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"PEACE" ARTICLES

Military Purge Publishing Anti-US War Article: Whether it is illegal for a military purger to publish an article on a hypothetical US-Soviet war--an article that blackens the US chances for victory--is a problem now before the Supreme Prosecutor's Office. TSUJI Macanaga, formerly a member of the Japanese military headquarters, was the author of such an article, carried in a mid-June issue of the "peace newspaper" KOKA SHIMBUN. The Special Investigation Bureau reports that Tsuji has written several other war articles in the last five years, several of them picked up by Communist journals "to promote an anti-American movement." The SIB is said to have a case against him under the terms of Imperial Ordinance No. 1, the ordinance prohibiting purgeses from engaging in political activities. But it is apparently postponing action until the SIB sifts the evidence for violations of Government Ordinance No. 325. (Tokyo Shinbun, 1 July)

"We Must Keep Out of a USSR-US War," Says Tsuji: "A Soviet-US war means total destruction for every nation involved in it... And whenever a nation allows a foreign military base to be established on its soil, that means involvement."

How long would America "protect" Japan in case of war with the Soviet? What are America's chances of winning? "The Soviet can mobilize 24,000,000 men; America 16,000,000. The Soviet can spare 18,000,000 or 19,000,000 for duty anywhere; America 8,000,000." "The Soviet has 5,000 tanks; America 5,000." The Soviet has the "world's greatest" coal deposits, the "world's largest" oil reserves. ("Admitted" that 70 percent of the oil fields are in Baku, which is vulnerable to attack, it has enough oil in storage to last up to three years. And it is developing fields for invulnerable sinking.) Against America's reported 500 atom bombs, the Soviet has perhaps 50--"but common sense tells us that it will be more effective to drop 50 bombs on (industrially-concentrated) America than to drop 500 on the dispersed industrial centers of the Soviet." This is not to mention that in the Soviet "each industry operates as a complete and self-sustaining unit in each area--different from the American system."

"From the facts, we gather that America is not likely to win the war." Meanwhile to maintain bases in Japan, America would have to establish "a formidable Pacific defense"--all for the purpose of fighting an enemy that has "only five or six percent of its total industrial strength located in the Far East." Obviously America "could not afford to make a long stand here." And after it lost, Japan would have to face the "complete devastation" accruing to all involved nations. The Japanese are "riding for a fall" if they don't do away with these bases now. (Kowa Shinbun, organ of the Overall Peace Fraternistic Movement Council, 12 June)

RAID

JCP Committee Office Raided for "Tsuji Report": The JCP Minamitama district committee posted the so-called "Tsuji Report" in front of its headquarters on the outskirts of Tokyo. The report--saying that "American cannot defeat Russia" and "that leasing of military bases is dangerous"--caused a local sensation and brought on a police raid on 15 June. Charging that committee members violated Government Ordinance No. 325, police seized wall newspapers, 19 copies of KOWA SHIMBUN, and one each of HEIWA NO HOSHI, SHIN MINAMITAMA, and a 30 May leaflet. (Taishu No Nakae No 97, 22 June)

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