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Annotation:

This document outlines regulations to control “comfort” facilities and inn businesses. “Comfort” facilities were divided into recreation facilities, restaurant facilities, and special “comfort” facilities, and “comfort stations” fell into the category of special “comfort” facilities. According to the regulations, “comfort station” operators were required to put up a sign to indicate if the facility was exclusively for the military’s use or open to any customers including military personnel and to create a register of employees. Also, Clause 18 required the “comfort station” operators to submit monthly statements to the military administration department through the local police department by the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month, which indicates that the “comfort station” business was under the military’s control. This document appears to reveal that “comfort stations” were strictly governed by employment contracts and regulations, but further investigations are needed as to how these regulations were actually enforced in practice.

Details:

Regulations regarding the control of “comfort” facilities and inn business

Rules on the employment contracts for geisha and prostitutes

Sources:

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