cotton	228,120 pounds
Gauze	8,153
Bandage cloth	55,235
X-Ray	278 units
Ultra short wave	39
Ultraviolet ray	51
Infrared ray	2
Luminous screens	65
Intensifying screens	196
Electro-surgical	18
Rubber sanitary goods	7,782,517

Production of DDT dusting and spraying equipment for the weeks ending 22 and 29 May were reported as follows:

Item	Amount (in units) Wk Ending 22 May	Wk Ending 29 May
DDT dusters	1,900	1,800
Sprayer, knapsack type, 3 gal cap.	1,550	1,260
Sprayer, pump type, semi-automatic	870	920
Sprayer, hand type ½-gal cap.	850	1,050
Power dusters	1	1

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Item	In Wholesale Houses	In Factories
10% DDT dust	2,797,968 pounds	376,980 pounds
5% residual effect spray	172,045 gallons	108,132 gallons
Typhus vaccine	116,549 vials	0

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Smallpox	0	- 2
Scarlet Fever	78	- 8
Malaria	87	≠ 6
Japanese B-encephalitis	0	no change
Measles	2,160	≠ 412
Whooping Cough	888	≠ 130
Pneumonia	1,218	- 953
Tuberculosis	8,524	≠ 203
Influenza	48	- 10
Chancroid	875	1/
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Syphilis	4,848	≠ 475

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F. Communications

The Ministry of Communications was authorized to inaugurate overseas telephone service from Kobe, Japan, effective 7 June and to expand radiotelegraph service via Manila, effective 15 June. This service includes private, press and government messages between Japan and French Indo-China.

III. CONSITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM and

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A. Politics and Government

Opposition parties, led by the Democratic Liberals, began their offensive against the Ashida administration on 9 June with vigorous interpellations in the Diet on the financial policies of the government when Chief Cabinet Secretary Gizo Tomabechi formally requested that the Diet extend its present session until the end of the month. The current session is scheduled to end on 20 June. The Rules Committee of the House of Representatives decided on 3 June to authorize Minister of Finance Tokutaro Kitamura to deliver his long deferred address on the outlines of the 1948-49 national budget, after opposition parties agreed provided Kitamura would offer supplementary explantions when the full budget bill was presented 8 June. In his speech to the Diet on 4 June Kitamura emphasized the Government's efforts to balance both the national and local budgets. While pointing out that the new budget would increase the financial burden on the people, he predicted a marked improvement in the national economy through foreign aid and more food imports. He promised reduction of personnel expenditures by 15 percent in the General Budget and expressed determination to levy heavy taxes on profiteers since 2/3 of the total expenditures for the next fiscal year must be met by the peoples' revenues. The Government, he stressed, expects the realization of an interim national economic stabilization on the basis of foreign aid in formulating the 1948-49 budget plan.

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On 28 May the Government Board of Trade was authorized to communicate directly with firms and persons outside of Japan (governments excluded) and with firms, persons and foreign missions in Japan, on commercial matters directly connected with international trade. All contractual agreements are subject to review and validation by or on behalf of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

The new over-all currency arrangement, effective 31 May, between Japan and Sterling area countries placing private and government trade on a cash Sterling basis was announced by SCAP on 1 June. The only exceptions are transactions involving textiles manufactured from raw cotton procured in the United States.

B. Labor

On 31 March 30,199 labor unions with a membership of 6,390,277 were reported. This figure is in addition to the 102,756 members in the All-Japan Seamens Union.

C. Education

The first of 12 institutions for the physically handicapped persons in Japan was opened on 7 June in Tokyo. 116 persons are registered and housed at the project and will be given individual training in radio repair, shoe repair, machine work, printing, dress making and woodwork.

D. Report on Overseas Travel of Japanese Authorized by SCAP 1/

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