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or evidences of subversive activity were noted. The following translations of news articles are presented.

- a. MAINICHI SHIMBUN dated 8 October 1945. "Death Ray. With the commencement of the death ray experiment by Japanese scientists five years ago, it was barely developed by the end of the war, to the point of exterminating a mouse at a distance of 30 meters in 10 minutes. Realizing the tremendous possibilities of the experiment for the future the Japanese are appropriating 100,000 yen for the year 1945 to cover the necessary funds for this purpose. American scientific research organizations are concentrating their attention toward the future possible development of this experiment. It was intended to employ the death ray to halt the Americans by means of quick extinction. If this experiment was successful it might have been applied to aircraft...The decision of the American scientific research organization is as follows: Should there be no technical improvement, the death ray is of no value as a military weapon... After being questioned as to the use of human beings for experimental purposes, the Japanese replied to the effect that one of the experimenters volunteered to undergo the trial in contact with the device. Within a few seconds he was overcome by dizziness and fatigue. The effects of the experiment remained from twelve to twenty-four hours."
- b. SAGA SHIMBUN dated 8 October 1945. "Mary and Alice YONEKURA, born in America are interpreters at the SAGA City Hall...From 9:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M., going outdoors is strictly forbidden to Japanese civilians. Civilians may obtain special passage cards if trip is necessary."
- c. NAGASAKI SHIMBUN dated 8 October 1945. "The U.S. Sixth Army, the Tenth Army, and the 41st Division landed at HIROSHIMA with 19,500 men on the 7th at 8:30 A.M. and are now stationed in the cities of HIROSHIMA, KURE, and KAITA." Editorial. "Time and again, we have stressed the continuance of regulating our country's postwar economic problems systematically. The recent order from the Allied