

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

IOIHARA, Lt. General Kenji

FCC Radio Reports/ Biographical Records

May 2, 1943: Newly appointed Commander of Eastern Military Zone \*  
and concurrently War Councilor. (Tokyo Radio)

Sept. 11, 1943: Commander of the Eastern Army (Tokyo Radio).

Sept. 13, 1943: Brazzaville Radio (French Congo) was quoted as saying:  
"The famous General Toihara is supposed to have been  
recalled to Tokyo; officers more moderate in their  
strategic conceptions have taken his place at the head  
of the army". (This is believed to refer to his recall  
to Tokyo after his defeats in China in 1937)

Oct. 8, 1943: Commander Eastern Defense Zone. (Tokyo Radio)

Mar. 25, 1944: Has been appointed to a "certain important post" (see below)  
Gen. Misaka FUMI succeeded him as Commander of the Eastern  
Defense Zone in Japan. (Tokyo Radio)

\* FCC comments that Toihara was engaged in the task of adjusting the  
defensive structure which centered around Tokyo.

Feb.-March, 1944: OSAF CBI, Weekly G-2 Report, JICA # C-2797:

In support of intensive operations on the possibility of a Japanese drive  
into South China, a c. reference is made to the report that the notorious  
and formidable Lt. Gen. Kenji IOIHARA was recently arrived in Kweichow.  
(Kweichow, Feb. 6, C-3 or higher). The report added almost superfluously  
that "a bad situation might develop".

Toihara has long been Japan's outstanding fifth-column expert and his presence  
has foreboded trouble from the time of the earliest Sino-Japanese "incidents"  
in 1930-1931. He has specialized in creating and maintaining puppet organ-  
izations and in operating Japanese under-world penetration agencies, with  
great success.

His headquarters now are said to be at Fatchien [between Kweichow and Canton]  
and his immediate purpose is organization of secret operations against  
American installations and personnel in South China. However, if his work  
is broader in scope and encompasses the political and espionage preparations  
for a Jap drive north from Canton, he will be performing chores at which he  
has become thoroughly expert.

Same report states that the Commanding General of the Japanese forces in  
South China, Gen. Hisahiko TANAKA, has arrived in Canton to confer with local  
military authorities concerning an invasion of Free China from the South.

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