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Report No. 12 - Page 104 - 9 Nov 1950			
<u>KODAMA Yoshio</u>			
<p>Was member of Kokusui Domei. He created Koa Seinen Undb (Recovery of East Asia Youth Movement). Ran the KODAMA Kikan in China. This was a special organ of the Navy (Marines) nominally supposed to buy goods from the Chinese for the navy, but actually looted the Chinese and sold to the Navy. Before surrender he had several hundred billion yen. He gave part to HIGASHIKUNI and became Councillor to the H. cabinet. He is close to ISHIHARA Kanji who is HIGASHIKUNI's teacher. HIGASHIKUNI cabinet policies were set by ISHIHARA. Rumor: TSUJI is custodian for KODAMA money. TSUJI's money comes from KODAMA and the SEKO case. TSUJI used to meet someone in GHQ often, but doesn't do it any longer because the head is on. HIGASHIKUNI has a market in Shinjuku, but it is thought that it is a camouflage to explain where his money is coming from. Most of his money came from KODAMA and from the profits he made as Prime Minister.</p>			
Report No. 20 - Page 145			
<u>Fascistic Organizations in Japan</u> (By KAO Ling-tu) - China Daily News - 14 Apr 1948. Translator: N. TACHIBANA. (WM)			
Extracts:			
<p>HASHIMOTO, Kingoro is still in custody on a charge of bombing an American Steamer. OKAWA Shumei is undergoing medical treatment outside the prison. However, KUZUO, Yoshihisa; SHITENAO, Nobutaka; IDA, Iwakusu; SASAGAWA, Tyoichi and KODAMA, Yoshio are to be set at liberty in deference to advice given by Chief Procurator KEENAN of the International Military Tribunal. Of course it matters little whether a few well-known leaders of reactionary organizations are ruined or alive and well. But it is of vital concern to us that these reactionary groups are still in existence and are apparently starting new activities with new elements and new organizations.</p>			
Report No. 22 - Page 151			
<u>Ex-army Officers in Business</u> - Magazine: Shinso (Monthly) Mar 1949			
(excerpt) KAWAMOTO Yoshitaro, the present president of the Japan Trading Co., a former			
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Major-General is a hidebound militarist who has not given up his dream of conquering China...

Contrary to the general belief that soldiers make poor businessmen KAWAMOTO's Company has prospered to the point where it reportedly has obtained the agency for a certain American oil company. Their prosperity can be best understood by making study of the people closely associated with KAWAMOTO, for it will show that this group has brought back to Japan the same schemes they used while in China. When KAWAMOTO was engaged in special political activities in China, he used to his benefit such persons as KODAMA Yoshio, IWAI Eiichi, former Consul at Shanghai, and especially YOSHIDA Toyu whose real name is KASHIMA Sojiro YOSHIDA (talent as a writer was skilfully exploited).

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