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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SHORIKI MATSUTARO AND HIRATSUKA TSUNEJIRO

1. SHORIKI Matsutaro (正力松太郎):

a. SHORIKI was born in 1885 in Toyama Prefecture.

b. SHORIKI graduated from the German Law School of TOKYO UNIVERSITY in 1911. He entered the Metropolitan Police Department, and subsequently became chief of the HORIDOME and KAKURAZAKA district police stations. Subject also served as chief secretary of the Metropolitan Police Department, chief of the Special Thought Police Section and chief of the Police Affairs Bureau.

c. SHORIKI resigned from the police force in 1924, and was appointed president of the YOMIURI NEWSPAPER COMPANY. Since then, subject has concurrently held the positions of executive member of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, chairman of the KYUSHU DAILY, SANIN NEWS and the SHIZUOKA Newspaper Association, and director of the All Japan TOKYO Baseball Club prior to and during World War II. In 1949, subject was elected chairman of the Japan Baseball Federation.

d. In Jul 54, SHORIKI was reappointed as head of the YOMIURI NEWSPAPER COMPANY, which he had been forced to relinquish after the war because he had been on the purge list and indicted as a class A war criminal for his activities in the Imperial Rule Assistance Association.

e. He was elected to the House of Representatives in Feb 55, from Toyama Prefecture. Aside from the above, subject holds the following positions: State Minister as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, president of the NIPPON TELEVISION CORPORATION, acting managing director of YOMIURI KAIKAN (YOMIURI HALL), chairman of the Japan Baseball Federation, managing director of the KORAKUEN ATHLETIC STADIUM, chairman of the KANTO RACE CLUB, comptroller of the NANIWA AMUSEMENT CENTER, a member of the Japan Deliberation Club and a standing member of the Kanto Business Manager's Association.

2. Reports from reliable sources indicate that SHORIKI, due to his connections with the YOMIURI NEWSPAPER and the NIPPON TELEVISION CORPORATION, does not necessarily require strong outside financial support as in the case of other politicians. SHORIKI's determination to enter politics was said to have been motivated by KONO Ichiro (河野一郎), Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, who was badly in need of a good prospect to oppose the late OGATA Taketora (緒方重良) as a rival candidate. According to reports from certain political quarters, it was stated that SHORIKI was promised in advance of a State Minister's post at the time he decided to enter politics. Today, subject is a member of the cabinet as a State Minister, and is reported to be gradually consolidating his financial background in line with his political activities. One of the most well organized and strongest supporters is said to be the Japan Atomic Energy Industrial Forum, Inc. This forum was established by large private electric power companies to conduct research on the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, and because of the enthusiastic support given by these companies to the forum, especially by chairman SUGA Reinosuke (菅原重助) an unusually close relationship has sprung up between SHORIKI and SUGA. At the time of the inauguration of the Japan Atomic Energy Industrial Forum, Inc., voices within the electric power circles were heard to have said "SHORIKI's dollar-box is now completed." Moreover, there are large numbers of second and third rate industrialists who are flocking around SHORIKI, according to information from reliable sources. One of these backers is the SATO INDUSTRIAL COMPANY (佐藤工業株式会社), a firm mainly engaged in dam construction and civil engineering, which was reported to have made huge contributions to SHORIKI.

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3. The SATO INDUSTRIAL COMPANY is headed by SATO Sukekuro (佐藤助九郎), chairman of the Board of Directors. The president is SATO Kinji (佐藤欣次), younger brother of Sukekuro. The vice president is SATO Hisao (佐藤久雄), brother-in-law of Sukekuro, who was adopted into the SATO family. Sukekuro, besides being the chairman, is concurrently managing director of the TATEYAMA RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, TOKYO CEMENT COMPANY and the NORTH JAPAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, comptroller of the TOYAMA MUTUAL BANK and the KANOETSU RAILROAD COMPANY. Sukekuro's permanent address is YANASE-NURA, HIGASHI TONAMI-GUN, TOYAMA-KEN (富山縣東礪波郡柳瀬村). SATO Kinji, president of the company holds the following positions: managing director of the Construction Industrial Hall, advisor to the EAST JAPAN CONSTRUCTION SECURITY COMPANY, vice-chairman of the TOKYO Construction Association, standing director of the National Construction Association, Civil Engineering Industry Association and the Overseas Construction Association, managing director of the Japan Construction Machinery Association and chairman of the Toyama Construction Industry Association. Although subject is a native of Toyama Prefecture, he presently resides at No. 18-2, ICHIBAN-CHO, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO. Telephone: 33-4072.

4. SUGA Reinoduke, besides being the chairman of the Japan Atomic Energy Industrial Forum, Inc., is president of the TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY and the WEST JAPAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COMPANY, comptroller of the TOKYO GAS COMPANY, consultant to the DOWA MINING COMPANY and the OTAKI NATURAL GAS COMPANY, and chairman of the Federation of Electrical Enterprises. SUGA is a native of Akita Prefecture, and presently resides at No. 75 SEKINE-CHO, SUGINAMI-KU, TOKYO. Telephone: 39-1172.

5. HIRATSUKA Tsunejiro (平塚常次郎):

- HIRATSUKA was born in 1881 at HAKODATE, HOKKAIDO.
- HIRATSUKA graduated from the SAPPORO ROSEI SCHOOL in 1901. He went to the Russian territory of KAMCHATKA, and conducted a spot survey for the purpose of developing the salmon and sea-trout fishing resources.
- With the signing of the Portsmouth Treaty, subject took control of the management of the RORYO GYOJOYO COMPANY (露領漁業). From 1921 to the present, HIRATSUKA held the following positions: president of the JAPAN-SOVIET FISHING INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD. (日露漁業), the PACIFIC FISHING COMPANY (太平洋漁業), the NORTH KURILES MARINE PRODUCTS COMPANY, the TOYO CAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY (東洋製罐), the HAKODATE HEAVY OIL TANK COMPANY, the KARAFUTO DAIDO CANNERY COMPANY (樺太大同罐詰), managing director of the TOYO MACHINERY COMPANY (東洋機械) and MARINE CHEMICAL COMPANY (水産化学), comptroller of the HAKODATE DOCK YARDS (函館船渠), consultant to the JAPAN-SOVIET FISHING INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD. and the TAKAHASHI MARINE PRODUCTS COMPANY and advisor to the splinter faction of the former Liberal Party.
- Since 1946, subject has been elected to the House of Representatives three times.
- In May 46, subject was appointed Minister of Transportation in the first YOSHIDA Cabinet. He visited the United States and European countries on three occasions, and made several trips to the Soviet Union. He was honored by the Japan Marine Products Association for his outstanding contribution to the fishing industry, and also cited by the government with the Green Ribbon Medal for meritorious achievements.

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f. Today, HIRATSUKA concurrently holds the following positions: member of the House of Representatives attached to the Liberal-Democratic Party, president of the JAPAN-SOVIET FISHING INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD., chairman of the TOKYO Canned Tuna Sales Agency (東京鮪罐詰販賣), chairman of the Japan Marine Products Association, managing director of the Japan Marine Industry Hall, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Diet Members Federation for the Promotion of Japan-Sino Trade. Subject presently resides at No. 28 SARUGAKU-CHO, SHIBUYA-KU, TOKYO. Telephone: 46-0406.

6. The financial background of HIRATSUKA is reported not to exceed twenty-one (21) potential supporters or backers, which mainly include the JAPAN-SOVIET FISHING INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD. and other affiliated companies in the marine circle. However, reliable sources have stated that not all fishing industries were unanimous in their backing of HIRATSUKA. One conspicuous example is the critical attitude of NAKABE Kenkichi (中根謙吉), president of the TAIYO FISHING COMPANY (太平洋漁業), toward the pro-Russian combination of HIRATSUKA and KONO. It was reported that NAKABE, who accompanied KONO when he attended the fishing negotiations with the Russians in MOSCOW, returned to Japan, via Canada, by himself. NAKABE was believed to have taken this action because he discovered during the Japan-Soviet fishing negotiations that HIRATSUKA and KONO were maneuvering to divide the monopoly of the fishing rights of the northern seas among the JAPAN-SOVIET FISHING INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD., the Japan Marine Products Association and the HOKKAIDO FISHING INDUSTRY CORPORATION, and exclude the TAIYO FISHING COMPANY from that area. At present, the northern seas fishing industry is being conducted simultaneously by the TAIYO FISHING COMPANY, the KYOKUYO WHALING COMPANY (北洋捕鯨業) and the above three companies. However, it seems that the KYOKUYO WHALING COMPANY is slowly being squeezed out of the northern fishing waters.

7. On the other hand, HIRATSUKA has made huge contributions to the establishment of the National Council for the Restoration of Normal Relations Between Communist China and Soviet Russia in an effort to gain a controlling hold in the proposed Japan-Sino and Japan-Soviet trade markets parallel to his fishing industry. However, this plan has only caused heavy financial burden on HIRATSUKA, and no appreciable results have been seen to date. Politically, it seems that HIRATSUKA has withdrawn his support of HATOYAMA. Subject was reported to have stated at the press club of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry that HATOYAMA by all means should step down from his present position. He refused, however, to state whom he considered as a likely successor, but it seems that he has thrown his weight behind KISHI Nobusuke (岸信介), Secretary-General of the Liberal-Democratic Party.

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8. For information on the same subject, obtained from another confidential source, see 6004th AISS IR 3602-56.

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