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The Ideal Stand of the Regional Headquarters

( Jun, 15th 1950 )

Director Sakai of the General Affairs Division

Two years have already elapsed since the Regional Hqs. were established by the new police-organisation law. As is usual with any new-born office of government, I must frankly admit, we have been far from being satisfactory in the fulfillment of our essential task especially in our cooperation with the National Rural Police Hqs. and with the police troops of the prefectures of the region ( including Tokyo-to ), having been compelled these two years to make it our principal task to enlist the member of the staff as well as to accommodate ourselves with indispensable equipments and apparatus.

The organisation of our staff, having now been nearly completed, it is high time for us to deeply consider where and how to lay stress in our substantial business, and on what principles the regional headquarters should be managed. In other words, it may be said that the Regional headquarters have at last become able and strong enough to make such retrospection.

Let us now give the points one by one about the ideal stand of the regional headquarters:

1. The essential task of the regional headquarters should be to be fully acquainted with the intensions of the N.R.P. Hqs. and the real circumstances of the police troop of each prefecture and to perfectly and effectively permeate the opinions or directions of the N.R.P. Hqs. among the prefectural police troops and be a good adviser to them as regards the management of the troops.
2. Are the system and organisation of the Regional Hqs. then most appropriate in accomplishing the above-mentioned missions? — or are they most expediently organised? ( Refer to the attached table. ) In my opinion either the regional headquarters at this juncture should wholly strengthened, or on the contrary they should be more simplified: otherwise I cannot but feel something is left undone.
3. Whether the regional hqs be strengthened or simplified depends, in my own opinion, upon the prospect of whether or not in the near future the present police system be strengthened, particularly upon that of the N.R.P.
4. If, under the present system, the numerical strengthening of the staff of the R.Hqs. cannot be hoped for the time being, the organization of the R. Hqs. should be more simplified and reorganised so as to work more efficiently and on priority-policy.

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(b) The task of administrative management of the R. Hqs. can be to a great extent simplified by the above-mentioned disposition.

(c) The priority of the R. Hqs' business is to make synthetic inspection of all prefectural police troops and their synthetic guidance.

(d) Concerning the police guard which pertains to the working management, police-guard training and police-defence tactics should be practised by the unit of the region in consideration of the present and future police-guard circumstances; and concerning the criminal division, a "special squad" should be formed, whose task is to give guidance and assistance about special crimes, and spot directions, if need be. Of the identification equipments those of scientific or chemical branch should be installed by the unit of the regional jurisdiction, and it is wise policy to let the police troop of each prefecture to utilize them.

(e) From the above-mentioned viewpoints the organization of the bureaus and sections under the regional headquarters should be simplified as follows, and simultaneously it is of absolute necessity to increase the amount of the budget ( above all that of travelling expenses ) :

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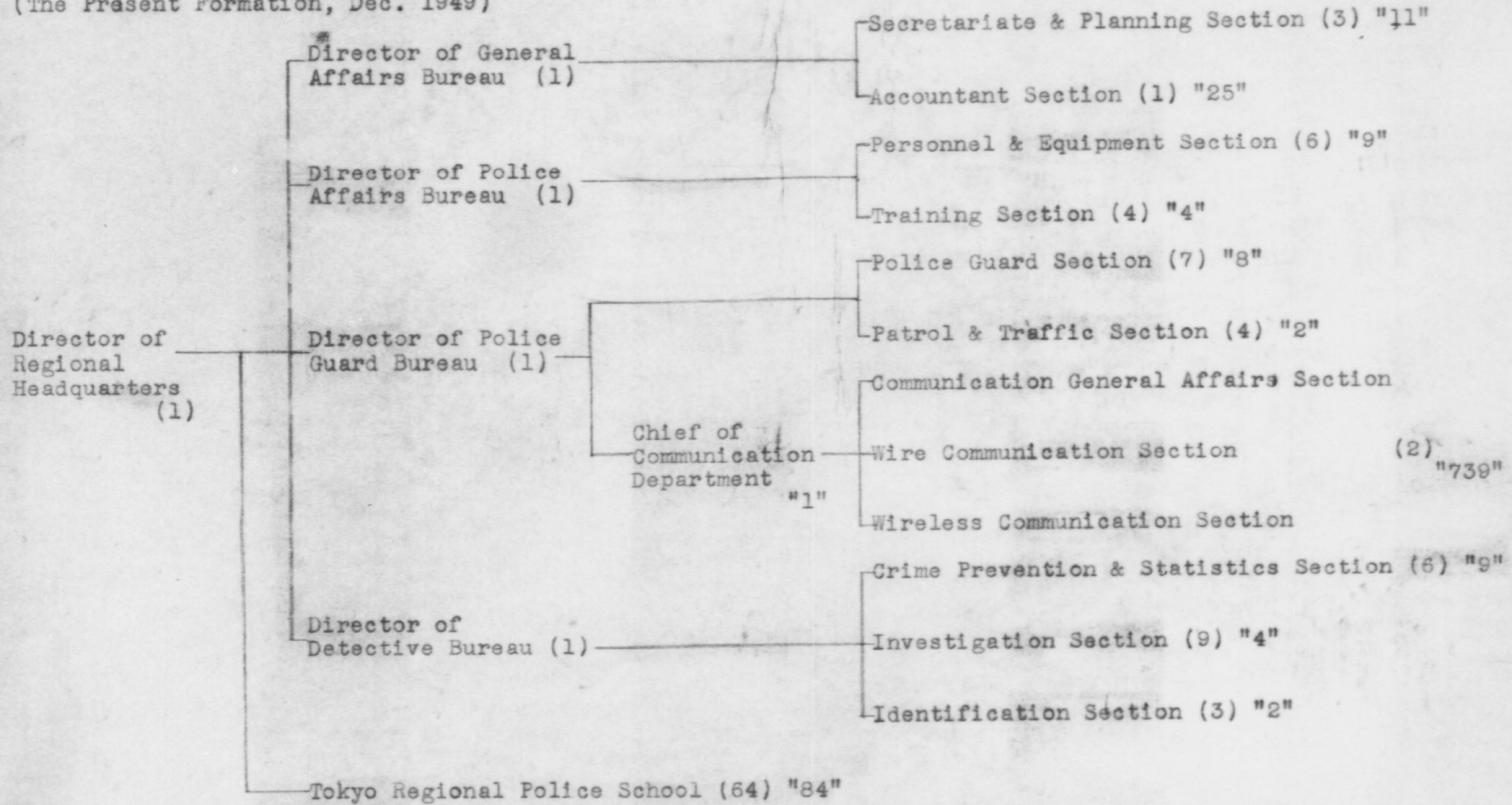
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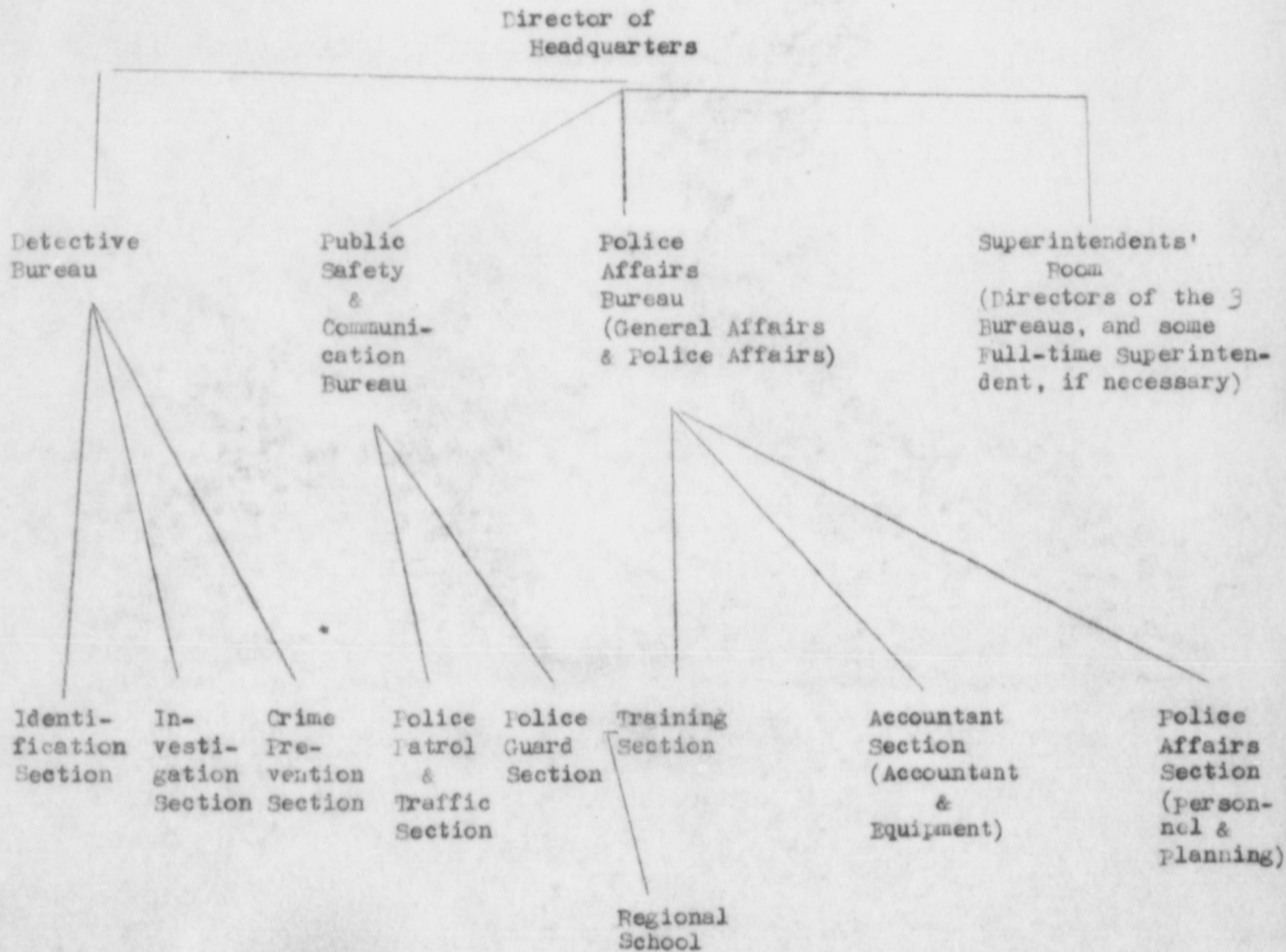
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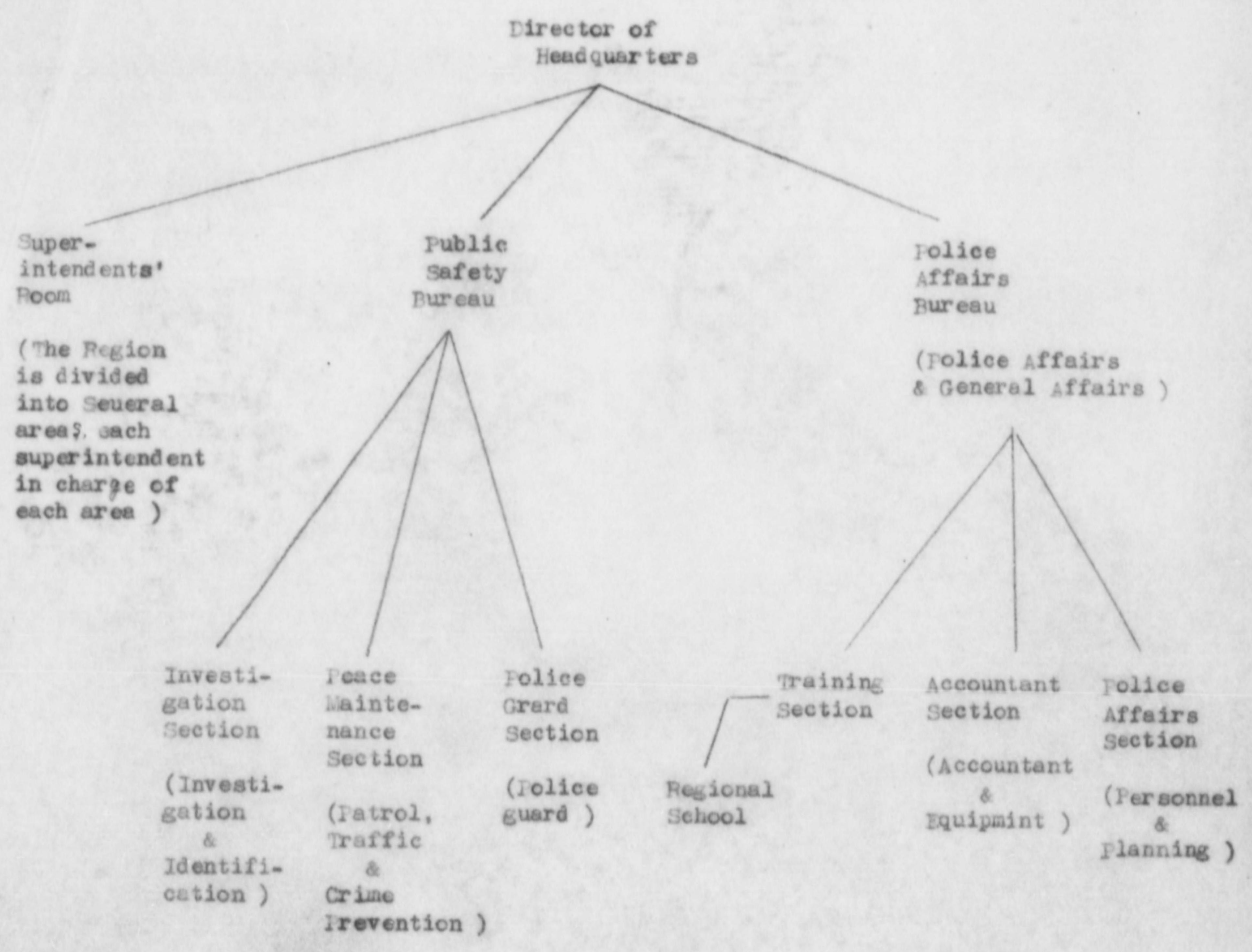
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( Plan A )



( Plan B )



5. If the police system is in the near future to be strengthened and above all the organisation, formation and authorized limit of rights are to be extended, first of all filling up of the N.R.P. troop of each prefecture ( including Tokyo-to ) can be expected, and secondly consideration must be paid in point of the autonomous police's competency not by locality but by case or object. That is to say, the regional headquarters should be organized and systematised in compliance with these circumstances and be prepared today in expectation of all these.

(a) The N.R.P.Hqs. should make it specialty to negotiate with the prefectural governments and to control the nationwide design, and should of necessity contrive to adjust the limit of authority between them and each regional hqs.

(b) The regional hqs. should be authorized to direct or command the prefectural police troops not only in administrative management but also in working management.

(c) The regional hqs. should be authorized to act for police guard cases and special crimes by investing them with the character of the really active front-line.

( Remarks ) The aptitude of R. Hqs. as active troops is naturally understood when the regional police school is considered as power of police guard in the matter of communication.

(d) Concerning those points in the preceding paragraph "c" the question of placing the police troop of the site where the regional hqs. are situated under their command is at least tentatively to be taken into consideration. It is, however, not to be positively considered as the two are different in character.

(e) As regards the organisation of the regional hqs., general affairs and police affairs can be united into a single bureau as both of them are of secretarial nature; although the others can be left almost as they are today. But it would be quite natural in view of the character of the regional hqs. to have superintendents' room which is directly tied up with the headquarters.

6. The gist of the ideal stand of the regional headquarters is as above-mentioned. Yet, if we enumerate some more points besides these, they are as follows:

(a) As the allotted amount of budget for having a complete command over all prefectural police troops and for supervision and guidance of them in accordance with their real circumstances is so very scanty that it is of imperative necessity to increase it so as to be congruous to practicality.

(b) It is particularly indispensable to take actions for the allotment of budget needed for the establishment of the superintendents' room and its activities.



(c) In future the prefectural branch of the police communication bureau directly tied up with the headquarters should be annexed to each prefectural police troop.

(d) According to the police law organic system of connection between or among the N.R.P. Hqs., Tokyo Regional Hqs., the Police Troop of Tokyo-to and the Metropolitan Police Board can be established, and yet in reality it is only the Tokyo-to Police Troop that is in practical connection with the Metropolitan Police Board, such a thing, not being in compliance with the real circumstances, is a matter for regret.