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1. The modification of the fighting spirit of citizens

This city was bombed for an hour and a half from about 11 o'clock p.m. on the 19th of August, 1945. Summing up the influence of this incendiary raid on the fighting spirit of citizens it can be said as follows.

a. When they experienced the horrors of this destructive raid, generally speaking the hostile feelings were stirred up except the panic of a few terror-stricken.

b. Seeing the state of the defensive operations of the Japanese Army at this air-raid, a sense of insecurity and infidelity to the fighting ability of the Army was bred and a feeling of dissatisfaction to the way of doing of the Army was brought to the surface of minds.

c. An inclination to disbelieve in the final victory stole into the minds and it prevailed all over the country according with the development of the successive bombing to cities, and then such moods became predominant as "We shall be unable to win the victory, but at the same time we shall not lose it."

2. The modification of the conditions of life in war time.

a. In re Provisions

Although provisions was brought into the regulated ration system, yet its insufficiency for people's demand, together with the depression of transportation ability, extremely increased with the development of war. And the diverging-stream of materials owing to the black market prices overflowed, the regular ration of materials other than rice and wheat, the principal provisions, was not carried out in the latest war time and consequently people fell into a deep poverty.

b. In re Clothings

It took a same course as the abovementioned, and in a later time of war only a few clothings for pregnant women, women in childbed and babies were barely rationed and nothing more.

c. In re Dwelling Unit

Not to speak of newly building, there were no repairing of houses and rationing of mats, glass, sliding-screen paper and tile etc. And so houses were left to take its own desolating course.

d. In re Culture

We could not afford to take an interest in culture or recreation, because of the overworks, the shortage of books or other cultivating means and much labors or times for securing daily provisions.

e. In re Mode of Life

Owing to the want of materials and the regulation of ration, the standard of living declined and its grades of rich and poor were leveled and averaged. On the same reason, the transferring to agricultural districts was hastened and many persons lived separately from their family.

f. In re Household Economy

Owing to the inclination of inflation and the prevailing of black market, although one's income became to be on the increase, yet more expenses were needed, and the household economy of middle classes or salaried men met on the difficulty of living. On the other hand, munition producers and laborers who sprung into a new existence led comparatively a comfortable life.

### 3. Modification of a state of labor & production

a. In an earlier war time and while it was prevailing favourable, volition for labor swelled, and consequently the production was satisfactory. After the loss at the Saipan (Aug., 1944), however, it fell day by day in parallel with the disadvantage of war situation. On the other hand, the shortage of manufacturing materials brought a surplus of available labourers, which again came to loosen the volition for labour.

b. Labour capacity fell by reason of mobilization of skilled labourers, and that labourers' activity decreased successively owing to the want of food.

c. On account of the above-mentioned connection and the unsuitable way of administration, the manufacturing capacity began to be more serious in accordance with the disadvantage of war situation.

### 4. Response to the Allied propaganda

In this city, propaganda-bills were distributed for the first time immediately before the termination of war (about Aug. 15, 1945), but as they were not picked up by citizens in general, we cannot know the response exactly. But most of those who got bills neglected them as a kind of strategic propaganda.

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We are, however, happy to note that necessary protections against the present condition of Japan such as destroying militarism, and capitalism have been put into practice by Marshal Liou and through his commandant office.

By the fulfilment of the powers' desiderations faithfully without hesitation <sup>by</sup> our government in conformity with the nation's peace is to be sure brought to Japan, we believe that the authorities of the government with thanks for the good will of the Marshal execute their business utmost in accordance with the instructions and orders from the power's commandant office.

As the sun rises from the ~~east~~ east Marshal Liou also has arrived at Tokyo from the east and is now busily engaged in ~~making~~ bringing the world's peace, now long gone is over but dark clouds still covering over Japan and ~~that~~ will be fair through the good will of the Marshal and sun will shine brightly again over the country.

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Hojo,  
Wada,

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~~Hojo:~~ "How did you feel about war, prospects of victory, etc. at outset, later?"

Hojo: Glad to cooperate. At first all convinced of righteousness of Japan's expansion in Asia as spear-head of freedom of all Asia. Now convinced peaceful methods would have been better. Now many people hopeless. Feels leaders like himself have responsibility in guiding the people. At end of war he himself was depressed, but harmony of occupation lifted his spirits.

"Precision infg.?" yes, if properly directed.

"When did you begin to lose confidence in victory?"

H. Had doubts from beginning, first sure this spring when islands retaken by Americans.

Sakuma. Guadalcanal. Sure when Russia came in. Kyushu not so pessimistic as Tokyo, Honshu, etc. Surprised in March when a friend Yamamoto

Hojo... told him there was no hope even for a compromise peace. Even during war no profound enmity of Average Nip for America

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as for Russia in 1905 war. In this war, friendly toward Russia and even some hope that Russia would come in on Japanese side.

Wada: Tokyo horror struck at announcement of war. Kyushu less so. Early victories raised confidence. Began to doubt when Navy hit Truk. Leyte was the fatal stroke: we can no longer depart America. I became pessimistic on visits to Tokyo, optimistic on returns to Kyushu.

Politicians } 3 segments of Japanese life and  
Population } body politic. Military used inde-  
Militarists } cision and division of other two  
to run things.

Democracy probably impossible now  
because people too innocent (= ignorant).  
Must be led.

"How make leaders responsible?"

Defeat alone will have deprived military  
of much influence and made them  
more realistic. They had hypnotized even  
themselves with their propaganda: "Hisshō"  
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"Do S + H agree with this?"

Yes, but

"What in J culture might make people feel lost without authoritarian leadership?"

Confucian morality.

S. Its ideals are fine, but many things so humanly impossible to attain, as it has been taught; hence young devotees resort to violence to enforce these ideals. A certain minister of justice said the national body politic of Japan is sympathetic to communism.

H } There might be a democracy within the oligarchy,  
W }  
S } but it is meaningless (nonsense) to think of  
the common people and democracy.

Sakuma, Hanae, Literature, Linguistics

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Hodyo,

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"Does not the village council provide some education in democracy?"

H No, because they are run from above by dictation. Can always be overruled, either by higher political (e.g. prefectural) or by military authority.

Korea governed by military (  
Formosa by civil (Gato.