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1. The "organizers" (sewa-nin) of the delegation of former Japanese military and naval officers to go to Communist China headed by ENDO Saburo are, in addition to ENDO himself, IDEKURA Toshinobu, TADA Iseo, OKUJI Sueo, and SHIMODA Noboru. IDEKURA was a classmate of ENDO's at the Japanese Military Academy and is a close friend of ENDO; he was formerly an artillery officer. The others are former subordinates of ENDO.
2. Former Rear Admiral OKAZAKI Bunken and former Major General WATANABE Wataru have withdrawn from the delegation. WATANABE was warned by friends that the trip might be dangerous for him, since he had previously visited Formosa on an invitation from the Chinese Nationalist Government.
3. There has been considerable objection from among members of the delegation to having ENDO at the head of the group, the objection being overcome only by the fact that the Chinese Communist invitation was addressed to him.
4. SUZUKI Keishi has connections with the left wing of the Japan Socialist Party, and was included in the group on the recommendation of MORIGUCHI (fnw), a former Diet member and a follower of KATSUMATA Seiichi. MORIGUCHI sponsored SUZUKI's application for a passport.
5. The only expert on China in the group is SHIGEKAWA Hidekazu, and at ENDO's request SHIGEKAWA has given several briefings to other members of the group.
1. Field Comment. Our files list a MORIGUCHI Shinichi as having been an important Socialist in Hyogo-ken as of 1949.

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