

HEADQUARTERS
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PRESS RELEASES:

Item 1

No basic changes in the Japanese Classified Civil Service System are being contemplated by the military government, Col. B. L. Prescott, Civil Administrator of the military government, said in an announcement today.

However, the announcement added, any ordinance, regulation or other provision affecting the Japanese Classified Civil Service System which permits discriminatory pay or other benefits to employees because of their race, nationality or political connections will be rescinded.

All officials and employees, said the announcement, of the military government of Korea---with the exception of common laborers, apprentices and temporary employees---are included under the system.

Under the Japanese Classified Civil Service, the announcement continued, three ranks existed, the Chokunin, the Sonnin, and the Hannin. Two of the three, the Chokunin and the Sonnin, are no longer of importance in Korea and are now classed as Kotokan.

Formerly, it added, appointments of officials to the Chokunin rank was made by the Emperor of Japan himself. Now initial appointments to these positions, in either the national or provincial government, will be made by the military governor of Korea.

Officials in the Hannin ranks are appointed by bureau or separate department heads in the national and provincial government.

Item 2

The Business Manager of the Section of Agriculture and Commerce of the Government General of Korea, Mr. Terada Shubi, has been relieved of his appointment by order of General A. V. Arnold, Military Governor of Korea. The order became effective on midnight the 5th of October 1945. ag

Item 3

Capt. Earl W. Lockard, Director of the Bureau of Education, today announced five new appointments to positions in Seoul University.

Lt. Alfred Crofts, USNR, Director of the Division of Schools in the Bureau of Education, has been appointed President of Seoul University. Lt. Crofts is well qualified for the position having a Ph. D. from Stanford University. He has wide experience in China. Capt. Lockard said that when a well qualified Korean is found, he will be appointed to the position of President of Seoul University.

The other four appointments all went to Koreans: Mr. Lark Sooun Paik to Dean of the College of Law and Literature; Dr. Il-Sun Yun to Dean of the College of Medicine; Mr. Kyu-Nam Choy to Acting Dean of the College of Science and Technology; and Mr. Sang-Youn Hyun to Dean of the Preparatory School.

Item 4

The second class of the Employees Technical Training School will enter the school on Oct. 15, Lt. Col. William J. Hurliny, Chief of the Bureau of Communications, announced today.

A class of 400 students is expected, but transportation difficulties may limit the amount of attendance.

Item 5

Dismissal of 427 Japanese employees from the Bureau of Mining and Industry was announced today by Military Government. This number constituted nearly two-thirds of the total personnel of the bureau.

Item 6

The Property Custody Section of the Secretariate of the Government of Korea has been established, effective Oct. 1, it was announced by Maj. Gen A. V. Arnold, Military Governor. The section was formerly part of the Financial Bureau.

The purpose of this notification is to correct the erroneous statement that the Financial Section had been transferred to the Secretariate of the Government of Korea.

The functions of the Financial Bureau will remain the same, with the exception of the removal of the Property Custody Section.

PRESS RELEASES:(cont.)

Item 7

The appointment of Koreans as acting managers and supervisors in the various sections and departments of the Keijo Electric Company with Japanese as advisors, has been announced by Capt. Orville W. Pierce, Military Government, president of the company.

He also said that almost all of the appointed men were old employees of the company and that some had seen as much as 24 years service.

The Koreans appointed as acting managers and supervisors are: (In the Electrical Department) Mr. Chon Soo Kim, honorary assistant Supervisor of the department and acting manager of the Power Station; Mr. Ki Yul Zun, Collections; Mr. Hwang Kap Lee, Interior Wire; Mr. Sang Choon Oh, Transmission; Mr. Ho Yung Lee, Business; Mr. Yong Moon Pai, General Affairs and Mr. K. H. Ko, acting sub manager of Taininli Power Station. (In the Gas Department) Mr. Young Iyo Hong, acting Supervisor and Mr. Han Ryong Ro, acting manager of the Business Section. (In the Transportation Section) Mr. Hyun Chik Kim, Choonchun Branch Office; Mr. Zai Sin Yoon, Inchoh Branch Office; Mr. Hoi Ryon Lee, Bus Section; Mr. Chong Ik Park, Engineering; Mr. Yoon Pum Kwak, Tram Car; Mr. YungHi An, Business and Mr. Yung Ki Min, General Affairs. (In the Treasury Department) Mr. Sun Doko, acting Supervisor; Mr. Dai Tong Yi, Accounting and Mr. Yoon Soo Kim, Supply Section.

Item 8

It is of the utmost importance to the city of Seoul that water be conserved for the next 30 to 60 days, Maj. James S. Killough, Head of Military Government Team No. 3 for the city of Seoul, announced. Breaks in old water mains and the leaking of pipes in buildings and houses has lowered the pressure point below normal.

Cooperation is urged by repairing at once all leaking pipes and faucets and by shutting the water off from those that cannot be repaired. The civilian police have been ordered to inspect all buildings and private homes, and those persons found guilty of a careless waste of water may be subject to punishment.

The water department of the city of Seoul is repairing the water mains as rapidly as possible. However, since the repairing of the cement pipes is extremely difficult and takes considerable time, unless the people fully cooperate in the present emergency a great portion of the city of Seoul may be without the minimum supply of water, Major Killough warned.

Item 9

Mr. Il Wan Kim well known Korean business man, has been appointed as advisor to the Military Government in the City Hall and will work with Mr. Paul Y. Lee who has been serving as advisor to the Military Government in the City Hall since Sept. 22, 1945. Maj. Fred Gustorf, Executive Officer at the City Hall announced the appointment today.

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