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POLITICAL REPORT

2. National and Foreign Affairs:

a. KUHARA Announces Plan: KUHARA Fusanosuke (INTSUM 3433), who is engaged in attempting a political comeback, has prepared a plan entitled "A New Statecraft for a Difficult Age." He will circulate this as widely as possible and hopes to have it printed completely in the "Nippon Times" within the next few days. (c)

Comment: The plan calls for Government investment in private industry by the purchase of shares, but without participating in management. The plan contains nothing new, but is of interest because of its propounder—a fabulous prewar figure, now 83, who was at the same time a top professional politician and also a minor zaibatsu (INTSUM 3357). On the political side, he was Communications Minister under TANAKA Giichi in 1927, four times elected to the Lower House, president of the Seiyukai Party (ancestor of the present Liberal Party) in 1939-1940, and a member of the Cabinet Advisory Council several times. As a business man, as president and principal owner of the KUHARA Mining Company, he practically controlled Japan's copper output, and had many other business interests as well. He is laying the ground to run in the next general election from Yamaguchi Prefecture.

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KUBARA Fusanosuke

KUBARA Fusanosuke, once reputed to be Japan's political boss before the Pacific War, is expected to leave for the United States early in Feb. for a month's visit during which he will make a study of the current political and economic situation in the U. S. KUBARA was once listed as a major war criminal but was depurged in August, 1951. His efforts to join the Liberal Party, however, have been fruitless. (FBIS, CENTRAL NEWS, Tokyo, Feb. 1, 1952)

Brother-in-law of AIKAWA Yoshisuke

c. KUHARA To Visit U.S.: KUHARA Fusanosuke, recently depurged prewar political leader, is scheduled to leave Japan on 7 Feb. for a one month inspection tour of the U.S. KUHARA headed the Seiyukai Party (ancestor of the Liberal Party) in 1939/40 and was a rival of HATOYAMA Ichiro (INTSUM 3410), who is mentioned as a probable successor to Premier YOSHIDA (INTSUM 3364). In early Nov '51 KUHARA applied for membership in the Liberal Party; however, the Prime Minister held up his entry into the Liberal ranks on the basis that the issue should be more carefully discussed (INTSUM 3347). (a)

Comment: KUHARA, now 82, is a minor zaibatsu, and is president and principal owner of the KUHARA Mining Company which practically controls Japan's copper output. On the political side, he served as Communications Minister under TANAKA Giichi in 1927, was elected four times to the Lower House, and was a member of the Cabinet Advisory Council several times.

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Relationship of IWAKURO Hideo to (HISAHARA) KUBARA Fusanosuke

There exists no particular or definite relationship between the two. If there is any rumor going around in the world that these two are connected, it is attributable to the fact that FUKUYA Shunichi has taken IWAKURO two or three times to KUBARA's home and introduced him. KUBARA has practically no concern today with the armament issue nor with any other military affairs. Since KUBARA contemplates participation in the formation of a new political party with FUKUYA and other IWAKURO associates, FUKUYA took IWAKURO to KUBARA with the thought that KUBARA should gain a general picture of military planning and an up-to-date general knowledge of military affairs. FUKUYA had IWAKURO explain about current military affairs to KUBARA. IWAKURO has previously been on duty with the Military Affairs Bureau, War Ministry for a long time. FUKUYA merely asked IWAKURO to inform KUBARA of the facts he knew himself to be true. Although KUBARA has become acquainted with IWAKURO and thought well enough of him but he paid not particular respect to IWAKURO nor did he attach any lasting significance to his relationship with IWAKURO.