

BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH ON KODAMA, YOSHIO ← *file*

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1. Address: 3-70, Tamagawa Totoriki, Setagaya-ku

2. Background:

Prewar:

A. Originally from Fukushima Prefecture. Came to Tokyo at the age of 16. Worked as laborer and shop sales clerk and later subject was discovered by AKAO Bin and worked in patriotic movements.

b. Ingratiate himself with the army along the prevalent "line" (sic), and parted ways with AKAO.

c. When the China Incident broke out, subject immediately formed the Kodama Organ, a navy controlled organ, and centered around Shanghai, subject gathered all kinds of material and reaped vast profits.

d. The minute the war situation started to look bad, subject brought back to Japan, precious metals, such as radium, gold, etc. Subject returned to Japan before the war terminated.

Postwar:

a. After the war, subject donated some of the above to the government and for a reward, subject was given the post of Consultant in the Higashi Kuni Cabinet, but he was tried as a war criminal and put into Sugamo.

b. After his release, using the Midori Building located near Miharabashi as a base of operations, he manipulated various incidents in the confused post-war period together with subordinates of the former Kodama Organ and SAKATA Yusei.

3. Ideology -

As indicated in subject's background, he does not have any consistent ideas and he is a materialist who ingratiates with whoever is in power in order to gain financial profits or in order to sell his own name.

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At present, subject is firmly linked with KONO Ichiro, and the right-wing cannot touch KONO since "gangsters" who are subordinates of KODAMA surround KONO like bodyguards.

4. Present Moves

A. In addition to acting like a bodyguard for KONO, when KONO was Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, subject made vast profits through the red bean market.

B. At present subject maintains an office in Tsukiji Kobiki-kan and on the surface, he supposedly handles work relative to titanium, molybdenum for the Nihon E ta ni tto (phonetic spelling) Pipe Kabushiki Kaisha, but actually subject is a professional blackmailer and a jobber.

Namely, by using vast sums of money, subject manipulates gangsters and gamblers of Shinjuku and Ginza, and uses scandals of noted companies as materials for blackmail. Recent incidents in which subject was involved, include the Nitto Securities Incident and the Kanebo Incident. It is said that subject received a hundred million yen from Kanebo. Subject is also involved in the Shirokiya Incident.

C. Subject is also connected with Mikami Taku and he has financed the Nakahara Company managed by Mikami, and he has rightists work through the Shin Ajia Shoji for commission on drafts.