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Division of Origin: Medical Division.

Subject : Japanese Food Supply & Nutrition.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Dr. YUKIHARU, Miki, Nutrition Specialist, Ministry of Health.

Dr. TOSHIO, Olso, Professor, Institute of Public Health.

Where interviewed: Institute of Public Health.

Interrogator : Major Henry J. RUGO.

Interpreter : Lt. ROTH.

Allied Officers Present: None.

Summary:-

1. A nationally uniform ration for the following products was issued during the war: Rice (wheat, potatoes, soy beans and barley as substitutes), shoyu, salt, and miso. The ration allowances for these foods varied with time in accordance with available supply. The composition of the rice ration varied locally with time and prefecture. In addition to these national rations there were allowances for meat, fish, vegetables and eggs on a local basis. A summary table of the rationed quantities of the principal foods in the Japanese diet will be prepared by consumer groups. This will show variation in the ration allowances from the pre-war period and through 1943, 1944, and 1945.

2. The composition of the total diet for salaried workers in Tokyo for the month of June 1945, including the contribution of foods from black market and unrationed sources was determined by a survey. The results of this survey and corresponding studies for all large cities of Japan is being prepared. Estimates will also be provided of the laboring class.

3. A table giving the population of Japan by prefectures according to the 1941 census by sex and age will be provided. This table will also include estimates of similar figures by month for the period January 1944 to V-J Day.

4. The trends of deficiency diseases during the war, based on admissions to hospitals by month will be prepared.

5. It was stated that further information on the criteria for diagnosis of nutrition deficiency diseases might be obtained of Professors Nishino and Omori at the Keio University Medical School in Shinanomachi, Tokyo. It was further stated that Professor Kinoshita, professor Pathology at Osaka University Medical School had done research on deficiency diseases in prisons.

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