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SOURCE: Japanese Journalist

1. Backing for the proposed re-centralization of Japanese police into a force like the prewar has come principally from two groups, who see centralization as facilitating their getting control over the police:

a. Former Special Higher Police (Tokko) ("Thought Police") Commissioners, notably:

- YACHIMURA Kingo (3957/2625/6855/0710)¹
- AIKAWA Katsuroku (01161/1557/0524/0362)²
- SUSUKIDA Yoshitomo (5631/3944/5019/2600)³

b. Rightist politicians:

- The HATOYAMA Ichi'ro (7682/2472/0001/6745) faction of the Liberal Party
- KODAMA Yoshio (0348/3768/1807/1133)⁴

2. KODAMA has regained the ground he lost after the end of the war and is once again undisputed leader of the Japanese right. He is closely connected with HATOYAMA, and if the latter succeeds in getting control of the now disunited Liberal Party, the combined following of the two leaders will wield great weight in Japanese politics. One evidence of the closeness between the two is the fact that HATOYAMA stayed for some months last year, while he was convalescing, in rooms which KODAMA maintains at the Hakone Hotel.⁵

1. Field Comment. According to 214-95, YACHIMURA was chief of the Police Security Board of the Home Ministry and is a friend of rightist industrialist MINAMI Kiichi.

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2. Field Comment. Who's who in Japan, 1939-40 has the following entry on Aikawa: "Governor of Miyazaki Pref. July 1937-; b. Dec 1891, Saga Pref. Career: grad. Tokyo Imp. Univ., Gen. Law, 1919; councillor Tokushima Pref.; sec. to Imp. Household Fin.; police chief Kanagawa Pref.; chief Peace sect. Home Office; sent to Eur. and Amerc. to inspect police system; sec Chosen Govt. Gen..." Note that at this time the Governors of Prefectures were appointed by the Home Ministry. Our files add that he was later (exact time unknown) Welfare Minister, and that he was elected as a Liberal member to the House of Representatives in the October 1952 elections from the Miyazaki First Electoral District.
3. Field Comment. SUSUKIDA, according to Q2 FEC information, was once chief of the (Tokyo) Metropolitan Police Board. He was captured on 25 February 1952.
4. Field Comment. The description of KUMAKI as a politician may not be satisfactory to all; KUMAKI rather defies classification. It is probable, however, that in the present phase of jockeying for power in Japan his activities are currently more political than anything else.
5. Field Comment. Another is the fact, reported in the Japanese press, that the recent conference held between KUMAKI and KISHIMOTO Komen, when the latter defected from the LIBERAL faction of the Liberal, was held at KUMAKI's home. NY 100 also mentions that KUMAKI and KISHIMOTO are in "constant touch".