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SOURCE Hokkaido Businessman

KODAMA Yoshio (0348/3768/1807/1133), one of the leading ultra-nationalist figures in Japan, arrived in Hokkaido on 2 Sept 1953 to make a survey of ultra-nationalist groups there. Recently through the efforts of SHIMIZU (fnu), President of the Hokkaido Colliery and Steamship Company Ltd., KODAMA gained control of the Hokkaido Construction Company Ltd., ousting SEARINE (fnu), the former president. This construction company is reported to be a major source of funds for KODAMA's ultra-nationalist activities. KODAMA, who is closely affiliated with TSUJI Masunobu (11929/2398/0207), MIURA Gieichi (0005/3184/0308/0001) and the HATOYAMA faction of the Liberal Party, is also reported to be working with former members of the Tokumu Kikan, the Kankung Section of which he headed during World War II.

1. Field Comment. ZJJ-125, 29 May 1952, stated that the Hokkaido Construction Company Ltd. was being subsidized by the Sanko Company in construction of Kadena Air Base in Okinawa. Sanko Company was headed by TANAKA Seigen (3944/0022/3237/3763), a former JCP member presently a right-wing collaborator with MIURA (see ZJY 2769).
2. Field Comment. TSUJI, a former colonel and member of the Operations Section of the Japanese Imperial General Staff, is one of Japan's best known ultra-nationalists due to outstanding military record and to publication of several well received books recounting his experiences. He is presently an independent member of the lower house of the Diet from Ishikawa-ken, first district. TSUJI is affiliated with numerous rightist groups and heads the Toa Renmei Doshikai (see ZJJ-166). KODAMA and TSUJI have been associated since 1944 when both men were in Hankung. TSUJI once saved KODAMA's life and KODAMA later concealed TSUJI in his home when TSUJI was in hiding during the war crimes trials. ZJJ 236 reported KODAMA and TSUJI as members of the rightist group planning a coup d'etat and assassination of YOSHIDA in July 1952. The coup was reportedly called off when TSUJI persuaded the group that the time was not right.
3. Field Comment. MIURA and KODAMA were reported in early May 1953 to be the main figures behind a proposed co-alition cabinet of HATOYAMA Liberals and Progressive Party members (see FJJ 200, eval C-3).

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