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Cabinet member.

ASAHI reports that a group of former premiers and presidents of the Privy Council were hosts to Cabinet members, including Tojo, Kaya, Shimada, and Suzuki, at a conference on the latest domestic and foreign situation, Aug. 30th.

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Minister of Finance in General TOJO's Cabinet.

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Formerly a civil servant in the Ministry. A favorite with the Army.

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Director, IRAPS.

See also Biographies of Promient Japanese, 15 Sep. 45, ONI (Dossier 21a)

Finance Minister 1st KONME Cabinet (37-38); Finance Minister TOJO Cabinet (41-44). For giog. info see WDC publ. "War Crimes Information Series No. 1" in dossier 50a, WHO'S WHO LISTS.

KAYA is the 3rd s. of FUJII Itsutake, adopted by MAYA Hana; s. of KAYA Ryoi, adopted by Hana; s. of a Shinto priest in Yamaguchi-ken and adopted by Hse of KAYA in Hiroshima@probably means that priest was FUJII Itsutaka; that Okinori was adopted first by KAYA Ryoi and later by KAYA Hana; m. Haru, d. of IKETANI Naotaro; KAYA was considered to be the directing intelligence behind the power ul Southern Regions Development Benk. He hasspecialized in budget accounts and had had much experience in estimates with particular interest in the Navy.

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KATA, ISHIWATARI (ISHIWATA) AND AOKI Kazuo are all called the Santa Claus of the Finance Min. KATA is from the bureacracy, but had the stamp of a politician. (A&R Bur, Ser 5-Pers #191, 1 Sept 45).

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Former Finance Minister of Japan /In the first KONOYE Cabinet in 19371/. Is a close friend of Sotaro ISHIWAFARI (qv). _afp

Graduate Tokyo Imperial University. Finance Minister in Konoye Cabinet. Member House of Peers.

President North Chian Development Co.

Adv. Councillor to Cabinet.

Finance Minister in TOJO Cabinet.

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Just before Pearl Harbor declared that it was Japan's aim "to force Britain and the U.S. to retreat from East Asia."

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Okinori KAYA, the former Finance Minister, has been appointed as Advisor to the Finare Ministry, as well as member of the National Committee. With the assumption of the post by KAYA, the advisers to the Finance Ministry at present number five, including Toyotaro YUKI, Kenji KODAMA, Norihiko YASHIRO and Ryuta ONO.

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