

HATTORI Takushiro:

When the NPR was organized by General MacArthur's order 1950, General Willoughby made recommendations to Chief Cabinet Secretary OKAZAKI Katsuo on principal headquarters personnel. OKAZAKI met with eight of those recommended and heard their very clever views, but subsequent investigation showed that the eight had all been key personell in the old War Ministry, and heading the list were three of TOJO Hideki's confidential secretaries, NISHIURA Susumu, HATTORI Takushiro and IDE, fm. Surprised, OKAZAKI reported the situation to Prime Minister YOSHIDA. The latter was put in a difficult position by Willoughby's special recommendations, but, being strongly anti-TOJO, he felt he could not receive TOJO's ex-secretaries in top and key headquarters positions in the important NPR, and secretly reported the situation to General Whitney, who in turn reported it to MacArthur. MacArthur of course agreed with YOSHIDA, and after a time the plan to revive the core of the War Ministry in the NPR was halted.

Mrs ARAKI Mitsuko was of course a great power behind this affair, and she and HATTORI Takushiro, with Willoughby as their puppet, were not to be shaken off by such rebuff. When they saw that they had no chance for success with YOSHIDA, they turned their activities to HATOYAMA Ichihiro, the next in line (for the Premiership?); and Ambassador Dulles, who visited Japan in February, is being made to play into their hands. HATTORI had his group, who had used Willoughby's mistress, Mrs ARAKI, to bore into YOSHIDA but had been frustrated by Whitney's interference, decided to approach HATOYAMA, who had more interest in rearmament than did YOSHIDA. At the same time, Dulles, toward the end of February, noting that YOSHIDA had little enthusiasm for rearmament, began casting around for a successor to the latter. A certain Englishman arranged a meeting between HATOYAMA and Dulles through Ambassador William J. Sebald, and it was in general decided that HATOYAMA should be YOSHIDA's successor.

It is believed that Mrs ARAKI played an important part in bringing things to this point. The focal point of the activities of the ARAKI-HATTORI crowd is now HATOYAMA. YOSHIDA detests the old Army group as worms; HATOYAMA, on the other hand, without openly expressing himself, is cleverly and circumspectly trying to use them to his own ends. HATOYAMA is accordingly in much better repute.

Now that they have lost Willoughby, the HATTORI-ARAKI clique must seek out a new patron. Whom will they catch, and where? Where will Mrs ARAKI's sexual charms next display themselves? ARAKI Kotaro is at present suffering from asthma (since the end of June),* and Mrs ARAKI is becoming more and more replete with matters sexual. Where will the political woman go? Politically, she will probably annex HATOYAMA, and militarily she may aim at NOMURA Kichisaburo or KOBAYASHI Seizo; both of the latter are ex-Armirals.

*Field Comment: ARAKI Kotaro died on 29 Sept. 1951, according to the Nippon Times of 2 Oct. 1951.
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