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* List Members of Sakura Kai

SOURCE Former Japanese intelligence officer, from persons who attended the meeting.

1. The inaugural meeting of an organization of general officers from the Japanese Military Academy graduating classes between 1913 and 1921 was held on 8 May 1952¹ at the Sakura Kaihan, back of the NHK Building at Tamuracho, Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo. The organization, tentatively known as the Sakura Kai (櫻井会), met from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

2. About 70 persons from the 1913-1921 classes attended, including the following:

Lieutenant Generals:

- ARISUE Seizo (有末精三)
- AYABE Kitsuju (綾部橋樹)
- DJI Aki (大見明夫)
- HANAYA Tadashi (花谷正史)
- HASHIMOTO Hidenobu (橋本秀信)
- INAZA Masasumi (稲田正純)
- KOMATSU Mitsuhiko (小松光彦)
- KUNOHIRA Homoyo (久野行桃代)
- NUKADA Tan (額田坦)
- TANAKA Shinichi (田中新一)
- TATSUMI Eiichi (辰巳栄一)
- WAKAMATSU Tadaichi (若松只一)
- YOSHIDA Gonbachi (吉田権八)

Major Generals:

- AOKI Takashi (青木喬)
- BOGANE Giichi (鉦全義一)
- HORIKE Kasumaro (堀毛一磨)
- IMAI Takeo (今井武文)
- NAGAI Iatsuji (永井八津次)
- KATAKURA Oba (片倉東巴)
- KUSABA Susui (草葉季善)
- MATSURA Shutei (松村秀逸)
- MIYOSHI Yasuyuki (三好康之)
- ONODERA Makoto (小野亨徳)

MAJOR General

ONUMA Haruo (小沼 治夫)

TAKASHIMA Tatsuhiko (高野 辰彦)

SHIGEKYASU Akinosuke (重吉 健之助)

TATEISHI Masasuke (立石 才亮)

TAKASHI Tomo (高島 朋)

WATANABE Wataru (渡辺 渡)

~~Colonels~~

* IWASAKI Harushige (岩崎 春茂) * NAGAHATA Setsutan (永畑 節詮)

3. The meeting was opened by an address by AYABE Kitsuju, stating that the purpose of the organization is to promote friendly relations among members. He proposed that the organization should meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Sakurada Kaikan and that, to facilitate liaison among members, a room should be rented at the Sakurada Kaikan and one clerk employed. To defray expenses for the room and clerk, he suggested the contribution of \$100 per month by each member. His proposals were accepted by the group.
4. Other speeches by INADA Masasumi, TATSUMI Eiichi, and NUKADA Tan followed. INADA stated that in the rearmament program, former naval officers, acting as a united body, had submitted their rearmament plan to the government, after first obtaining the concurrence of the U.S. navy, and in consequence had been quite successful. Their plan for expansion of the Maritime Safety Board was accepted with practically no changes. The army, however, is not as well organized as the navy and has not had as good connections with American groups. He commented that the government appears set on rearmament through expanding the Police Reserve, in spite of military objections.
5. TATSUMI stated that he had been assisting Premier YOSHIDA in matters pertaining to pensions, depurging, and release of war criminals. Although he had been asked for opinions on individual items of the rearmament program, he had not been working on it in an advisory capacity, whatever newspaper reports indicated. He warned that among government officials and journalists there was still a strong hostility towards former militarists. His concluding statement was that, since a government public opinion survey had indicated that the rural population did not favor revising the constitution to justify rearmament at this time, the government would postpone revision of the constitution indefinitely.
6. NUKADA stated that the formation of a group to include families of war dead and of executed war criminals was under way. A considerable amount of support has already been recruited among leading businessmen and officials of prefectural governments.
7. A number of persons from the 1913-1921 graduating classes did not attend the meeting for fear of journalistic interference. Since the assembly was completely overt, they feared that leftist journalists might attend and write it up as an example of "militarist scheming," with derogatory comments on the generals participating. Some eligible generals are reserving judgment on the new organization until they see what trend its activities will take and may join later.

1 Field Comment. Plans for this meeting and the tentative name were reported in ~~237-106~~ 50-89912

2 Field Comment. The same source previously reported that these persons appeared to be the leaders of the group; see ~~237-106~~ 50-89912