

OGATA Taketora

See: "Who's Who"--Japanese Political Leaders
"Economic Who's Who in Japan"

Studied in Europe and America, 1920. Member of the New Political Structure Preparatory Committee, 1940. Director of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association since 1940. Director of the DOMEI News Agency. Open admirer of TOYAMA Mitsuru and a member of the Black Dragon Society. (31040-428, China #956, B-3; 28 April 1944)

Born 1888 in Fukuoka-ken. Son of OGATA Michihei. Graduated from Tokyo Higher Commercial School and in the political science and economic school of Waseda University; in 1911 went to work on the Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN and became chief of the editorial bureau in 1925; after serving as a director and editor-in-chief, he became vice-president, replacing SHIMOMURA Hiroshi, and has held this post to the present. Was affiliated with the IRAA. Was active as a press representative and has participated in many national activities. 22 July 1944, Minister of State Affairs, Head of Information Bureau, KOISO-YONAI Cabinet. Shares office of Minister of State with MACHIDA Chuji and KODAMA Hideo. (FCC Special Report 130, Wash, 25 July 1944).

See: BX-491, 28 November 1945

MX-388A, 13 August 1945

OSS, R&A, ER-J#21

Prominent Persons in Japan & Japanese-Dominated Areas, 14 August 1945

Appointed a member of the Central Liaison Headquarters Committee of the National People's Movement (FCC Daily Report, Tokyo, 21 June 1944). Participated in the formation of a new Japanese Cabinet after the resignation of the TOJO Cabinet (FCC Daily Report, Tokyo, 21 July 1944). Vice-President, IRAA, replacing GOTO Fumio (TOJO is president) (Press Survey #52, 18 August 1944). One of the newspapermen to receive a silver cup from the Emperor of Japan for outstanding service to his country in the war (FCC, 13 September 1944). Member, Asiatic Development Committee, Small and Middle-sized Industries Investigation Council (China 1667, 31040-1026). Represented on Supreme Council for Direction of the War (FCC, January 24, 1945). Became concurrently President of the IRA Youth Corps as successor to President TATEGAWA (FCC, January 20, 1945). Responsible for a new tightening up of government control over the press by the institution of a new "emergency set-up" for the distribution and publication of newspapers, in spite of his recent advocacy of "freer expression of public thought." (FCC Far East #69, 30 March 1945). Replaced as President of the Board of Information by Dr. SHIMOMURA Hiroshi (FCC, Tokyo, 10 April 1945). Wanted as war criminal (Washington Post, 13 September 1945).

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