

SHIMOMURA Sadamu

11 October 53

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DOB, 23 Sep 1899 at Kanazawa-shi, Iohikawa-ken; entered Army Military Academy in 1908; Graduated from the Staff College in 1916. In 1919 he was ordered to France as Military Researcher; In 1931 was appointed to Attendent to Commissioner Plenipotentiary for Geneva General Disarmament Conference. In 1935 was appointed General Staff of the KWANTUNG Army; 1935 was appointed manager of Research Division and concurrently appointed Instructor of Strategy in Military Staff College. In 1941 appointed Commanding General of General Staff College in Tokyo; 1942, Appointed Commander in Chief of the 13th Army; In 1944 appointed Commander in Chief of the Army in North China Area and on 5 May 45 was appointed General of the Japanese Army; The 23rd of Aug 45 was appointed Demobilization Minister and resigned from the post in Dec 45. 9 Feb 1946 subject was apprehended as a suspected war criminal. Since subject had been very useful to SOA as Demobilization Minister in the SHIMIZU Cabinet, his arrest was delayed until precipitated by publicity.

Foreign Countries Visited: Europe and the U.S. 1919-22, Military Research, Attended Staff School in Paris. 1923, Sightsceing trip to Manila and Singapore; 1928-30 Japanese Delegate to Peace treaty in France; 1931-33, Disarmament Conference in Switzerland; 1942-43 Commander of 13th Army in Shanghai; 1945, Commander of army in North China Area in Peking.

Subject was interned at Sugamo Prison in Feb 46 for investigation concerning the DOOLITTLE FLYERS' CASE. The conclusion was reached that as C.G. of the General Staff College in Tokyo, subject was in no position to have anything to do with the "DOOLITTLE FLYERS' trial" or the treatment of the flyers. Evidence available in Tokyo appears to absolve SHIMOMURA of responsibility for the Doolittle flyers death, so it was recommended that subject be released from prison, in July 46.

KAIKO KAI 202319 File, Book 1, page 15, dated 8 Aug 53 (B-3) Confidential

Subject, who is an advisor to the Continental Problems Research Institute, is also one of the preparatory committee members who were selected to realize the plan of changing the status of the KAIKO KAI (Army Officers society) to that of a non-profit organization in order to consolidate local branches of KAIKO KAI, and other similar Army Officers' organizations into one national organization. SHIMOMURA Sadamu's address is, 179-banchi, Jhinden, Iohikawa-shi, Chiba-ken.

3144.0300 File, Book 22, page 19, dated 11 Mar 52

A translation from the SHIMEN SHIMOMURA, subject: "RIGHTIST SWITCH FROM ANTI-COMMUNISM TO RACIAL FREEDOM MOVEMENT".

"Future drift of the new rightist movement may be found in the activities of the Kenseikai which consists mainly of repatriates from overseas, of an organization made up primarily of debarred rightists and of the "New Life for the Race" movement. They are not maneuvering openly for they are restricted by the Organizations Control Ordinance, but there is no denying the fact that they pull the strings of respective organizations from behind. There is a comrades' group which is close to YOSHIDA, of which SHIMOMURA Sadamu is a member. This group is taking a part in rearmament.

201475 File, Book 20, page 6, dated Feb 53 (F-3) Confidential

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