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**SUBJECT: SHANGHAI JAPANESE CULTURAL CLUB**

Report on the Activities of the Japanese Democratic Liberation League and the Formation of the Shanghai Japanese Cultural Club:

As has been previously reported, the Japanese Democratic Liberation League (NIPPON MINSHU KAIHO DOSEKI) was hurriedly established, with its meeting place located at 636 Dixwell Road, and is now in the process of acquiring new members. The Shanghai Cultural Club, which is to be considered as a subordinate organization (TN: of the Japanese Democratic Liberation League), was formed on the 28 December (TN: 1945 ?) on the second floor of the Japanese Self-Governing Society Building.

There are 188 men and women members of the Shanghai Japanese Cultural Club, and, what is of special significance, is the fact that such left wing Communists as YOSHIDA, Tosuko ( ) (the most important of them all), KOMIYA, Yoshitake ( ), KOIWA, Kiyochi ( ), HOSHINO, Yoshika ( ), and ASHIZAWA, Shunnosuke ( ), have entered the organization. Especially since the entrance into the Shanghai Japanese Cultural Club of TACHIISHI, Shunzo ( ) (a right winger), who is the leader of the Japanese Democratic Liberation League, have there been secret activities carried on within the organization by such men as YOSHIDA, KOMIYA, ASHIZAWA, and ISHIKAMI ( ), who are affiliated with the Japanese Peoples Democratic Liberation League. At the present time, because the activities of YOSHIDA, Tosuko, KOIWA, Kiyochi, and TAKEMOTO, Mitsu ( ) are under close scrutiny by the Japanese people, this group, ostensibly under the leadership of KOMIYA, ASHIZAWA, and HOSHINO, are endeavoring secretly to win over to their way of thinking as many members of the club as possible.

What is more, at the opening ceremony of the Japanese Cultural Club it was emphasized that the retention or abolition of the emperor system in Japan was a matter to be settled by the Japanese people. These sentiments were approved by all present.

These left-wing Japanese communistic elements have wormed their way into almost all the important positions, from the position of chief-secretary down to the various position of the branch section leaders. Therefore, it is natural to consider this Cultural Club as a subordinate organization of the Japanese Communist Party, which has its headquarters at 636 Dixwell Road. When the makeup of "The Central Propaganda Section of the Committee to Foster Cultural Activities Among the Japanese" is closely examined, it is discovered that such men as KOMIYA, ISHIKAMI, TAKEDA, etc., represent the Japanese as members of that section. By the facts given above, it can be proven that this club is the headspring of the Japanese Communist Party's activities (TN: in Shanghai).

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It is necessary to watch those elements who are active either on a large or small scale in the Japanese Residents Self-Governing Association, the Japanese Residents Administrative Section, and the KAIKO NIFFO.

Japanese Members of the Central Propaganda Section of the Committee to Foster Cultural Activities among the Japanese: (In the list of names that follows note that: # designates persons who are left-wing Japanese Communists; and \* designates persons connected with the Japanese Democratic Liberation League.)

- UCHIYAMA, Kameo ( ) of the UCHIYAMA Book Store.
- \* NOMIYA, Yoshitaka ( ) of the Natural Science Institute.
- \* ISHIZAKI, Genichiro ( ) of the Sino-Japanese Cultural Association.
- SHIMADA, Masao ( ) of the KAIKO NIFFO.
- MURAGISHI, Marara ( ) (Female) of the SHIN SHI EI ( ) Magazine
- TOMIOKA, Hagaraku ( )
- \* TAKEDA, Yasuoka ( ) WRI.
- AZUSA, Kimchiyo ( )

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**MANHATTAN JAPANESE CULTURAL CLUB**

**INTERVIEW LEAD:**

**SUMMARY:** Will continue to follow and report on the activities of  
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