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Fire in Ogu-cho. 30 Dec, 1948

Place: Front of Ogu Station, Ogu-cho, Kita-gun
Date: 28 Dec, 1948
Time: Between 4:00 to 5:30 P.M.

Damage: estimate damage: 20 million yen.

1. Completely burnt 15 homes. (including 9 relief families & 2 warehouse
15 families 55 persons homeless:
2. Half burnt: 29 homes: (29 families 132 persons.)
3. 1 person died
1 " injured
4. Total families: 42 families effected:

Relief Measures taken:

About 500 members from Fire Brigade, Women's Association, & Youth's Association set up a emergency Kitchen for Sufferers:

Ken Official said this disaster is ineligible for aid by Disaster Relief Law. (because less than 50 families were effected.) It will be aided directly by Ken fund & Community Chest Campaign: Does who are eligible for public assistance, will be aided by Daily Life Security Law.

Ken Welfare Section chief & some staffs visited the spot to-day and brought the following materials for temporary relief measures.

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50,000 yen cash:
174. clothing coupons & beddings.

Remarks:
This information was given to Ken by phone.

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Welfare Report

Date: 31 Dec. 1948

By: A. Amano

Additional verbal report from Prefecture on the measures taken for the fire at Ōzu on 28 Dec. '48.

The Welfare chief, Mr. Ikeda, went to Ōzu on 30 Dec. '48, and the measures taken are as follows.

The sufferers can manage for the time being with clothing, quilts and mattresses which have been lent to them by their neighbors and relatives. Tickets for 8 pieces of clothing were given to each family whose house was ~~wholly~~ completely burnt, and tickets for 2 pieces to those partly burnt. The clothing is to be taken to them in the beginning of Jan. '49.

Eleven poor families are to receive the relief goods free of charge. About ¥8000 will be needed per family, which will be paid from temporary allowance, community chest fund and Ken expenses.

Plans for construction of homes is being made now.

As for foods, boiled foods were distributed free till 30 Dec. Pans were distributed to them,

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THE SUMMARY REPORTS OF NAGAHAMA FIRE

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27 Oct. 1948
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SUBJECT : Nagahama conflagration and the police guards.

TO : Commanding Officer, Ehime M.G.Team

FROM : Chief of Guard Section, Ehime N.R.P.

The Communist party flying a red flag in front, the Socialist party and Sufferers' Unions went into action one another in the midst of Amouldering ruins at Nagahama-cho, and sometime unlawful conducts were seen there, but the public peace has been maintained so far by co-operative guards of N.R.P. and M.P.

To prevent undesirable activities of deliquent fellows, the police guards are kept on running.

1. Outline of Nagahama-cho.

Nagahama-cho stands at the river mouth of Hijikawa, North-west of Kita-gun, and faced at the sea of Iyo in the north-west, surrounding on south-east by mountains. Its area is 0.69 square "ri" spreading 900 "ken" in the west-east, and 1,043 ken in north-south, and has the harbor of Nagahama. It is an important point of land and sea in Kita-gun and has 1,272 houses, 1,637 households, and 6606 population.

The industry of the twon are fishery, commerce and industry, and it constitutes the first primary market.

2. Status of Conflaglation.

a. Broke out time and the day weather, Broke out at about 0.30 p.m., on Sept. 17, Put under control at about 4 p.m., Completely extingnished at about 6 a.m. on the next day, Weather : Fine Wind (W.N.) wind velocity 10 or 13.5 metres.

b. Cause of fire and its location:

i. "Niboshi" Manufacturing plant and its warehouse at Minato-machi, Nagahama-cho owned by Takada Jitsuo.

ii. The cause is deemed to be sparks from the chimney of the adjoining Yoshu Mokko Plant, which flew on the warehouse roof that-ched with cedar barks,

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and is under investigation.

c. Number of burnt down houses and sufferes :

Completely burnt down houses	85	the same sufferes	728
Half burnt	9	"	36
Partially destroyed	7	"	24
TOTAL	201 houses	"	788

AGE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1 to 6	60	67	127
7 to 12	64	48	112
13 to 16	35	29	64
over 17	233	252	485
TOTAL	392	396	788

Dead and wounded : No dead

Wounded 62 persons : Serous 2 (a fireman and a female)
Slight 60 persons.

Main burnt buildings :
Nagahama Kindergarten, Public pawn-house,
Dr. Akaho's Office, Dri. Hayashi's Office.

Estimated damage : about a hundred million,
the details are under investigation.

The destroyed areas are consested with seven zones, where the fishermen's barracks were built in disorder. The day was fine weather, but the fishermen were out of fishery owing to a gale. The fire that broke out at the point along the northern end coast of the town spread to barracks and set fire to heavy and light oil stored at the fishermen's houses.

The flame being spread in every direction at the same time, the refngees went into somewhere for safety, so the early fire prevention was not seent.

3. Fire Prevention and the fire brigade activities.

Nagahama fire brigade, employing 200 firemen and having three pumps (2 gasoline pumps pulled by hands, one operated by arms), are divided into three squads, and 36 fire-hydrants are equipped in the town, but these facilities were quite out of use for preventing fire, because the furions fire rages and narrow rodas made a great obstacle to their activities.

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Upon receiving a fire report in delay about 10 minuits, the police gasoline pump started into action, but it was unable to use for out of order. The number of policemen of Nagahama-cho Police Station at the time except one absent person, was seven including chief.

Upon receiving a fire report from the town office at about 0.40, the police issued a fire warning sounding a siren, and all policemen headed by chief went to the spot to prevent the fire, and considering surrounding conditions, asked for help to fire brigades at adjoining lands after consultations with the twon master and brigade head.
Besides the police asked for assistance to Kita Area N.R.P. and Oozu M.P. at around 2 p.m.
The fire squads at Kushio, Kitanada and Yamato visited the town instantly hearing a fire warning siren. Soon after the fire squads at Shirataki, Awazu, Miki, Sunada and Oozu came to assistance, but their activities could not obtain the desired results for lack of a leader and geographical knowledge.

Around 3 p.m., the wind turned to north-west and begun to go down, and the fire put under control on the whole at 4 p.m. by preventing fire spreading to Deki-machi.

The fire squads engaged in the fire prevention, including Matsuyama-shi fire squad, were more than 20 involving 1.300 firemen.

Remaining 10 or 15 men from among Kushio, Kitanaga, Yamato and Shirataki fire squads, headed by Matsuyama-shi gasoline pump squads, were dissolved.

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About 8 p.m., the wind begun to blow with a speedy of 14-15 metres, and flame set fire to a big pine tree in front of the High School.
To prevent fire spreading, the firemen cut down the tree, and was put under control completely at 6 a.m. of the next morning.

4. The relief of the sufferers :

a. Establishment of the Temporary ~~Control~~ counter-Measure HQ.

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Leading and exciting the town leaders, Chief of Kita Area Police Station formed the Temporary Counter-Measure Hq. at the Nagahama Town Office on the 17th and started systematic activities.

Chief of HQ. Kuroda Naoyasu, Nagahama Fire brigade chief
Relief Chief Suenaga Yoshiro, Nagahama Town Master
Chief of Guard and Crime Prev.
Chief of Kita Area N.R.P.

b. Establishment of Medical Relief Hq.

The relief headquarters consisting of 2 doctors and 6 trained nurses of the Oozu Hospital was established at 4 p.m., and it was changed with Matsuyama Red Hospital chapter at 6 p.m.

Dead None
Inmured 62
Serious wounded 2 (male 1, female 1)
Slight wounded 60 (degree of washing eyes)

c. Meal supply to the sufferers and relief accomodations.

i. The town authorities opened the town assembly at the Town Office at 5 p.m. of the 17th of Sept. and put into effect the following measures.

To appropriate ¥500,000 as the sufferes' solatium.
Meal supply for a week (prolonged to 10 days)
Demand for distribution of building materials, bed-clothes, clothing and other daily necessities.
To collect contribution from non-sufferers in the town.
To open the sufferers' home.

788 sufferers were accomodated as follows.

Term : Sept. 17 to 23.

HOME	DATE AND NUMBER OF PERSON						
	~~17th~~	~~18th~~	~~19th~~	~~20th~~	~~21st~~	~~22nd~~	~~23rd~~
Fukuseiji Temple	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd
	32	32	30	33	33	33	33
High School domitory	136	136	136	136	136	136	136
Enritsuji Temple	50	50	50	40	40	40	27
Fishery Office	40	35	32	37	37	37	37
Acquarium	38	43	54	61	61	61	61
Amidaiji Temple	47	20	20	15	15	15	15
TOTAL	343	316	322	322	322	322	322

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d. Relief commodities sent by Ehime Ken Counter-Measure Hq.

The Ken counter measure headquarters sent many commodities such as bed clothes, clothing, foodstuff, kitchen utensiles and various daily necessities on the same day.

5. Rehabilitation counter measure :

a. The foundation of the rehabilitation counter measure headquarters was decided at the town meeting held at the town office on the 18th, and Town Master Suenaga Yoshio was elected to the chief.

The following schedules were decided at the conference under the presence of vice-governor Miyauchi and other officers who happened to visit the town.

i. Early establishment of town operated houses of 1,00 tsubo (5 or 7 tsubo per house)

ii. Free distribution of daily necessities by applying the living relief law to the sufferers.

iii. To furnish with funds necessary to conduct sufferers' businesses, and free distribution of fishery tools.

iv. Earliest enforcement of the relief counter.

Measures were decided at the town and village meetings held on the 20th.

6. Sufferer's movement :

The majority of the sufferers are inhabitants so-called emancipated persons, and their living condition are very low. Their are roungh of speech and rude of manner.

Some of them acted violence conducts to the firemen who were engaging in the fire prevention, besides they criticized severaly against the prevention measures taken by the public authorities.

Such anxious conditions were supressed by Yamasaki Masanao, a powerful person among them, and the sufferers' meeting was held at Enritsuji Temple on the 18th at 2 p.m. with about 200 attendances, and staff decided as follows.

Chief of committees Ueda Takao (member of town Ass., fishery)

Vice Chief Asada Benjiro, fishery

Chief secretary Mamasaki Masanao, jobless Convert of communist

Vice Chief Matsumoto Sakujiro, secretary of Fishery Assn.

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other commissioner 7.

The following items were decided at the meeting.

a. To demand free distribution of fishery materials and tools.
b. To demand free distribution of main foodstuff and clothing.
c. To demand free distribution of daily necessities.
d. To demand exemption from taxation for the time being.
e. To demand funds supplying from non-sufferers in the town.
f. To demand reparation to the origin of a fire when discovered.

The following matters were acknowledged as a collateral condition.

1. To study untruthfulness of the town authorities.
1. Insincerity of the leaders of town fire brigade.
1. Insincerity of the town police station and dismissal.

The police apprehended the following incidents until now, and now are going to good status.

Injury case to Suenaga town master; Violence acts to the Youth squad chief and town office officials.

7. Fire brigard activities and counter measure taken by the police.

A. The details are same mentioned in above.

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B. Assistance and activities by the N.R.P.

At around 1.35 p.m. an alarming report of "big fire in Nagahama" was received by the Shiratakimura Police Sergeant Station, and"fire report" was retranferred to the Kita Area N.R.P.
The fire devoured about 100 houses already and licking flames were spreading at a ferocious speed to all directions, and on account of broken water-pipe, the only way to control fire was to destroy houses on the fire-path, expecting prompt assistance, the above-quoted report was later received by the Kita Area Station.
Taking all circumstances, all available police officers were mobilized including officers of the detachment station, Oozu, Uchiko Autonomous Entities. Emergency police party were composed of chief and 10 others of the Kita Area N.R.P. and deputy-chief and 5 others of the Oozu Autonomous Police Station, picking firemen on the way to the spot, the party arrived Nagahama at 2.35 p.m. The Nagahama fire-men were actively combating fire in cooperate with firemen from the neighboring villages, an intensity of feames was violent, casting the entire people into a completely turmoil.
"Hq of Guard for Sufferes" was established after a conference by chief of the Kita N.R.P., mayor, fire-chief and Nagahama Police Chief. Main object of this H'q was to procure a systematic command or to strengthen power of counter-measures which were urgently needed on the very spot.

Police Took commanding Control :

The surrounding site of fire-originated place was completely burned out, and a firece ravoging flame now started to engulf the entire section of Deki-machi.
Deputy-chief of the Kita Area N.R.P. took command of the entire force, and the area been divided into sections to be taken charge of by units.

a. Thus forming a surrounding situation in combating flames.
b. Especially the fighting power on Deki-machi front was strengthened.
c. Endeavered to get firm maintenance of water by police.
d. To make smooth activities traffic was suspended.
e. A powerful control over violators.
f. Enforce theft preventive measures.

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The above-quoted items were strictly enforced in the stricken area, and in addition to those the wind velocity slackened, saving Iwamura oul storage house and Deki-machi area, and finally the fire was put under control at about 4 p.m. Carried out furnitures were piled up along the beach, and to meet unexpected happenings police and firemen were gathered at the town-hall at 5 p.m. and the following preventive Measures were taken :

a. Gasoline-motered pump-engines or excellent conditioned fire-extinguishers were put in operation for fear of refiring.

b. Night patrol net-work by 18 firemen's units with police actively operated to prevent theft or maintain welfore.

c. An investigation party headed by Nagahama Chief of police was formed to find out the origin of fire or to investigate all suspicious affairs.

8. Installation of H'q of patrol :

Commander-chief of the Kita Area N.R.P.
Chief guard-deputy-chief of the Kita Area N.R.P.
Person in charge of liaison affairs : Chief guard of the Kita Area N.R.P.
Person in charge of investigation : Chief of Nagahama M.P.

9. Supervision and apprehending of law-breakers:

Patrol cars rode by 3 or 5 armed police patrolled the city day and night, thus maintained and controlled welfare of extremely excited town-people.
3 cases of interferences in public duties,
60 cases of theft, and violation acts which are under investigation, occured.

a. Mayor injured :
On 18, at 4.30 p.m. Mayor Suenaga was ushering an inspection party composed of deputy-Gov. and Director of Ken Welfare Dept. when he was surrounded by 100 odds score excited stricken people, and he was thrown over inflicting injuries on his forehead needing 2 wks of medical treatment.
Later on, suspect Iwagi Kaneichi (a fisherman) of Nagahama was apprehended and charged with interference in official duties and injury charge.

b. Violation to city official :

On Oct. 20, 10.30 a.m. Horiuchi Atsuo, age 43 a merchant of the town dropped in town-hall in drunken

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condition and he kicked the face of Higashi Hiroyuki, a town revenue officer giving injuries needing 5 days of medical treatment. He was charged on the same violation as above case.

c. Locally reputed ruffians Tabuchi Tsujio, age 21 and Yamamoto Tamotsu, age 20 called out Yamada Takio, age 25 while he was engaged in his duty at town-hall and forced him out to the Nagahama Beach. they rained fistal knocking on his face.
Otsuka Masaru, age 23, head of Nagahama Young Men's Ass., viewing this unlawful acts done on Yamada, he tried to intermediate between them when he sustained violation done by them. They were arrested on charge of injury and violation acts on 23rd.

A mass meeting of stricken people was held on 24th and the following 2 major resolutions were adopted :

a. Positive exclusion of unlawful acts.
b. Reacknowledgement of exclusion or interference of Com. or similar groups.

A gloomy situation turned into a favorable condition and patrol or guarding units were disbanded on 25th. On 17th, Com. Searls and on 23rd Capt. Lawrence visited the town and given an invigorating works.

Relativity between Police and firemen :

a. Fire Dept. was connected with the police force and commanded by chief of police till the revamping of police system, and they were put under a riged surveillance and a deliverate practice.
They are under command of mayor or fire-chief who are void of real experience to meet an emergency, and their inefficiency were rather lamentably proven this time.
For instance, had they taken a more efficient instantaneous fighting system in the bud spreading offire could be reduced at a certain degree.
Really they were in a delemma to meet an extraordinary big fire, consequently flames fanned by gale intensified to such rapidity and spreaded to all directions.
Chief of the Kita Area N.R.P. without losing any time he conferred with the town authorities, chief of town police to arrange emergency measures, thus chief of the Kita Area N.R.P. took command of the entire firing force.
In the future a certain revised fire fighting system should be schemed to mold after a long traditional

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efficient practice and activities.

b. Installation of H'q of Guard in the stricken area is needed to take care of general affairs on the seene.

c. Morality of fire-brigade was not in high-spirited in this fire, some of firemen returned home to defend their own home. Nagahama owned 2 sets of gasoline pump, but unfortunately one of them was put out of order after a brief service. There were insufficeent ~~ord~~ equipment of water-main or available utensils.

d. Activities of the Nagahama City Police were handicapped on account of short member force (7 policemen under the command of an ass. P. Inspector) Therefore they could not control the paralyzed city condition, but after the N.R.P. reinforcement arrived a possible emergency effective measures were put in operation.

e. Some 14 or 15 Com. came in Nagahama right after 5 hours since the fire started and they demonstrated their specialities of soothing, consoling or sundering in smooth language, but their efforts ended in futility, becouse the anti-Com. or Socialists among citizens stood adamant against them.

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Chief of Guard Section,
Ehime Pref. N.R.P.

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List of distributed goods and money through the Office
of Nagahama Relief Headquarters

DATE	NAME OF GOODS	AMOUNT	HOW DISTRIBUTED
Sept. 24	Relief fund	¥366,100	¥1,000 for total loss(& ¥300 per Capita) ¥1,000 for half burned ¥500 for partially burned ¥1,000 for factory.
20	Presented money	¥221,700	¥500 per Household,¥200 per capita.
29	Relief fund	¥10,477.92	¥66 per school children.
22	Kindling-wood	1250 bundles	6 bu pr.Household.
"	Charcoal	250 bales	1 bale pr. "
"	School note-books	564	2 pr. school-child.
27	Pumpkin	480 kan	500 momme pr. capita,7 kan pr.household.
"	Potato	78 kan	1.3 kan pr. household.
28	Old clothes	822 pieces	3 pr. household.
"	Candies	126 pieces	3 pes. "
"	Dishes	412 pcs.	2 pcs. "
	Paper,Children's Vests	1,000 pcs.	1 pc. pr.capita
	Paper Conforters	10 pcs.	1 pc.pr.30 h.hold.
	Candles	624 pcs.	2 pcs. pr. H.hold.
	Old pencils	116 pcs.	4 pcs. "
	School notes	467 notes	2 "
	Salt	200 kg.	700 momme pr. capita.
	Nippers	125 pcs.	1 pr. "
	Wooden clogs	65 prs.	3 prs. 3 H.holds
	Sandals	42 prs.	3 prs. "
	Tea-cups	72 pcs.	1 pc. " 20 "
	Old magazines	73	" "

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A detailed explanatory list of assembled firemen and fire-apparatus.

NAME OF FIRE-UNIT	NO. OF FIREMEN	GAS. POWERED PUMP	MAN-POWERED PUMP	ARRIVING TIME	HOW LONG NEEDED TO COME TO THE SCENE
Kitanada	84		2	2 p.m.	1.30 p.m.
Kushio	80	1	1	2 p.m.	1.30 p.m.
Yamato	120		1	2.30 p.m.	2 p.m.
Shirataki	150		2	"	"
Izumi	20				
Miki	60			2.30 p.m.	2 p.m.
Awazu	70		2	"	"
Oozu	195	1		"	"
Minamikume	35			3.30 p.m.	3 p.m.
Shinya	35		1	3.30 p.m.	3 p.m.
Hirano	30			3.30 p.m.	3 p.m.
Tenjin	18			4 p.m.	3.30 p.m.
Ikazaki	21	1		3.30 p.m.	3 p.m.
Sugeta	39			3.30 p.m.	3 p.m.
Uchiko	70	1		3.30 p.m.	3 p.m.
Gozyo	50			5.30 p.m.	5 p.m.
Kaminada	20		1	3.30 p.m.	3 p.m.
Shimonada	20		1	2.30 p.m.	2 p.m.
Matsuyama	5	1		4 p.m.	3,30 p.m.
~~Nagahama~~	~~200~~	(reserved)			
Nagahama	200	2	1	0.40 p.m.	0.10 p.m.
TOTAL	1,332	7	12		

List of emergency assisting police officers

NAME OF STATION	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
Kita Area N.R.P.	28	26	28	24	18	37	37	12	12
Oozu M.P.	5					16	16		
Nagahama M.P.	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
TOTAL	40	33	35	31	15	60	61	19	19

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Goods distributed to sufferers
(from Pre. Relief H'q)

NAME OF GOODS	SINGLE PRICE	PR.H. HOLD	QUANTITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
Comforters	¥2,440.20	1 pr.	186 prs	¥453,877.20
Blankets	¥1,774.70	1pce.	195 pcs.	¥229,066.50
Towels	¥16.80	2 sheets	388 "	¥6,518.40
"Chikatabi"	¥188.70	1 pr.	194 prs	¥35,890
Thread	¥5.85	5 momme	100 momme	¥1,930

TOTAL ¥727,282.10
" ¥3,826.25 per H'hold

Working clothes, trousers, shirts, clothes for female, school suits, babies clothes----1,770 pcs.
Total--¥1,036,612.90 ¥5,343.35 pr H'hold.

Daily essential goods distributed by the "Calamity relief laws":

NAME OF GOODS	SINGLE PRICE	EACH H'HOLD	TOTAL QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Boiling kettle	large ¥108.70	1	194	l-¥12,350
	small ¥100			s-¥10,761
Needles	¥3.-	5 pces	1,000 pces	¥1,200
Matches	¥1.-	10 boxes	1,940 boxes	¥1,940
Soap	¥9.50	10 bars	3,880 bars	¥18,430
Tissue paper	¥9.40	500 sheets	9700 sheets	¥8671.80
Candles	¥2.-	5	970	¥10,670
Tea-kettles	¥294.70	1	194	¥57,171.80
Cooking knives	¥15.-	1	194	¥2910
Kettles	¥169.50	1	194	¥32,883
Dippers	¥40.-	1	194	¥1,760
Peelers	¥40.-	1	194	¥7,760
Tea-kettles	¥90.-	1	194	¥17,460
Lunch-boxes	¥45.60	1	194	¥8846.40
Buckets	¥35.70	1	194	¥41,845.80
Shoji-paper	¥0.85	20 sheets	3880 sheets	¥3,298

Total pr each Household ¥1,003.30

Total amount ¥242,878.10

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School essentials :

NAME OF ARTICLES	SINGLE PRICE	EACH H'HOLD	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Pencils	¥3.0	5	975	¥2,955
Erasers	¥1.40	1	195	¥273
Crayons	¥10	1	195	¥1,950
"	¥6.-	1	195	¥1,170
Crepasse	¥26	1	195	¥5,070
Note's	¥7.50	1	195	¥2925
Abacles	¥33	1	195	¥6,435

TOTAL ¥20,748

Given as consoling goods :

Blouses	¥245	269 pcs	¥66,012.60
Tobacco	¥1	21,000	¥2,310
Curamels	¥15	500	¥7,500
Fruit candies		4,400	gratis
Sea-slugs	¥320.55	194 bags	63,197

TOTAL ¥239,020.04
and ¥100,000 cash.

Specially distributed clothing :

Coats	1	194	gratis
Trousers	1	194	"
Underwears	2	388	"
Socks	1	194	"
Drawers	1	194	"

Disease preventive expenditure
Total ¥65,637.60

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Oct. 1, 1948

To: Commanding officer of the M.G.T.

From: Chief of the Social Welfare Section.

We take the liberty to inform you of the emergencies which took place on A ug. 26 at N a gahama, Kitagun.

1. Date; at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on Sept. 17
2 Place; Minatomachi, Na gahama, Kitagun.
3. Cause; It is presumed thatthe fire took place at the Eishu Saw-mill at the first. From the chimney of the mill a fire flew out to the roof of the neighbouring house. But it is not precisely revealed, and is now under investigation. Blazed by the strong wind then blowing about 15 meters a second the sphere of the fire was greatly nelarged, The houses were congregated and, worst of all, owing to the bad ~~weather~~ water supply there was no way to put out the fire. But at four occlock the fire ceased to standstill, crashing the houses and establishments remained unburnt, Houses burnt down were pawnshop, workagency kindergarten, hospital(2) sawmill, includng 185 houses, 8 factories, 9 half-burnt houses and 7 partly burnt houses, The total humber of the sufferers were 788. Most sufferers could not bring out their furniture out of their houses and moreover, owing to the bad weather condition on

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that day, the fisherment did not go out to sea, the fishing nets being almost burnt down. Therefore they were in great distress in their livelihood. The loss of the houses, factories and furniture was utmost great, and is assumed to be about Y 150,000,000

4. Results of the damages: As shown in the affixed paper.

5. Emergency measures; Simultaneously the Nagahama Emergency ~~measure~~ Relief Section was established at the Nagahama Town Office. The chief of the Social Welfare Section of the Prefectural Government and some of the staffs concerned carried out the emmediate measures at that time.

a. Reception of the sufferers.

718 sufferers were recepted into the temple, school dormitory, fishing union's establishment and hotel. With an aid of the women's association, cooking was made for them for about ten days.

b. Distribution of clothing, bedding, and daily necessities.

The Relief Corp of the Prefectural Government collected the above daily necessities, and distributed the goods for the sufferers as shown in the Relief Standards, thus making peace anc contentment in their minds. Concerning the kinds of goods and the sum

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needed for the transportation, it is now being intestigated. Therefore, we will inform you of the details hereafter.

c. Medical treatment and Birth assistance.

The Red Cross Corp of the Prefectural Government dispatched the staffs to the spot. In the town office, the medical treatment quarter was established and the staffs were engaging in the treatment, There was no dead person, but were about on e hundred wounded persons for whom medical treatment was done temporarily. On the 19th it was closed owing to the conditions' being quitely settled. As to Birth Ass. there was nothing to be treated. We shall inform you of the detals regarding the necessary sum of expenses.

d. Peace making for the persons.

The quarters were so-called of the special caln, viz,. under grade class---Eta in Japanese. There was special need to be mindful. Such being the case, it was necessary to make the public in peace. Moreover the communists agitated the people, thus making a great consternation. On the night of the fire breakout the chief of the welfare section went pound the town and inspected the actu ral condition. He encouraged the people or comforted them. Next day, vice-governor and the head of the Welfare Department and some other chief staffs broghht the comfort kits and

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distributed them. Many quantities of goods, such as daily necessities were instantly sent. This made the people much peace and contentment. On the 19th, a meeting was scheduled to be held by the communists, but it was ~~undone~~. suspended.

e. Giving of meterials and money which is needful to the livelihood.

Most sufferers were the distressed who had much concern in getting the materials necessary for their livelihood, and were mostly of the special class. So it is presumed that these materials should be given free of charge or be sent them without condition. We are waiting for your favours as we shall ask you with details hereafter.

f. Adaptability of the Relief Law.

Adapted.

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SUMMARY

WHEREABOUT UNKNOWN	none	
HEAVILY WOUNDED	1	
SLIGHTLY WOUNDED	99	
HOUSES BURNT DOWN	185	728 persons
HOUSES HALF BURNT DOWN	9	36 persons
HOUSES PARTLY BURNT DOWN	7	24 persons
FACTORIES	9	

Total 210 houses and 788 persons

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Oct. 1. 1948

To: Commanding officer of the M.G.T.

From: Chief of the Social Welfare Section.

We take the liberty to inform you of the distribution of special goods as clothing for the sufferers at Nagahama The items are as follows:

Per one family whose houses were burnt down.

clothing, stockings, trousers pantaloons.

per one for each

shirts . tw o for each

Number of distributed goods;

clothing	194
trousers	194
pa ntaloons	194
shirts	388
stockings	388

Seijiro Ikeda
Chief of the Social Welfare Section

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Oct. 1,1948

To: Commanding officer of the M.G.T.

From: Chief of the Social Welfare Section.

We ta ke the liberty to inform you of the results concerning the emergencies which took place on Aug. 26. in Southern districts of Iyo. As the temporary measures were put into force in respective office according to the Relief Law. But as to the kinds and degrees concerned, they are now under investigation. We shall report to you the after measures hereafter. Concerning the relief measures by the prefectural office, they were already reported to you on Sept. 2.

SUMMARY

railroad suspended 7 banks damaged 1775

bridges washed away 223 roads damaged 1141

Total 4035.1 chobu

Farmyards overflooded 680.3 chobu washed away 438

Paddyfields overflooded 2638.7 washed away 277.1

Establishments 344 houses

Number of persons whose houses being flooded under floor.

26974 persons 5738 houses

Number of persons whose houses being flooded over floor.

5127 persons 905 houses

Houses washed away none half damaged 68(434men)

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totally damaged 16 (80 men)

Wounded or dead

slightly wounded 22 men heavily wounded 4

whereabouts unknown none dead 2

Total number of sufferers 32643 persons

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DISASTER IN NAGAHAMA (FIRE)

(Translation of Ehime Shinbun) 18 Sept '48

AT about 12:4o p.m. Sept 17, '48. a fire occurred near tthe Yoshu Wood Worker Co. Ltd. Minato Ku No. 38, Nagahama Machi. Approximately 250 houses were burnt down in 3½ hours, by heavy wind and explosion of oils. Sufferers estimated more than 1,000. The terrible disaster, first time in this prefecture was caused by heavy wind (south-western wind blowing 10 metres per second).during fire. Total damage estimated to 100 million Yen. Kindergarden, Yoshu Wood Work Co, Kikuchi Lumbering, Imamura - Refinary, Akao Hospital, Hayashi Hospital, Welfare institution (occupation agency) were completely burnt down.

Two opinions regarding cause of fire. Nagahama Town Police and Kita Gun District Police are investigating the cause of this fire. Up to present there are two opinions. One of them is, a cinder from Yoshu Wood Work Co, chimney flew and caught fire to a roof of neighbour. The other is that an accidental fire started from Minoru Takata's house ("iriko" manufacturer). investigation is continued.

First aid corps dispatched by prefectural office. Rural Police Station, Ken Regional Headquarter, immediately after receiving notice of Fire at Nagahama dispatched a relief squard composed of Japan Red Cross relief squard, assistant Police Inspector, Chief of Police, Officer of Detective Section and Ookawa Director of Ken Fire Association. Another relief squard, Mr. Kaida. chief of General Affairs Section, Mr. Ikeda chief of Public Welfare Section. Mr.Wada Official of Ken Health Section and 6 staffs. Also Doctor Oki (surgeon) with 6 others left the Prefecture building after receiving notice of fire.

The damages reported upto Sept 18 '48 are as follows:

Completely burnt.....	193 families	749 persons
Half burnt.....	9 "	36 "
Part "	6 "	19 "
	208 families	804 persons

Damages estimated:

Yoshu Wood Work Co. Ltd.....	¥ 5,000,000.oo
Kikuchi Lumbering.....	¥ 3,000,000.oo
Imamura Refinary.....	¥ 5,000,000.oo
Akao Hospital.....	¥ 5,000,000.oo
Hayashi Hospital.....	¥ 5,000,000.oo
Kindergarden.....	¥ 3,000,000.oo
Pawn shop.....	¥ 2,000,000.oo

Including individual houses damage. estimated damage amounts to ¥ 100,000,000.oo.

Number of people injured during fire.

slightly injured.....	(approximately)	30 person
seriously injured.....		2 "
		32 persons

(Walter)

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Translation of Newspaper article & report by Minsei-Bucho

RELIEF MEASURES TAKEN FOR DISASTER IN NAGAHAMA TOWN

NAGAHAMA TOWN ASSEMBLY PASSED THE DECISION OF ¥500. PER FAMILY AS RELIEF FUND.

Nagahama Town assembly met on mornning of 18 Sept '48. It has been passed at the assembly meeting that 500 yen per family will be given from Nagahama Town Office. The total will amount to about 57,000 yen. Mr. Miyauchi, Vice Governor of Ehime was present at this meeting.

OTHER RELIEF MEASURES DISSCUSSED AT THE MEETING WAS AS FOLLOW'S:

The Town will construct 150 dwellings (houses). Since Nagahama Town is unable to pay for the construction expanse. The prefecture will aid the town as much as possible..

On this construction problem, the prefecture assembly will hold a meeting ~~at~~ setting a emergency budget for Nagahama reconstruction program. This meeting is scheduled at end of September '48.

RELIEF GOOD'S SENT TO NAGAHAMA TOWN

Daily neccesity good's (toilet paper, tooth brush, soap, slipper etc.) was adequatly supported by ken.

Clothing and beddings has been distributed to the sufferers. Kitchen utencils were sent emmidiately.

All above mentioned goods were sent by Prefecture according to Disaster Relief Law.

HOMELESS AND UNFORTUNATE WILL BE AIDED

The sufferers, those who became unfortunate will be aided according to the Daily Life Security Law. The Welfare Section Chief of Ken, and Minsei Bucho are taking neccessary steps on this problems.

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PRIVATE DONATIONS TO NAGAHAMA.

The prefecture will not hold responsibility in raising fund's. for disaster. Individual voluntary donations are sent directly to Nagahama Town Office.

At present the EHIME SHINBUN HEADQUARTER has organized an ENTERPRIZE SECTION. The following was published in the Newspaper. "GIVE RELIEF TO NAGAHAMA HOMELESS" The article read as follow:

Subscription is over ¥10.00. Send it by mail or bring it personally to ENTERPRIZE SECTION in Ehime Shinbun Sha, Oote-machi, Matsuyama city. Will be opened to the public until 30 Sept '48. CASH ONLY. NO RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED.

According to the newspaper. Upto 20 Sept '48 several hundred thousand yen has been donated to Nagahama Town, by private companies and private citizen's throughout this Prefecture.

"THIS IS ONE WAY OF REHABILITATING NAGAHAMA"

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DISASTER IN SOUTHERN PART OF PREFECTURE

I. UWAJIMA CITY	Number	(Damaged) Amount in Yen
Died.....	1	
Houses completely washed away.....	5	84,000 Yen
Houses, half washed away.....	1	20,000 "
Houses, slightly damaged.....	several	36,000 "
	Total---	250,000 Yen
Houses flooded over the matt.....	321	110,000 Yen
Houses flooded under the matt.....	3,700	

Public building's that were damaged during flood.

Grammar School.....	7	414,200 Yen
Middle School.....	4	102,000 Yen
City dwelling houses flooded.....	63	315,000 Yen
Hospital damaged.....	1	50,000 Yen
		981,200 Yen
	GRAND TOTAL	1,341,200 Yen

Boat's that were damaged and washed away byflood.

Washed away.....	5	60,000 Yen
Damaged.....	15	45,000 Yen

(The following are fishing boat's with motor.)

Total Damaged--- 105,000 Yen

Bridges and roads that were damaged during flood.

Bridges completely collapsed.....	7	870,000 Yen
Land slides.....11	11	730,000 Yen
Road's damaged.....	50 places	500,000 Yen
Walls collapsed.....	19	940,000 Yen

Fields that were damaged during flood.

Paddy fields that were completely flooded.....	51 cho 9 tan
Upland that were completely flooded.....	37 cho 1 tan
Paddy fields that were washed away during flood.....	21 cho 7 tan
Upland fields that were washed away during food.....	89 cho 3 tan
Paddy fields that were damaged by running water.....	20 cho 9 tan
Upland fields " " " " " "	115 cho 7 tan

Other damages

Rail Roads, Street's, Tunnels, Banks	2,748,000 Yen
Expanses for relief measure.....	150,000 Yen

DURING THE DISASTER, GRAND TOTAL OF 8,125,450 YEN WAS DAMAGED.

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DISASTER REPORT

I, KITA-UWA-GUN-DISTRICT

1. **PERSONAL**
   Died.....1
   Injured.....3
   slight injury.....10

2. **HOUSES DAMAGED**

Completely flooded.....	10
Flooded over matt.....	506
Flooded under the matt.....	1,778
Half damaged houses.....	33
	2,327

3. **PADDY & UPLAND FIELDS DAMAGED**

Paddy fields flooded.....	2,244 cho 4 tan.
Upland..".....".....	397 cho 8 tan.

4. **ROADS AND BRIDGES**

Roads damaged.....	13 places.	139,000 yen damage
Land slide..... (this includes banks of river)	17 places.	800,000 yen damage
BRIDGE	16 places.	630,000 YEN "

5. **OTHER DAMAGES SUCH AS FOREST AND MOUNTAINS**

Forest and char-coal	SEVERAL (INCLUDING CHAR-COAL WAREHOUSE)	4,125,200 YEN "

6. TOTAL DAMAGE IN KITA-UWA-GUN. 65,000,000 YEN.

II. MINAMI-UWA-GUN. DISTRICT

HOUSES DAMAGED

	NUMBER.	DAMAGE IN YEN
COMPLETELY FLOODED:	1,	250,000 YEN
FLOODED TO MATT	45	120,000 YEN.
BANK'S WASHED AWAY	23 places	UNKNOWN.
ROADS DAMAGED	20 "	"
BRIDGE COLLAPSED	6 "	"

PADDY & UPLAND FIELD DAMAGED 81 CHO

UPLAND FIELD COMPLETELY WASHED AWAY 1 CHO 7 TAN.

TOTAL DAMAGE IN YEN APPROXIMATELY 8,944,482 YEN.

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RELIEF MEASURES:

1. THE DAMAGED AREAS WILL BE AIDED ACCORDING TO THE DISASTER-RELIEF PLAN'S.

2. THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE FUKUI AREA WILL BE SPENT FOR RELIEF MEASURE'S IN THI'S PREFECTURE.

3. ALL FLOODED HOUSES WILL BE GIVEN:
   (1) SOAP'S
   (2) PAPER'S (TOILET & SLIDING DOOR'S)
   (3) CANDLES
   (THE ~~FOLLOWING~~ ABOLE ITEMS WILL BE GIVEN FREE.)

4. 5,000 YEN WILL BE GIVEN TO THE 2 DEATH'S.

5. 2,000 YEN EACH WILL BE GIVEN TO PERSON WHO WERE INJURED DURING FLOOD.

6. 1,000 YEN " " " " " " SLIGHTLY INJURED DURING FLOOD.

7. 3,000 YEN WILL " " " HOUSES THAT WERE COMPLETLY-DAMAGED.

8. 1,500 YEN " " " " " " HALF DAMAGED.

9. 500 YEN " " " " " " FLOODED OVER THE MATT.

THE ABOVE RELIEF GOOD'S + MONEY WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH COMMUNITY AS SOON AS THIER REPORT'S ARE SUBMITTED.

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EMERGENCY REPORT NO. 2.

3.30 p.m. on the 26th of August.

1. The height of the water of the Hiji-river rises to 15 feet, five inches.

A t present, the rain falls unfrequently. Till seven o'clock, the ~~tidal wave~~ tide (low tide) subsides, therefore, the river is not to be overflooded, or the banks are not to be damaged.

The high ~~wave~~ tide of the sea is 4 o'clock on the 27th but according to the present condition, the highest ~~tidal wave~~ Tide is 18 feet. So at present the condition is safe, we presume.

References; The height of the water in the 1945 year was 25 feet, but the present banks are very strong, therefore it seems to be safe and there is a few damage we presume.

Nomura district; The communications are suspended. Some paddy fields are overflooded.

Sugeta districts; 50 paddy fields are overflooded.

Uwajima.

water is increasing rapidly.

4,000 homes are over flooded. water is up to the matt's, some are over the matt's.

Condition's are getting to be worse;

1. Killed when bridge collapsed.

damage in land.

1. paddy fields 51 cho 8 tan.
2. Sweet potatoes field 160 cho
3. up land. 29 cho 1 tan.

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To; Commanding officer of the Ehime Milt. Govt. Team.

From; Chief of the Socail Welfare Section.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE EMERGENCIES RELIEF

Date; 9 o'clock a.m. on the 26th of August.

1. The rainfalls on the 7 o'clock this morning is 41.9 m.m. The total rainfalls on this day will be 80 m.m. Tomorrow we shall have rain all day long, but it will not continue so long.

2. The water of the Shigenobu river rises high to one-third than the usual height of the water. But there is not any fear of deluge.

3. The Hiji-river increases the water to 4.8 feet. In the background of the Ozu Town office the water rises high to 6.3 feet. The increased water is 3.4 feet. The rapidity of the increase of water is 4 inches every ten minutes.
A small bridge running on the river between Nyohoji and Sodenoki was taken out. The Kanogawa bridge was washed away. About 4 o'clock this afternoon it will be most dangerous.

4. An increase of water at Uwamachi, Higashiuwa is 1.50 m. And Uchiko, Kita gun, an increase of water is 1 meter.

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5. The Kushima bridge, Meirin-cho, Uwajima was washed awa y. An increase of water is 2 meter. About twenty school boys attending school were washed a way by the flooded water. Relief is now being carried on. Twenty three boys were rescued, but one or two are missing. Two or three quaters in the city of Uwajima are have fear of destruction, and the fire brigade is out and is now making help. The fire brigade is working on the reparing of the banks. The relief corps consisting 600 men are now working. At 10 this morning the Relief Branch was established in the manicipal office.

6. The bus traffic between Uwajima and Misho was suspended.

6. Hataji, Kitauwa gun, The bank of the Takaoka river was damaged, about fifty meters long. The water was flooded over 20 cho paddy fields. The houses were damaged half(at present they are two.)

8. The prefectural road between Takanogawa, Kaminada cho, Iyogun and Gunchu, Nagahama was damaged about ten meters long. The reconstruction will be finished about three days after.

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To; Commanding officer of the Ehime Milt. Govt. Team.
From; Chief of the Social Welfare Section.

EMERGENCY REPORT (SUMMARY)

On the 25th of August it continued raining all day long and from 5 o'clock on the 26th of August the rain began to fall heavily. It was a heavy rain that we had had before. At nine thirty, with the name of the head of the Welfare Department notifications concerning relief measures were issued to all local administrative offices and to city offices. According to the report issued at ten past twenty from Uwajima Civil Engineering Section, the rain falls was 210 m.m.(At half past eight at the Uwajima Weather Forecast Station), and the condition of an increase of water of the rivers in the districts were as follows; Iwamatsu(2 meter) Sukagawa(2.70 m) Hiromigawa(2 m.) Tachimagawa(1 m.) Naigawa(1.5m.) Mimagawa(1.9m.) Kunomuragawa(2.m.)

We have received the report that the two banks were damaged and now being repaired, and the condition of the water of the Hiji river rises to 15 feet high at half past one p.m. and that the Anogawa bridge was washed away and that all communications were suspended. The Tomisu bridge was also washed away. The condition of the water of the Iwamatsu river was 4.50 meter high (at tweelve o'clock). The Uwajima line was suspended and is now being repaired. The Shibaori bridge was also washed

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away. The railroad between Yoshida and Uwajima was suspended. According to the report at three t the water of the Hiji river rises high to fifteen But at this time it became a light rain. There is fear of danger of flood because of decrease of sea till seven o'clock on the 27th because of increas sea waves. It is presumed that the condition of th river is safe because the highest position of wate the river is eighteen feet high at the increase of sea waves. Because of the position of the water of the river's being ~~was~~ 25 feet high in 1945 and of t strong repair for the banks, there will be a litt damage this time. In Nomura district, the communic were suspended, and the paddy fields are overflood In Sugeta district the paddy fields are also overfl 50 chobu wide. The total condition of the emergenc are as follows;

Uwajima

whereabout unknown	1
floor overflooded	400
floor underflooded	3600
road damaged	3
bridges washed away	3
fields overflooded	189
Yawatahama	
floor underflooded	30
Shusa district	
banks damaged	3
Kita district	
floor overflooded	10
floor underflooded	5
bridges damaged	3
fields washed waway	250
Iyo district	

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road damaged	1
Kitauwa district	
dead	1
floor overflooded	55
floor underflooded	580
banks damaged	67
roads damaged	37
bridges washed awa y	36
railroads overflooded	596
fileds overflooded	596
ship damaged	1

In Minamiuwa districts all are unknown about emergency due to suspension of communications. On the other hand, the heads of the department concerned and the committee of the relief held a meeting in the prefectural government. And the chief of the Social Welfare section told about the condition of the emergencie for he committee attended, and consulted about the relief measures.

Concerning the foodstuffs and clothing, they are being repaired for shipment for the sufferers. And the foodstuffs are being also prepaired in the Foodstuff Custodian Board. All preparations are fully done. Concerning the clothing, they are now being prepared in the Daily Necessity Association. If there are some scarcisty of clothing, the Government Daily Necessity Association are also prepaired for shipment. And concerning transportation tracks are kept for forwarding

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in the Road Management Bureau. The head of the Welfare Department made orders to go to inspect the condition of the damages for Egusa and Shirakata, in the Social Welfare Section and for Miyauchi, in the Health Section. The head of the Department ga ve them the right and for emergency measures about foodstuffs and clothing. And moreover he ordered to bring the precise report as soon as possible.

Report made at 8 o'clock p.m. on the 26th.

In Kita district the paddy fileds are overflooded 200 chobu wide.

In Okawa villagethe floors were overflooded. (5 houses)

In Hijikawa village the paddy fields are overflooded about five chobu wide.

In Sugeta village the paddy fields are overflooded about 120 chobu wide.

In Hijikawa village the roads are da maged (In one place) -----Kamogawa distirct.

In Hijikawa distirct, a bridge was washed away. All bus traffic was suspended.

Report made at 9.40 o'clock p.m.(summary) at Uwajima.

A part of the banks of the Tanigawa in the back of of the Tsurushima High School in front of the Myotenji Temple was a little damaged.

A part of the banks of the KandaRiver was a little

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damaged.

A part of the banks of the Nogawa River was a litte damaged.

The cliff in the back of the Ryokoin Temple was damaged but there is no fear of danger.

A log in the Ibuki bridge was washed away.

The cliff (Shimizu) in the Kakihara district was damaged but there is no fear of damage.

Some foundations of the Budababashi bridge were washed away.

Cliffs in Maruho distirct ware damaged. A house was crashed down, but there is no danger.

Wooden bridge (Shirahama) was washed away.

Kokuo banks were damaged. About seventy houses were inundated with water.

The cliff of Okohama was damaged and communicatbns were suspended.

The banks of
The river Okohama was a little damaged and the paddy fields were inundated with water.

Report made by the Weather Forecast Station at Matsuyama. at 12 o'clock p.m.

Tonight we have rain frequently. Tomorrow it will be fine The water deep is fifteen meters at present. Tomorrow, the wind brows at about seven tomorrow morning. But there will be not wind in the land district. In the sea, there will be some strong wind. The speed of the

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wind at sea is fifteen meters a second.

Report made at 12.30 p.m. on the 26th.

Kita district.

The commanding officer and some stuffs of the Ehime Military Government Team and four stuffs of the Social Welfare Section and of the Health Section arrived at Uwajima. They inspected the actual situation. The damages are very little contrary to the expectation. The water has decreased to twelve feet(formerly seventeen feet deep). Even at the increase of the sea waves, there will be no danger, we presume. About Uwamachi and Uwajima, the stuffs of the Health Section will report to you after.