

COMPILED: 1 Oct. 1945

NAME: KODAMA, Yosio

POSITION: Adviser to the Cabinet as of Sept. 1945

APPEAR: Former head of the Kodama Kikan (Navy). Acted as purchasing agent for navy at both Shanghai and Tokyo. Proof of connection with the Navy at both Shanghai and Tokyo appears in an article in the Mainichi of 2 July 1945. Is said to have organized a "highly fascist labor society" during the war. It is understood that the Chief of Staff has encouraged him to his purpose of establishing a youth movement in Japan.

Source: Rumor Investigation Section, CCCIO, GHQ, AFPAC.

"KODAMA made a fortune of 100 million yen in his dealings with people in China. Informant further states when he (Kodama) heard of the end of the war on the 14th of August, he flew to Shanghai 10 odd times up to the 14th (?) in a Navy plane and returned with various capital. This is known by the Fascist groups that deal with him." Same informant claims KODAMA secured present position because "money talked".

Source: Letter, postmarked 22 Sept. 1945, addressed to C/S Sutherland. Sent by Labor Party, Preparation Committee, 7 Chome, Ginza, Tokyo.

"Kodama is said to have dealt in 'slave labor' during the war and to be a clever man who has stayed out of the lime-light".

Source: Major Calver, G-2 Section, GHQ, AFPAC.

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Source: Major Archer, Office of Military Secretary to the C in C, GHQ, AFPAC.

A report on KODAMA in the Shanghai CIC Detachment as received from a reliable Chinese source says: "Kodama is closely connected with the former Japanese Army Expeditionary Force in Henan. He maintained a 'Kodama Kikan' in In Kiangchow, Kiangsu province and monopolized all commodities in Kiangsu Area. He was considered by all Japanese population in China as one of the worst profiteers and a

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... recently was appointed by
the Premier to be one of the five "Brain Trust Men" of
the Cabinet. His career (former) that his appoint-
ment shows the under-influence of the Japanese Army
still to be strong in China.

Source: Summary of Information, 15 Sept. 1945, Counter
Intelligence Corps, Special Detachment, APO 290.

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