

Telegram of Invitation: (Translation)

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Mr. ENDO Saburo, c/o KEMPO YOGO KOKUMIN RENGO, Tokyo, Minato-ku, Shiba Tamura-cho,

Representing the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, I am happy to invite approximately 30 persons centered mainly around you, to visit Communist China before the 1st of May of this year. In the event it is necessary to increase the number of persons, please send us the roster by wire beforehand. Round-trip travel expenses and livelihood expenses during your stay in China will be borne by us. I trust that your visit to China will be helpful towards promoting mutual understanding and friendship between the people of China and Japan. Kindly favor us by sending us a roster of the delegation and period of stay in our country as soon as possibly by wire for that will facilitate us in our arrangements.

14 March 1956

President, Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs  
CHANG Hsi-jo (CHUGOKU JINMIN GAIKO GAKKAI)  
President

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Letter from ENDO to Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU, dated 9 April 1956

ENDO Saburo, Representative (?) of BOCHU KYU GUNJIN DAN

(Promoter's Society for Ex-Militarymen's Group  
to Visit China)

requesting issuance of passports for 30 ex-mil men who have been selected...

Attached were a copy of the invitation telegram and a list of names of proposed members of the delegation.

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Contact Rpt, 10 April 1956

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The telegram ~~inviting~~ from Communist China inviting former soliders as previously promised to former Lt Gen ENDO Saburo, who visited Communist China last fall, was received from CHANG Hsi-jo (1728/1153/5387) of the Chinese People's Foreign Affairs Academy (Chukoku Jimmin Gaiko Gakkai) on 19 March.

The telegram stated, "We would like to dispatch (TN: prob means "have dispatched") about thirty persons by early May, for the promotion of Sino-Japanese friendship. Travelling expenses and expenses in China will all be borne by China." ENDO on 20 March asked the Kaiko Kai (Kaiko Director General: IMAMURA Hitoshi), an organization of former soldiers, to nominate twenty former soliders. Also, ten will apparently be chosen from the group close to ENDO.

The Kaiko Kai is choosing persons in conference with the Nippon Senyu Dantai Rengo Kai and the Suiko Kai), and it appears that they will assemble a relatively broad representative, with 3 general officers, 12 field-grade officers, and 5 company-grade officers.

ENDO is naming conditions, such as that although all expenses will be borne by China each person should prepare about £20,000 worth of presents, and that in the selection of personnel, they should be (a) neutral persons and (b) persons not engaged in business. (TN: Text says shobai ni yukanai)

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This year also, international exchange between the Communist line, particularly the WFTU, and Japanese labor circles, has been active, and KAWASAKI Natsu attended the "International Mothers Committee" (Kokusai Hahsaya Iinkai) meeting on ~~23-24~~ 3-4 February, and YAMAGUCHI Kenji attended the meeting of the executive committee of the World Federation of Democratic Youth held in Helsinki on 1-4 February.

Then on 6 March an invitation was received addressed to Chairman FUJITA of Sokyo from the USSR and Communist China to attend their May Day celebrations, and the group is deciding to inspect China and the USSR after attending the celebrations for an estimated ~~two~~ three weeks.

Also, the Chinese Communist Labor Union League sent invitations at the same time, besides the above, for 3 from Zenro Kaigi, 2 from Sodomei, 1 from Sambetsu Kaigi, 1 from Shin Sambetsu, 2 from Kankoro, 2 from Zen Kotsu, and 1 from Zen Shokyo.

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