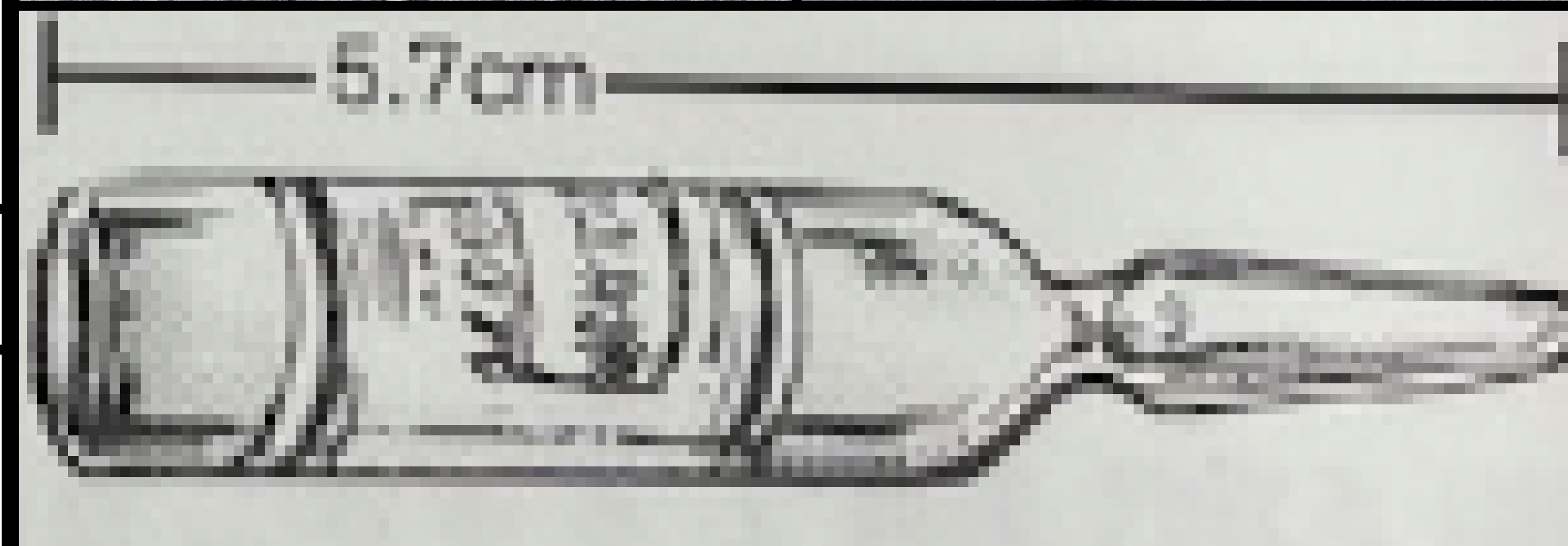


METH, RAPE, & STATE

Japan's Post-War Drug Epidemic



Context & Proliferation

- The Second World War & The Immediate Post-War Period
- Pharmaceutical Companies, SCAP, & Initial Government Legislation
- Failure to Curb the Epidemic
- Drug & Crime Proliferation
- Media Frenzy & Kyoko-Chan Incident
- Effective Governing & Public Mobilization
- The End of the Methamphetamine Epidemic

Conclusions:

Japan's response to the methamphetamine epidemic became a nation-building initiative, showcasing the effectiveness of its legal system and its ability to manage social issues with public support.

So what...?

- This is an important chapter in Japan's post-war period as a newly refined nation
- Japan as a society does not talk about this methamphetamine epidemic
- White-washing of Japanese history
- A case study to effectively combat drug issues around the world

Historical Question:

How was the methamphetamine epidemic of the 1950s implicated in Japan's nation-rebuilding efforts in the post-war period?

Argument:

The methamphetamine epidemic became a nation-building effort in itself, demonstrating the Japanese state's ability to address a major social issue. By implementing legal measures and using the media to mobilize public opinion, the state successfully united with the public to curb the crisis.

