



forces, but were given assimilated military ranks, rank given depending upon the salary received by the employee. A Major General, according to sources of information received by this office, would have a rank of Chokunin, Grade No. 8. A state employee of Chokunin rank is appointed by the Emperor, usually with the advice of the Premier. Ordinarily they are eligible to serve as vice-ministers, judges, procurators, directors of bureaus and prefectural governors. Receive salaries of Y4,650 and Y5,350. Chokunin rank is the second highest for state employees, Shinnin rank being the highest rank or grade. A person would really have to be "big time" to hold such a rank or grade, especially in the Tokumu Kikan. However, reports that were received from the SEA Command indicated that Shanghai had one of the largest Tokumu Kikan agencies in the China area, but I never heard of a Kodama Kikan)

Report on Kay KODAMA is attached for information.

SOURCE: Summary of Information, 15 September 1945, Counter Intelligence Corps, Shanghai Detachment, AFO 290.

DESCRIPTION:

A report on KODAMA from the Shanghai CIC Detachment as received by them from a reliable Chinese source states: "KODAMA is closely connected with the former Japanese Army Expeditionary Force in Hankow. He maintained a 'Kodama Kikan' in Yangchow, Kiangsu province and monopolized all commodities in the Kiangsu area. He was considered by all Japanese population in China as one of the worst profiteers and a "running dog" of the Army. Recently was appointed by the Premier to be one of the five "Brain Trust Men" of the Cabinet. His comment (inferred) that his appointment shows the under-influence of the Japanese Army still to be strong in Tokyo.

(Writer's note: Appointment referred to was the appointment of KODAMA to be an "aide" to the Premier, HIROASHI-KUMI, who has since resigned and was replaced by Baron SHIDENARA. Announcement of such an appointment was made by Denshi on 3 September 1945.)

SOURCE: Rumor Investigation Section, CIS, OCCIO, OHQ, APPAC.

DESCRIPTION:

"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".

(Writer's note: Present position referred to is the position as "aide" to the Baron HIROASHI-KUMI when he was Premier. See attached report for further information on KODAMA's financial dealings.

SOURCE: D/N, 1 October 1945, from Capt. Pierce to Col. Irwin.

DESCRIPTION:

See attached D/N for information regarding speech made by KODAMA at a public gathering at Ubiys Hall on 4 October 1945.

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"As KASHIYAMA was relatively poor man financially, it has been  
ascertained that KASHIYAMA relied only to him for his personal accounts.  
Kashiyama's notes and informant supplied practically the same  
information, implying that he 'bought' his job). The Japanese in  
general feel that he is a criminal and that the government  
ought to investigate his financial dealings and arrest him. Has  
no official capacity at present."

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