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2nd Report on the Investigation of Group Application by Koreans

At Tsurumi Ward Minsei Anteisho

1. Condition

Since the previous report on the group application by Koreans on 4 December 1950, the condition was back to normal. But on the 12th, over 200 Korean laborers including some Japanese mingled in its group came to the Ward Office and to the Minsei Anteisho.

(1) Place

Tsurumi Ward Office & Minsei Anteisho

(2) Time

12 December 1950 - 0900 to 0950 a.m.

(3) Condition

About 30 min. before the above hour over 200 Japanese and Korean laborers gathered on the neighboring roads and the plaza in front of the Ward Office. And then they surged into the Ward Office and Anteisho in groups at the same time and took over the Ward Chief's Office. By 0930 the negotiation was made for a time being and the laborers retired to outside leaving about 10 representatives. One person was selected from the laborer to carry the negotiation as the chairman.

The following items were the request made at the meeting.

- A. Grant entire DSL assistance
- B. Discontinue the deduction of income from DSL assistance budget
- C. Grant year-end allowance
- D. Give us rice
- E. Give us charcoal
- F. Give us clothing for the winter

To the above requests, the Ward has no authority to solve any one of the 6 items, was the answer given by the Ward.

During the negotiation the group outside other than the representatives began to force their way into the conference room and finally the mob

occupied the room and the meeting was discontinued.

By this time about 40 police officers arrived at the scene and after some struggle and arrest of one man it was subsided.

The above occurrence took place only on that day, and it has been peaceful up to this date of investigation (20 December 1950).

(4) Opinion of the Ward (Expressed by the Chief of Minsei Anteisho)

The group actions, such as above have happened several times in the recent past, but on each occasion, the demands are never on individual problems, and always with the items which can not be solved within the authority of the Ward. Therefore, it seems their primary purpose of their action is for the demonstration.

Of course if any problem which can be solved at the Ward, it is needless to say the complete solution would be worked out after the thorough investigation for the decision of its necessity.

At the present time the effort is being made by Minsei Anteisho to efficiently handle these problems without carrying them into the City Office.

2. The number of cases of interview and application, and decision of rejections.

The following is the condition of the protection for Koreans since December 4 - 20, 1950.

| | Interview | Application Necessary | Under Investigation | Cases Approved | Rejected |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------|
| December 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| December 13 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |

As it can be clearly seen with above numbers, most of them are in average conditions.

3. Special matters concerning interview and investigation

The extreme difficulty of finding the true facts concerning income and responsible relatives at the time of investigation is seen with Tsurumi Ward as it is in the case of other wards.

Minsei Anteisho is reporting a method of their investigation they have adopted, by keeping investigation record book "Activity chart" to enter the activities and income each day, and the result of it is investigated actually, once a week to determine the case. But its result is rather doubtful.

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2nd Report on the Investigation of Group Application by Koreans

At Kohoku Ward, Kohoku Minsei Anteisho

The incident on December 4 was reported in previous 1st Report.

On 6 December about 30 Koreans came to the office from 14:00 to 16:00 hrs. to demand official answer for the requests they submitted on 4 December.

The statement made by Minsei Anteisho was that their answer does not vary from what they gave at the 1st disturbance. And the investigation is being made based on individual applications.

It was discovered upon the investigation of applications. The most of the applicants are the occupants of one half of 50 families living in barracks built on Tsunajima reclaimed land in this Ward. The air is good in this vicinity but the living environment is very bad, and especially the sanitation condition is beyond speaking. Their houses are void of furnishings and the living condition is like that of primitive age. Most noticeable is the large number of venereal disease patient. Also many T.B. patients live together with others in small places. These people used to make fairly good living earned from making illegal low grade "sake", but since the strict control by police, their livelihood is sustained by day labor. It is rumoured a portion of them live by black-market dealings, but without exception they stated no income at the interview. Therefore only method for the confirmation of their income is through the contact with PESO.

| Interview | Application | Approval | Rejected |
|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 52 | 52 | 42 | 10 |

10 Rejected cases have income higher than the Minimum standard amount was discovered through the contact with PESO and the applicants themselves agreed with the fact. Later, on 18th of the same month about 30 of them came to Ward Chief and requested answer to the demands which are not under the jurisdiction of Minsei Anteisho. The Ward Chief answered, that they are not to be treated any different from the people in general. And the meeting was over in 30 minutes. They immediately came to Minsei Anteisho with following requests.

1. Advance payment of January Living Aid
 2. December assistance grant budget is based on the income of November, therefore it should be recalculated by the December income.
- To the above 2 requests the answer was given as follows:

- (1) According to the instruction from the Central Government it is in practice of paying in advance on a certain date, therefore when the payment date arrives the payment shall be made.
- (2) Impossible to make any change without receiving special instructions concerning this matter.

Thus the meeting was over in 30 minutes.

Opinion for the future

It is not likely to have trouble any further. Provided, the leaders working in behind does not adopt the plans to give more pressure.

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Demands of Koreans Handled by Kohoku Ward Office, Yokohama City

On 4 December 1950, 30 Koreans appeared at the Kohoku Ward Office with various demands and stayed from 0900 hrs. to 1600 hrs.

Name of representative Kin Kei Shoku

1. Demand for application of liveable DSL
 - a. Raise the minimum standard assistance grant.
 - b. The income from PESO should not be considered as a income and deduct from the assistance grant.

To the above demand a., the account of the present 10th revision of DSL standard public assistance grant was given, and the impossibility of raise until the official notice will be received as to the revision on the standard amount, was explained.

Concerning b. the explanation was given to its impossibility, because of the directive Min Ho 492 dated 12 July 1950. Provided, in case of heavy laborer, the increase of the amount for necessary expenditure is permitted in their income to ease the situation, because of the low standard amount for the staple food. For the purpose of promotion of the will for the labor and revival of industry.

2. Demand for the fund, three times of the public assistance grant, to pass the winter.
3. Provide 3 bales of charcoal to each family without charge.
4. Provide bedding and clothing without charge.

Upon explanation of no article in DSL providing the above aid, the further demand was made for the emergency relief from Welfare Work Assn., but the Ward Chief was absent and the answer was not given.

5. Demand for housing repair costs.

Wish to handle this matter on individual application for Housing Aid, within 3,000 yen for each cases, according to the Welfare Ministry Social Affairs Bureau Chief's directive Sha Otsu 94 dated 23 June.

6. Demand immediate repair of the water pipes and the sewerage.

Explanation of no applicable article in DSL providing the above aid.

7. Demand for school children's travel expenses.

Answer was given as to, the grant shall be given according to the law upon individual applications.

8. Do not collect any tax from us.

9. Demand for jobs in peace-time industry.

Issued an explanation, the above request have to be communicated to the government offices concerned.

10. Demand for the recognition of independence for education of own race.

11. Demand for the immediate release of arrested Korean agitators in Kansai area.

In answer to the above demand, the explanation was made on the impossibility of making signed petition by the persons in position of public servants.

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4 December 1950

P R O T E S T

TO: Chief of Kohoku Ward
Chief of Minsei Anteisho

FROM: Kohoku Ward Koreans

The fascist Yoshida Cabinet, which is making public statement of its intervention into Korean crisis, is committing atrocity in effort to turning Japan as the war ground of Asia.

At the time when we Koreans are receiving racial discriminations even at the PESO with the restriction of jobs which is causing us extreme difficulty in living, the Yoshida Cabinet is suppressing us with the violence can be detected very clearly with the incidence of Korean uprising in Kansai area. We are strongly protesting, and at the same time we submit the following itemized requests in order to gain our rights for livelihood, and to pass this year-end as average human beings.

1. Demand for application of liveable DISL.
2. Demand for the fund, three times of the public assistance grant to pass the winter.
3. Provide 3 bales of charcoal to each family without charge.
4. Provide bedding and clothing without charge.
5. Demand for housing repair costs.
6. Demand immediate repair of the water pipes and the sewerage.
7. Demand for school children's travel expenses.
8. Do not collect any tax from us.
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