

HEADQUARTERS
U. S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
(Pacific)
APO # 234
C/O POSTMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO

INTERROGATION NO. 235

Place: Tokyo
Date: 2 November 45.

Division of Origin: Oil - Chemical.

Subject : Fuel Monopoly.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Mr. YOSHIDA - Department Head of the Fuel Bureau.
Mr. MOROZUMI - In Charge of Monopoly.

Where interviewed: Fuel Bureau.

Interrogator : Lt. Jacobi.

Interpreter : Mr. Chang.

Allied Officers Present: None.

Summary:-

The Monopoly functioned primarily as a control instrument, as a government steering agency of finished resp. refined products to the distributing agency (for civilian consumption only). The government, thru the monopoly, purchased every drop of finished product and resold it to the distributor, all at fixed prices.

Finished products from refineries and finished products imported from the south are taken over by the government for 151.62 Yen per KL; synthetic products according to product for between 400 to 650 Yen per KL.

65% of products taken over by the government for civilian consumption come from domestic refineries; 15% from synthetics plants; 20% are imported finished products.

All products are resold by the government (monopoly) to the distributor for an average price for all products of 204.11 Yen per KL. All profit or loss incurred by the monopoly is absorbed by the government.

DISTRIBUTION:
All Division.

RESTRICTED