

OKAWA (OGAWA) Shumei

Born December 1886, Tokyo; elder son of OKAWA Shuken; married Masuko, elder daughter of NEGISHI Umetaro. Career: graduate, Tokyo Imperial University, philosophy, 1911; joined South Manchurian Railway, 1918; head, East Asiatic Economic Research Bureau, 1938; one time right winger in social movement; dean, continental course, Hosei University, February 1939.

Author and publicist. Was one of the leaders of the March and October Incidents. A class-A War Criminal; became insane during his trial before the IMTFE. Was cleared of charges as war crimes suspect in December 1948.

Is probably id/w OKAWA Shumei, a professor who supposedly trained a large number of intelligentsia workers, some of whom were Formosans sent to Siam for undercover work. (Ref. ZJLA-573, 4 Nov 49 - carded all).

Further reference to Subject: JIS Special report LEFT WING-RIGHT WING, pages 37, 38, 41, 42, 102, 113, 118 and 131.

Factions headed by OKAWA Shumei and YAMAMOTO Katsunosuke have instituted underground activities aimed at the realization of ISHIHARA Kanji's Second Industrial Revolution (DAI-NIJI SANGYO KAKUREI). (Ref. ZJL-215, Report N, 25 Oct 49, CE File III - 33).

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2. In pre-war years a director of the EAST ASIA ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION BUREAU, WIS #139
a Japanese intelligence cover organization with branches throughout the Far East. 30/6/44

Has been one of the most prominent personalities in Jap Intelligence since he met
Mitsuru TOYAMA (qv) early in the century.

1936: started the SHOWA FOREIGN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE in Japan, an intelligence training
center, under the auspices of the East Asia Economic Investigation Bureau, but
controlled by the Foreign Office. (Not to be reproduced)

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Noted Japanese politician and nationalist.

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At one time in conflict with the government and police he was arrested and
jailed. In jail he wrote a treatise on law for which he received his
doctorate from his university after his release.

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Opened his school in Tokyo which is known as the OKAWA Institute, and is used as an
Intelligence School where MIRARI and other TOKUMU KIKAN personnel are trained. OKAWA
is the chief adviser.

The Society of Action (KOTSUSHA) was the central element of the JIMMU-KAI, a strong
nationalist society founded 11/2/32 and disbanded in 1935. In this connection OKAWA
was associated with Hirochiro ISHIHARA, a business man, and Colonel Daisaku KOMOTO.

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See also: MX 516, 6 June 1945, p. 7: Pro-German who wanted war with U.S. & Gr. Britain.
MX 678, 6 Sept. 1945, p. 3 ff.
MX 972, 1 Feb. 1946: Interrogation of KURAMOCHI Hiroshi (qv.)

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