

OKAWA Shumei (1129/1557/0719/2494)

An Advisor of AJIA TOMO NO KAI (Asia Friendship Association).
(FJJ-96, 27 Feb 53, CE III-48)

OKAWA is heading a group of former Japanese military men/ planning for operations in Southeast Asia. . . The group (plans to finance) the overthrow of the French in Indo-China, preliminary to defeating the HO Chi-minh forces there. For details see FJJ-90, 27 Feb. 1953, [] CE File III - 44.

Made a speech at the inauguration of TOFU KAI (East Wind Society). He has recovered from the insanity which rescued him from Allied prosecution of Japan's major war criminals and is now increasingly active.
(State Desp 1074, 5 Dec 52, Rightist Material)

Present at an advisers meeting of AIKOKU SEINEN YUSHI IINKAI held on 20 Oct 52.
(ZJJ-275, 5 Dec 52, B-10.20)

13 Jun 53- One of leaders and speakers at a meeting of 100 rightists at Mito. Spoke in favor of drafting new Constitution, since present one forced on Japan by America; also said no objection to MSA aid from US, if it could help Japan create an overall economic policy with main emphasis on rural areas.
(FHIS Tokyo Asahi Shinbun 16 Jun 53)

Subject, probably same, is a Councillor for the Restoration Movement Kanto Council, formed in July 53. (CS-39999, 4 Jun 54, Rightist Notebook)

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OKAWA is the Class A war criminal who attracted considerable attention by slapping the bald head of former Premier General TOJO Hideki during a session of the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal. He was adjudged insane and thus escaped a severe sentence; it has been suspected by many, however, that his "insanity" was feigned. He is now connected with the Asia Affairs Research Society (Ajia Mondai Kenkyu Kai) and with the militant rightist Patriotic Youth Volunteer Committee.

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