

## **Research on Police System of Puppet Nanjing Police Department**

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### **Abstract**

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*As we all know, social public security management depends on the police system. Social public order and social security maintenance are inseparable from the police. During the occupation of Nanjing, the police administration was subject to puppet, which was part of Wang Ching-wei puppet government. In this situation, the social public security could not be fully guaranteed.*

*Puppet Nanjing Police Department under the control of Japan could be said to be the representative of the pawns-men. Puppet Nanjing Police Department strengthened the Baojia system, and even implemented the Lianzuo system to monitor the daily movement and activities of citizens by issuing permits and residence permits. During this period, the puppet police department was fully used by the Japanese puppet government, which increased inspection, body search and extortion. What they do, they can't even be called police.*

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### **1. Social and public control**

In order to effectively control the cities in the occupied areas, since the Japanese imperialists fully occupied the Chinese cities, the Japanese army colluded with the puppet regime or traitors to set up the puppet police institutions, and the puppet Nanjing Police Department was also established under this background. Naturally, its puppet police officers do not sincerely work for the people, protect the Chinese people, maintain social stability, but would be the accomplices of the Japanese invaders, help them suppress the anti-Japanese struggle against the Chinese people.

In addition to maintaining public order, directing traffic and household registration management, the puppet Nanjing Police Department also cooperated with the Japanese army to hunt down and suppress anti-Japanese elements, as well as the work of spies. In 1940, when the puppet Police Department of Wang Ching-wei puppet government was established, a group of photos were published in The Japanese pictorial that promoted the invasion of China to publicize the puppet police.

The responsibility of the puppet Police Department of Wang Ching-wei puppet government is responsible for puppet capital Nanjing area security, fire, household survey, traffic order maintenance, health management, illegal construction ban; Administration of residence of aliens; Investigation of criminal cases; The collection and control, promulgation and investigation of human offenders; Control and prohibition of contraband articles; To investigate the Communist Party; Traffic inspection and other spy work.

To strengthen the puppet police system, in 1942, Wang Ching-wei puppet government adhered to the Japanese colonial rulers will issued Organizational outline of police organs at all levels, rules set "police force" occupied China provinces, belongs to the puppet government and guided by puppet National Police Agency of Ministry of the Interior, it set up police station in provincial capital, according to the actual place, it set up the first, second and third "county police station". County police stations could have "police branch stations" and "local police station".

In the same year, Wang Ching-wei puppet government also published the Outline of Police Brigades in Each County as the mobile backbone armed force of the "police station", thus weaving a strict network of puppet police organizations with the characteristics of militarization. These puppet police organizations were aimed at maintaining the colonial rule of the Japanese invaders. Focusing on "household registration", "city appearance arrangement", "public security management", "sanitation supervision", "street patrol" and so on, strict management and control of urban daily social life in the occupied areas were carried out.

There is no doubt that the police administration during the occupation period had lost the significance of the existence of the police itself, the work they carried out was called "social public service management", but in fact, it was the endless exploitation of the ordinary people, but also lost the blood as the children of the Chinese. They perform the task of the puppet government, they cooperate with the puppet government in the fall of the period of scheduling, the Nanjing citizens of the dragnet census, door to door review, and the puppet government also mastered the Chinese people's data, more able to strengthen the control of the people.

In the social public service management, the police should be the mainstay and build the framework of social governance. During this period, the Nanjing police undertook too much work and became more "all-pervasive". They were like subtle surveillance cameras, monitoring the every move of ordinary citizens. The purpose of their social and public administration was not for the safety of the people, but more conducive to the colonial rule of the invaders.

## **2. Social, economic and cultural control**

If the above mentioned is entity control, then in the occupation period, the puppet government's mind control over the people was also not absent. Despite the continuous resistance of the people, the invaders did not give up any aspect, interfering in people's life from social, political, economic and cultural fields, and trying to brainwash the people in the occupied areas.

Now that the war had begun, no place could escape its effects, let alone Nanjing in the heart of the occupied area. Experienced major disaster in Nanjing city, the citizens had been unemployed, displaced, family destruction, but forced to life, the common people had to find enough to survive in the society of the puppet authorities. At that time, the puppet Nanjing police would even collect Nanjing refugees as "military coolies", and the income of the citizens was pitiful. The economy had also been firmly controlled, and small traders and vendors have been exploited by the puppet government and the police. As incomes and employment had been reduced, the poor people's life had become even more difficult.

Any spiritual and material activities were built on the basis of economy. During the occupation period, people's life was short of materials and entertainment activities. And in the social and cultural field, it also couldn't escape the shackles of the puppet government. Under the oppression of Nanjing, it invaded the spirit of occupied region's people with portraits, posters, medals, and even children's comic books and other various forms, fledgling domestic film career might inevitably affected, it also appeared "pictures show" which was special form propaganda cultural invasion history of aggression against China's products in this period. The puppet Nanjing police at this time was a real cage, the people was firmly imprisoned under the erosion of culture.

During the occupation of Nanjing, all social management was aimed at the Japanese colonial rule in China. If Nanjing was taken as the observation point, then the highly consistent police administration system in this period was the most classic model of colonial rule. They do not serve the people, but work in accordance with the interests of the invading Japanese army, and ignore the difficulties of their compatriots. The "governing China by Chinese" had been well implemented in them. Their bent back was despised, but also a product of the times.

During this period, the police business were shunned by talented people, and they were the guards of colonial rule in political, cultural and economic aspects. Nevertheless, the Nanjing people under this oppression had not been destroyed their ambition, there were still indomitable resistance. The colonial rule in this period was permeable, and the police administration accompanying it was permeable in almost every aspect of social management.

### 3. The characteristics of puppet Nanjing Police Department

As the "social security" control organs in the cities of the occupied areas, the puppet police often cooperated with the Japanese puppet army to suppress people's resistance and attack the Chinese anti-Japanese army. In Nanjing and other cities in the occupied areas, the puppet police also actively cooperated with the Japanese aggressors to suppress the resistance of the vast Chinese people, acted as an accomplices of the aggressors to attack and destroy the Chinese people's Anti-Japanese War, and became one of the most important violent machines for the Japanese puppet authorities to realize the social control of the occupied areas.

Therefore, we could conclude that the establishment of the puppet Nanjing Police Department with the support of the Japanese invaders did not actually contribute to social stability. Instead, it became a puppet supported by Japan, just like the puppet regime it relied on.

Of course, the puppet police system was only one of the means by which The Japanese imperialists took full control of the cities in the occupied areas and guaranteed the social order of their colonial rule during the Anti-Japanese War. The Japanese also established a strict social control system by sending advisers to the puppet regime, implementing strict military control and tightly controlling the social activities of urban people, social groups and propaganda media in the occupied areas. The severe social control suffocated the vitality of urban development and directly led to the overall decline of the cities in the occupied areas. To sum up, the characteristics of puppet Nanjing Police Department were as follows:

A. Strict organizational structure and strict internal division of labor.

B. Nominally, it was established for the so-called good-neighborliness and co-prosperity, but in fact, it was based on the Japanese puppet regime's suppression of the Anti-Japanese struggle of the Chinese people and maintenance of its reign of terror.

C. It did not play any positive role in social stability, but created many riots, suffocated the vitality of urban development, and directly led to the overall decline of cities in the occupied areas to a certain extent.

### 4. Conclusion

Peacetime public security depends on the police, but puppet Nanjing police during the occupation was a cancer of public security management. The direct harm they brought to people's safety was even higher than the Japanese invaders. More threats to public safety have been brought to the people, making them more fearful. Their exploitation of the populace was more direct and uncontrollable. Laws and regulations in the period lack norms and constraints on police behavior, and the puppet police in this period lack self-cultivation and culture, which had become a dark moment of social public security management.

To sum up, the establishment of the puppet Nanjing Police Department was a naked colonial aggression and continuous oppression of ordinary people with higher intensity. Compared with the Japanese colonial invasion, the puppet Nanjing Police Department, as a puppet government department led by Chinese, had stronger pertinence. During the occupation, the puppet Nanjing Police department actively acted as "traitors", "aggressor's tool" and "governing China by Chinese", and implemented more than the Japanese army on the grass-roots society impenetrable control, willing to act as the Japanese "goons". After Nanjing Massacre, the puppet Nanjing Police Department gave full play to its role and actively helped the Japanese army to re-establish grass-roots governance over the former capital of the Republic of China. This fully exposed the Japanese army's attempt to control Chinese cities in a lasting and stable way and establish a second Taiwan by "governing China by Chinese". It made no secret of its ambition to colonize and destroy China.

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