

NOMURA Kichisaburo (6851/2625/0679/0005/6745)

16Dec53- Returned to Tokyo by air, after two-month trip to the U.S. Met leading US military figures and govt figures during his stay, but emphasized the "personal" nature of his interviews. Said he did not discuss MSA aid.
(Mainichi Shinbun 16 Dec 53)

Aug-53. Gave a lecture at summer lecture series of Tairiku Mondai Kenkyu Sho, 13-18 Jul 53. (FJJ-275, 19 Aug 53, CE File III-48.1).

Subject was listed in the Jan issue of Tairiku Mondai as being an Adviser in Tairiku Mondai Kenkyu Kai. (FJJ-492, 3 Feb 54, CE File, III, 48.1)

Presently the President of the Minkan Boei Dantai Ransai (Minbo) (League of Civil Defense Orgs) organized in Aug 51. FJJ-499, 3 Feb 54, CE File, III, 48)

Apr54-Subject will run as an independent in the byelections for councillor in Wakayama Prefecture. He will be backed by the Liberal and Progressive parties and by local conservative groups. (FBIS, Tokyo, KYODO, Japanese, Apr. 22, 1954)

Former Ambassador to US, NOMURA, elected to Upper House as independent in by-election June 3 Wakayama prefecture. NOMURA, with whole galaxy of Conservative bigwigs stumping prefecture on his behalf, decisively defeated leftist-backed SUZUKI Kahachiro (vote approximately 2 to 1) (STATE TELEGRAM, No. 3014, 4 June 54)

See FJBA-1217, 20 Jul 54,

Govt. quarters are silent on the mission to Taiwan of two former Jpse admirals, NOMURA Kichisaburo and FUKUDOME Shigara. They reportedly called on Vice Foreign Minister SHEN Chang-Huan and are thought to have discussed Jpse rearmament and Japan's training personnel problem. (Taiwan, PANASIA, 3 Nov 54, FBIS)

Subject scheduled to return to Tokyo on Nov. 11. (FBIS, PANASIA, 10 Nov 54)

Subject, according to a mbr of Japan's upper house, will be acceptable to all conservative factions as a compromise choice for prime minister in event YOSHIDA is forced out of office. YOSHIDA likes NOMURA; NOMURA's strong stand on rearmament and the constitutional revision question appeals to all elements of the opposition Progressives, and he enjoys the confidence of the business world. NOMURA enjoys wide prestige and is considered pro-American, but lacks a personal political organization and would have difficulty controlling factional rivalries over the long pull. (CID, OCI No. 1061, 19 Nov 54)

Reportedly, HATOYAMA has decided to name former admiral NOMURA as Director General of Japan's Defense Agency. NOMURA would be logical choice for defense post, because of military background and great prestige. (CID, OCI No. 2325/55, 17 Mar 55)

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