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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1515
 Date: 18 April 1948

SUBJECT: Possible Attack on Occupation Forces Installation

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that on 16 Apr 48, OSUKI Shoji was arrested by Matsue Police when he was caught stealing bicycle. Inspection of OSUKI's personal belongings revealed small notebook in which was written: "Take Action to accuracy of directive of Confidential Secondary Directive #2 dated 19:

(1) Items to be used:

- (a) 5 bombs
- (b) 10 hand grenades
- (c) 10 sticks of dynamite

(2) Time for taking action: 2300, 19 Apr 48.

(3) Location of action points and number of personnel at each point:

- (a) Location "A": 3 persons.
- (b) Location "B": 2 persons.
- (c) Location "X": 2 persons.
- (d) For location of points refer to Special Chart, Confidential Directive #5."

b. Interrogation of OSUKI disclosed that:

- (1) Location "A" referred to Shimane MG Office.
- (2) Location "B" referred to MG EM Billets.
- (3) Location "X" referred to home of one MG Officer.

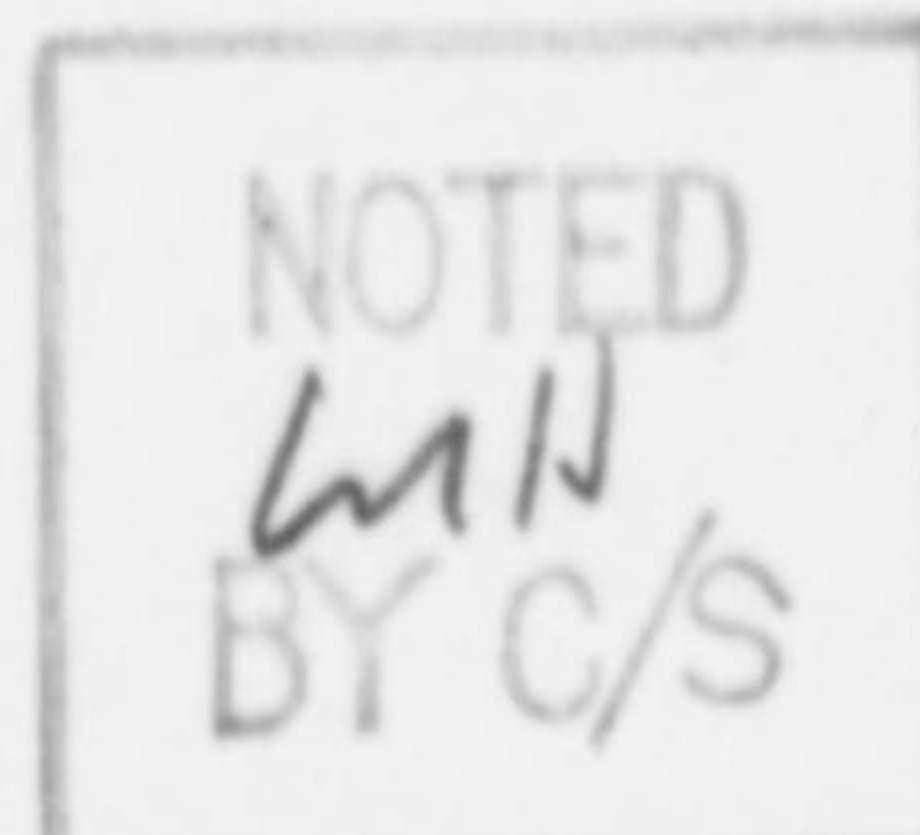
c. OSUKI stated that he had written information down as tentative plan of action, but had done nothing towards carrying out plan. It is believed possible that additional personnel, who are not in custody, may be involved.

2. Action:

a. CIC is continuing investigation and will report developments. Shimane MG team has doubled guard at its installations.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC.

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Hour: 1630

Date: 17 April 1948

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION, GENERAL STAFF

SPOT INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Strike Activity, Hokkaido

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has obtained the following information from union and company officials concerning increasing strike activity among coal miners and railway workers in Hokkaido, both of which are reliably reported to be under strong Communist Party domination in the Hokkaido area:

(1) Coal Miners: Branches of the All-Japan Coal Industry Workers Union (NCIU) at the Yayoi, Sorachi and Agiwa coal mines, Hokkaido, instituted work-slowdown strikes on 14 and 15 April 1948, cutting down coal production at these mines by approximately 70 per cent. Approximately 7,200 miners are involved. Purpose of slowdown is to protest against allegedly "unsafe" conditions of the mines. Duration of slowdown tactics is indefinite, but informed sources believe tactics will continue for several days.

(2) Railway Workers: From 11 April through 13 April about 850 members of Muroran Branch of Government Railway Workers Union, Hokkaido, walked out on strike, which has resulted in tying up approximately 1,100 tons of general freight and 4,300 tons of coal. The three main industrial plants in the Muroran area (Japan Iron and Steel Company, Wanishi Plant, Japan Iron Works Muroran Plant, and Oji Paper Company Tomokomai Plant) were forced to curtail operations due to lack of coal. On 15 April the Action Committee of the Muroran Branch of the union issued orders for the Yubari Railway Station Workers (approximately 390 employees) to conduct strike from 0001 to 2400 hours, 16 April 1948.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe and will report further developments as information becomes available. Local MG teams and tactical troops notified. Labor Division, ESS, is cognizant.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, NRS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions), CTS and Government Section.

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Date: 17 April 1948

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION, GENERAL STAFF

SPOT INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Proposed 24-Hour Strikes of Coal Mine Unions in Akita Prefecture

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC Area 34 has learned from Akita Prefectural Labor Section that, on orders from Tokyo headquarters of Japan Federation of Coal Miners' Unions, about 10,000 members of union branches in Akita Prefecture plan to go on 24-hour strikes on 20, 24, 28 and 29 April 1948.

b. Source said reason for strikes is failure of union to receive 50 per cent wage increase and 4,806 yen per laborer as supplementary living bonus.

c. Unions at following mines in Akita Prefecture will participate, according to source: Osarizawa, Kanaoka, Kosaka, Hase, Yoshino, Tatemate, Horinai, Hanawa, Furokura, Furokowan, Sumiya, Taira, Arakawa and Toyo.

2. Action:

a. CIC is observing and will report further developments. Local MG and tactical units have been notified. Labor Division, ESS, is cognizant.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, NRS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1100
 Date: 17 April 1948

SUBJECT: All-Japan Communications Workers' Union: Defiance of GHQ Orders
 : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. On 16 Apr 48 CCD monitored a telephone call from the Sun Pictorial Newspaper to the Propaganda Section of the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union, indicating that this union has adopted an attitude of defiance to instructions issued by Labor Division, ESS, GHQ, SCAP. The following conversation was observed:

(1) "Sun: What is your plan to cope with GHQ's order of yesterday to cease strike?

AJCWU: We are providing measures to deal with the situation, but no details can be disclosed over the telephone.

Sun: The news must go to press by 2100 hours. Please give us what news will be permissible. It is impossible to strike after being ordered not to isn't it?

AJCWU: It is possible because the directive given is not a formal order by GHQ. Even an order from the Chief of Labor Section (Mr Killen), unless written, can be contested for its authority. Labor regulations in Japan have not been sanctioned by GHQ alone, but by a combination of 11 nations of the world. The International Committee on labor representing the 11 nations set down basic labor laws. Therefore, no restraint can be placed upon us so long as our activities remain within the scope of the 16 basic regulations. (The Sixteen Basic Principles for Japanese Trade Unions, adopted by the Far Eastern Commission 6 Dec 46.) Otherwise, why does GHQ refuse to issue a written order? It does not in fear of leaving written proof of suppression. Measures taken arbitrarily by GHQ without consulting the International Committee would be censured by the other 11 nations. For the above reasons, GHQ issued a verbal directive. From zero hour this morning (of 16 Apr), Aisenuma, Motoyoshi and Kurihara branch unions under Miyagi District Council, Shizuoka Post Office union and one branch union in Osaka are on strike. Communication lines for the use of Occupational Forces are, of course, kept open.

Sun: The All-Japan Communication Workers' Union (ZENTEI), then, will carry on as planned?

AJCWU: Generally speaking, yes, but no definite plan has been set because the strikes are being conducted by local unions on their own initiative. The Central Committee has not issued any instruction to cease strike. Even if so instructed, the local unions would not comply with the instruction. A meeting of the Central Committee is being held at Iizaka, Fukushima-ken. Committee Chairman DOBASHI is present at the meeting."

b. Information received from a reliable source indicates that local strikes at one branch in Osaka and at three branches in Miyagi Prefecture were still continuing on 16 Apr 48, as indicated in above conversation.

2. Action:

a. CIC and CCD have been instructed to observe and report any new evidence of defiance of GHQ orders and any further plans for continued strikes of Communications Workers. Labor Division, ESS, notified.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, CCS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1700

Date: 16 April 1948

SUBJECT: All-Japan Communications Workers' Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports the following activities of the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union:

(1) Following instructions issued, 15 Apr 48, by Labor Div, ESS, GHQ, SCAP, striking communications workers in the Osaka area and in Shiga Prefecture were recalled to work. A reliable source states that by 0600 hours, 16 Apr 48, all except one local branch in Osaka had complied with the instructions to cease strike activity. Strikes scheduled for 16 Apr 48 in Shizuoka Prefecture were cancelled. Scheduled strikes in Miyagi Prefecture had already been cancelled by decision of the local union.

(2) In Fukushima City, Fukushima Prefecture, the Sixth Central Committee Meeting of the union opened on 15 Apr 48, and is scheduled to continue through 17 Apr 48. Approximately 250 Central Committee members and 700 regular union members from all areas of Japan are present. Presiding over the meeting are SAKAMOTO Masao, MASUI Masao and SHIMANAKA Isao. (Information in files of G-2/CIS reveals that MASUI is an official member of the Japan Communist Party, while SAKAMOTO and SHIMANAKA are known sympathizers and probable members.) Announced purpose of the meeting is to discuss and decide on the Government's ¥2,920 base wage proposal.

(3) Various labor unions in Fukushima Prefecture are conducting rallies and demonstrations in order to "encourage" the meeting of the Communications Workers.

(4) Employees of the Fukushima branch of the Japan Electric Power Generation Co., who are members of the All-Japan Electric Industry Workers' Union, announced that their local union would conduct a "sympathy strike" if requested by the Communications Workers to do so. A "telegram of encouragement" was then sent to the electric power workers from the meeting of Communications Workers officials.

2. Action:

a. CIC is observing and will report further details of decisions reached at the Communications Workers' meeting. Local MG teams and tactical troops notified. Labor Division, ESS, is cognizant.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, CCS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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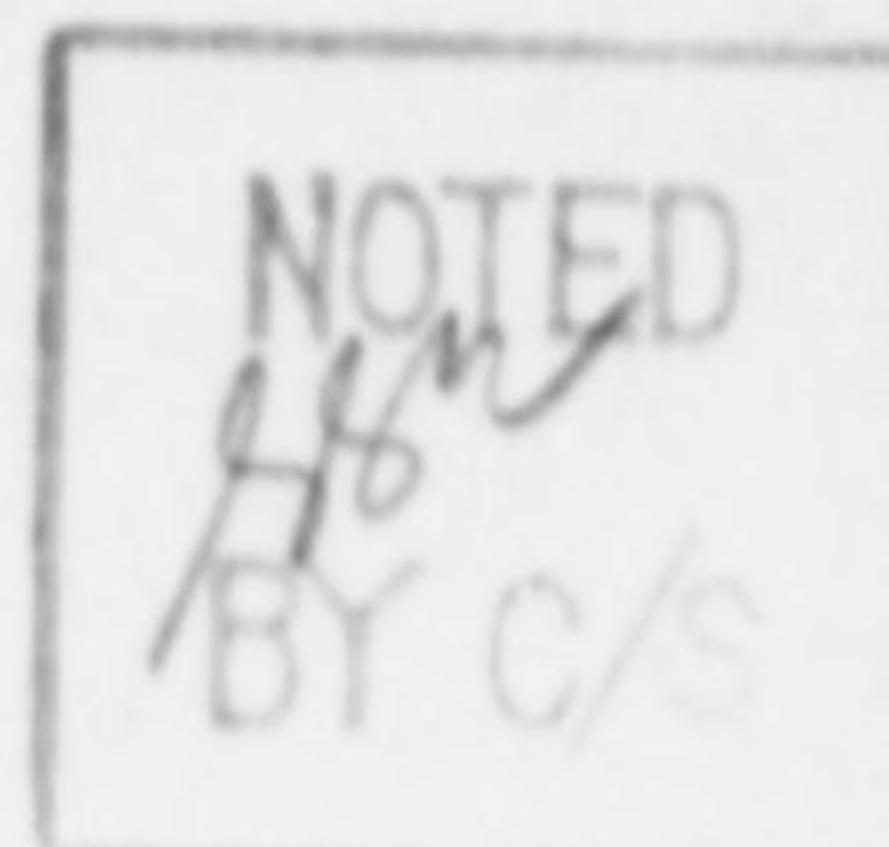
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Hour: 1330
Date: 16 April 1948

SUBJECT: Death of President Roxas and Succession of Hon. Elpedio Quirino
TO : Chief of Staff

President Roxas of Republic of the Philippines died at 0210, 15 April 1948 from natural causes (heart attack).

He is succeeded by Hon. Elpedio Quirino, Vice President and Secretary of Finance.

During the war years, Quirino was one of 34 who signed a letter to Commander-in-Chief of Imperial Japanese Forces agreeing to obey, to the best of their ability, the orders received from him and saying they had constituted themselves into a provisional Philippines Council of State.

He was a member of the National Planning Board and Economic Planning Board under the Japanese Occupation.

He had been imprisoned in Fort Santiago and lost his wife and two children during the massacre carried out by the Japanese in South Manila.

Quirino is 57 years old; 5 ft 2 inches tall, roly poly, pleasant mannered with a full face, well dressed, suave and extremely fond of Americans. He has one son and one daughter alive. He was born in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Union Province, North Luzon, of humble background. He worked his way through the University of the Philippines securing a Bachelor of Laws degree; subsequently, worked as a clerk in various Government offices; in 1919 he was Representative of his district and became a member of the Senate in 1925, and was re-elected during 10 consecutive years during Quezon period. He was at one time speaker pro-tem of the Senate and also served as Secretary of Finance, Agriculture and Commerce under Quezon. He has served well on numerous good will missions to US, and made a round-the-world flight after the war.

He was chosen ranking member of the last Independence Mission headed by President Quezon brought back to the Philippines the Tydings-McDuffie Laws. In 1934, he was made Secretary of Finance, and after serving one year was elevated to the position of Secretary of Interior. He has also been University Regent, a Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes, President of the Philippine Economic Association, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Taxation, Vice President of the Agriculture and Industrial Bank.

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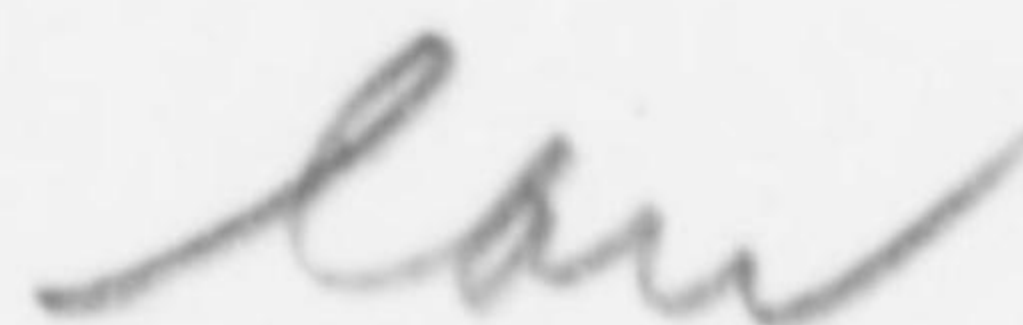
He is reported to have served as Foreign Vice Minister during Japanese occupation; also to have signed the Constitution drawn up by the Japanese.

Appraisal by G-2 Philrycom, dated 4 June 1946, is as follows:
"He is undoubtedly capable as Secretary of Finance, having served in that capacity at the inauguration of the Commonwealth. On the other hand, he is proving to be selfish and regionalistic, neither of which qualities are welcome in a person who might become Chief Executive upon the death of Roxas.

He became unpopular during the presidential campaign when he demanded that he be given as much publicity as Roxas by the party workers. Afterwards, he wrangled with the Inauguration Committee, attempting unsuccessfully to have his visage appear with that of Roxas on the official inauguration medallion. His sulkiness at having to play second fiddle to Roxas is making him unpopular with his subordinates and with newspapermen. As to his regionalism, he is from Ilocos Sur and will fill as many positions as possible with Ilocanos. In the past, bureaus under him were filled with men from Ilocos.

On the other hand, he is loyal through and through to the United States and to the Philippines."

Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP, FEC.


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Hour: 1615
Date: 15 April 1948

SUBJECT: Delayed Tactics Government Railway Workers' Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC learned from reliable sources that because of the unsatisfactory settlement of the recent wage dispute motormen of the Tamachi Chapter of the Government Railway Workers' Union are conducting vacation tactics and have demanded absolute adherence by the government to labor standards law.

b. The sources stated that these tactics have resulted in the operation of only 12 of the scheduled 22 runs between Tokyo and Yokosuka for the period 0500 to 1500 hours, 15 Apr 48, despite the fact that Occupation Forces cars are ordinarily attached to the 10 that were not operating.

2. Action:

a. Local MG notified. CIC will continue to observe and report any further developments. ESS, Labor Division and CTS are cognizant.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, CTS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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Hour: 1200
 Date: 15 April 1948

SUBJECT: All-Japan Communications Workers' Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, subject as above, dated 1030 hours 15 Apr 48, which contained schedule of a 24-hour strike in the Osaka area.

b. CCD learned from Mr YAMAZAKI, Chief of the News Department, Japan Broadcasting Corp. at 0930 hours, 15 Apr 48, that effective 0001 hours, 15 Apr 48, the All-Japan Communications Workers (telephone, telegraph, postal) in the Osaka area went on a 24-hour strike.

c. This action rendered all ground communications lines between Tokyo and Osaka inoperative. (Occupation lines have not been affected)

d. All 3 networks of the Japan Broadcasting Corp. are transmitting via shortwave to the Osaka area.

e. JBC overseas transmission from the Kawachi stations (near Osaka) to Japanese ships at sea and Japanese repatriate camps in the Shanghai and Formosa areas will not be possible for the duration of the strike.

2. Action:

a. CCS and ESS, Labor Division are cognizant. CIC is observing and will report any further developments.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, CCS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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Hour: 1030
 Date: 15 April 1948

SUBJECT: All-Japan Communications Workers' Union

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC learned from the Osaka Prefectural Labor Administration Section and the Osaka Communications Bureau that at a meeting of the Osaka District Council of the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union on 12 Apr 48, it was decided that the Union would continue struggle tactics by staging the following strikes:

(1) At 0001 hours 15 Apr 48, a 24-hour strike of the following Branches will begin:

- (a) Osaka Carrier Project Bureau, 438 workers.
- (b) Saiaike Post Office, 91 workers.
- (c) Higashi-Yodogawa Post Office, 192 workers.
- (d) Joto Post Office, 204 workers.

(2) At 0001 hours 16 Apr 48, a 24-hour strike of the following Branches will begin:

- (a) Nishi-Yodogawa Post Office, 118 workers.
- (b) Tennoji Post Office, 150 workers.
- (c) Hirioka Communications Training School, 47 workers.
- (d) Osaka Central Post Office, 1392 workers.

b. The same sources stated that all work will be stopped except that which is connected directly with Occupation Forces.

2. Action:

- a. MG and local tactical troops notified.
- b. CIC will continue to observe and report further developments as information becomes available. Labor Division, ESS and CCS have been informed.
- c. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, CCS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

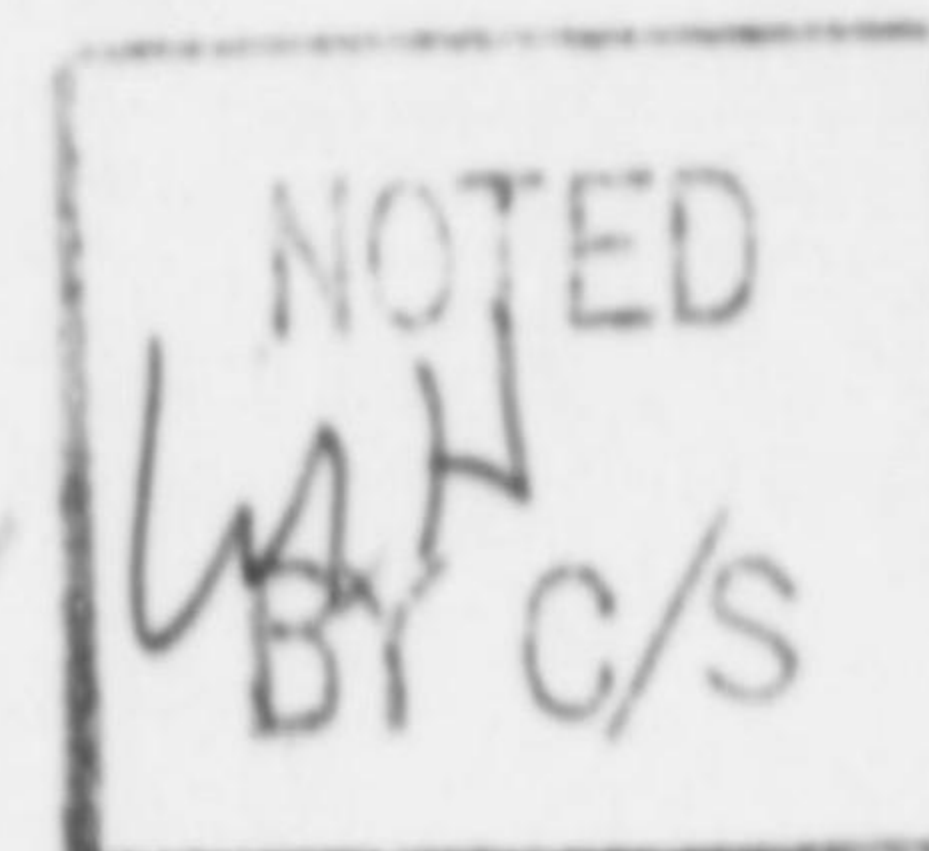
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Hour: 1730
 Date: 13 April 1948

SUBJECT: All Japan Communications Workers' Union, Miyagi Prefecture

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that the following local 24-hour strikes by branches of the Miyagi District Council of the All Japan Communications Workers' Union have been scheduled:

- (1) Sendai, Shiogama and Shinomachi Postoffices on 13 Apr 48.
- (2) All postoffices in Tome-gun on 14 Apr 48.
- (3) Naga-machi Postoffice, Sendai Telegraph Bureau, Sendai Carrier Wave System Engineering Bureau and Sendai Communications Control Section on 15 Apr 48.
- (4) Sendai Communications Division and Kesennuma Postoffice on 16 Apr 48.
- (5) Furukawa and Kogota Postoffices on 17 Apr 48.

(All places listed are in Miyagi Prefecture.)

2. Action:

a. CIC is observing and will report further developments as information becomes available. Local MG teams and tactical troops notified.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, CCS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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Hour: 1420
Date: 13 April 1948

SUBJECT: Directives Issued by All-Japan Communications Workers' Union
TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has learned from a usually reliable source that the Chairman of the Central Action Committee, All-Japan Communications Workers' Union, has issued Directive Nos. 36 and 37 to all union branches in Japan. The following is a summary of these directives:

(1) Directive No. 36: In expectation of oppression by the government, all locals to establish counter-oppression committees. Any incident of oppression to be reported immediately to the Planning Section (of Central Action Committee).

(2) Directive No. 37: Directive No. 13 is cancelled; each local to act independently according to situation. (Directive No. 13, issued 18 Mar 48, called for cessation of independent local strikes and instituted control of strike activity by the Central Action Committee.) Each local is to act in accordance with Telephone Instruction No. 113 which provides that each local is to "continue the conflict" independently during negotiations by the Central Action Committee, and that action is to be taken against a foreseen increase of oppression.

2. Action:

a. CIC continues to observe. Local MG teams notified. Labor Division, ESS, is cognizant.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, CCS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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Hour: 0915

Date: 9 April 1948

SUBJECT: Mass Meeting and Demonstration in Hibiya Park, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports that a meeting will be held between 1100 and 1530 hours today in front of Old Music Hall, Hibiya Park, Tokyo, under the sponsorship of the National Printing and Publishing Workers' Union. The purpose of the meeting is "to express opposition to the governmental ban on 'Production Control'". The sponsors of the meeting have estimated that approximately 15,000 people would attend but CIC is of the opinion that the estimate is considerably greater than the number that will actually attend.

b. Following the meeting a demonstration will be organized with a route of march via the Metropolitan Police Board Building to the official residence of the Premier and thence back to the Hibiya Park area for dispersal.

2. Action:

a. CIC will observe both the meeting and demonstration and any unusual developments will be reported.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, CPM, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and Government Section.

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Hour: 1600
Date: 7 April 1948

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SUBJECT: Japanese-Korean Riot in Hammamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture

TO: Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, subject as above, dated 1730 hours, 6 April 1948, which reported that a major riot had occurred in Shizuoka Prefecture.

b. CIC reports that Colonel HOLORAN, Commanding Officer, 24th Infantry Regiment, has arrived in Hammamatsu and is investigating the incident. An Eighth Army staff officer was expected to arrive at 1400 hours 7 April to investigate the incident.

c. A detachment of thirty (30) U. S. soldiers, under command of Major TURNER, are remaining in Hammamatsu.

d. A Japanese Police search for weapons located:
1 gun (with 2 rounds of ammunition)
1 shotgun
2 pistols

2. Action:

a. CIC will continue to observe the situation and will report as warranted.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, Government Section and CPM.

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Date: 6 April 1948

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SUBJECT: Fatal Stabbing of U. S. Army Officer, Tokyo

TO: Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Following information relating to the fatal stabbing of Captain (CH) Patrick RYAN, Sugamo Prison Catholic Chaplain, at or about 2000 hours, 5 April 1948, near Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, has been ascertained by CIC:

(1) SAVOY, Pfc, of Sugamo Prison, said that, at about 2030, 5 Apr 48, while walking towards Sugamo Prison on Route #9 from Cavalry Circle, he heard a gurgling noise and a faint cry for help. He said that he ran towards Sugamo Prison to raise alarm. Two jeep loads of guards responded and went to Route #9 to search area. SAVOY, aiding in search, found body lying beside road near telephone pole. Victim was placed in jeep and taken to Sugamo Prison, where, after inspection at dispensary, physician pronounced him dead.

(2) Subsequent investigation by CID agents disclosed that group of 11 Koreans were having party in Japanese house about 25 feet from where body was found. Preliminary investigation disclosed no link between Koreans and fatal stabbing.

(3) CID learned from two soldiers of Sugamo Prison that they had met Father RYAN at 1930, 5 Apr 48, as they got off Tokyo bus at Sugamo Prison stop on Route #9. They said he asked them to go for walk to point out Japanese houses they suspected of being blackmarket and vice centers, but they declined. They said Father RYAN continued walk and they continued to Sugamo Prison. (CID learned from other sources that Father RYAN had been conducting minor, personal drive against blackmarket and vice activities in Sugamo Prison and Ikebukuro Station areas.)

4. Autopsy revealed death was caused, believed to be almost instantaneously, by a forceful, straight blow between fourth and fifth ribs on left side by what is believed to have been ice pick or similar instrument. Blow was deflected upward through top of heart and lung. Wound was 5 inches in depth, round and tapered to point. Force of blow left contusion on chest over heart.

2. Action:

a. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chief of Staff SCAP and FEC, CPM.

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Hour: 1730
Date: 6 April 1948

SPOT INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Japanese-Korean Riot in Hammamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture

TO: Chief of Staff

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1. Information:

a. G-2, Eighth Army, reports that between 1900 and 2400 hours, 5 April 1948, a major riot occurred in Hammamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture involving approximately 200 Japanese and an equal number of Koreans. Three people were killed and nine wounded. Three hundred Japanese police were relatively ineffective in quelling the disturbance before it subsided at 2400 hours.

b. In anticipation of renewed outbreaks 400 Japanese police are gathered in the area. The 25th Infantry Division has order an MP patrol to the scene from the 24th Infantry Regiment located at Gifu, Gifu Prefecture.

c. Information as to cause of riot and nationality of victims is not yet available.

2. Action:

a. CIC will observe the situation and report any additional information.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, SCAP and FEC, Government Section and CPM.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

Hour: 1445
 Date: 5 April 1948

SUBJECT: Coal Mine Strikes

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC reports the following information on current strikes of coal miners:

(1) Matsura Coal Mine Labor Union: Approximately 1,850 members of this local Union in Nagasaki Prefecture walked out at 0001 hours, 3 Apr 48. Strike is tentatively planned to terminate at 0001 hours, 6 Apr 48, but informed sources believe it may continue for an indefinite period if wage agreement is not promptly reached between company and Union. The Union is affiliated with the All-Japan Coal Industry Workers' Union. It has been reliably reported that 10 Communist members of the Union were the leading agitators in previous strike activity at this mine during Mar 48.

(2) Tohoku Mine Company Labor Union: 217 members of this local Union in Yamagata Prefecture walked out for an indefinite period at 1200 hours, 2 Apr 48. The Union is affiliated with the All-Japan Coal Industry Workers' Union. No further information is yet available.

(3) Mukae Coal Mine Labor Union: Approximately 550 members of this local Union in Nagasaki Prefecture walked out at 2200 hours, 1 Apr 48, for an indefinite period. No further information is yet available.

(4) Hokkaido Branches of the All-Japan Coal Industry Workers' Union: Mining operations are proceeding normally, following termination of strike on 2 Apr 48.

2. Action:

a. Local MG teams and tactical troops notified. CIC continues to observe.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, NRS, ESS (Labor and Industrial Divisions) and GS.

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Hour: 1400
Date: 4 April 1948

SUBJECT: Mass Meeting and Demonstration

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. CIC has learned from MPB:

(1) Mass meeting and demonstration by Tokyo Regional Joint Dispute Committee, Japan Farmers' Union and Taito Ward Livelihood Protection Association is scheduled for 5 Apr 48 at Music Hall in Hibiya Park, Tokyo. Sponsors estimate 6,000 people will attend the meeting.

(2) Purpose of meeting and demonstration is "to object to the unfavorable revision of the Labor Act". Responsible person is UENEHARA Yujiro. Tentative schedule follows: Assemble and speeches, 1130 to 1200 hours; demonstration, 1330 hours; and disperse 1630 hours.

(3) Tentative route of march of demonstrators to be as follows: Music Hall to side of Supreme Court, around Diet to front of Prime Minister's official residence, to Torano-mon, Tamura-cho, to side of Hibiya Park; there to disperse.

2. Action:

a. CIC will observe meeting and demonstration.

b. Following agencies notified: ADC, Deputy Chiefs of Staff SCAP and FEC, ESS (Labor and Industrial Division), FM, GS.

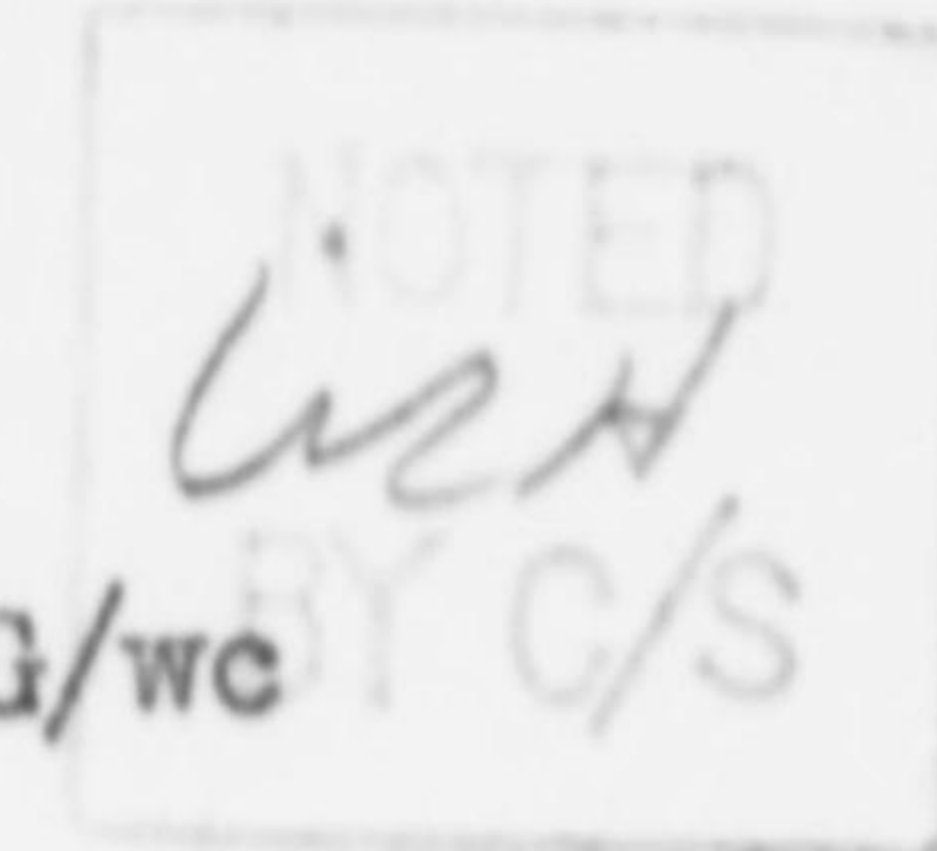
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Hour: 1110
 Date: 1 April 1948

SUBJECT: Mass Meeting and Demonstration of Labor Unions, Tokyo

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Information:

a. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, subject as above, dated 1515 hours 31 Mar 48, which reported that a mass meeting and demonstration would be held in the Imperial Palace Plaza on 1 Apr 48, under the sponsorship of a number of labor unions.

b. CIC reports that at 1030 hours this morning approximately 1,000 persons had assembled near the speakers' stand of the Imperial Palace Plaza for the purpose of taking part in the scheduled meeting and demonstration. The crowd is very rapidly increasing in number.

c. The tentative program is as follows:

(1) The meeting will be opened by the singing of "Akahata", the Red Flag song. ICHINOMIYA Kazuhiro, All-Japan Communications Workers' Union, will preside over the meeting. TSURUOKA Nobuzo, Japan Teachers' Union, will report on progress and will be followed by DOBASHI Kazuyoshi, head of the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union, who will explain demands to the crowd. A guest speaker, as yet unnamed, will give a lecture. SATO Anzei will be the temporary chairman.

d. The slogans of the meeting are as follows:

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- (3) "Opposition to interference with the labor movement."
- (4) "Establishment of minimum wage system."
- (5) "Absolutely opposed to dismissal because of administrative readjustment."
- (6) "Opposition to revision of labor laws."

Petitions covering the above slogans will be sent to the Premier, the House of Councillors and the House of Representatives.

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