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4. Current Developments:

a. Revival of East Asia League: Plans are now underway for the official revival of the nationalistic East Asia League (Toa Renmei), the Japanese press reports. Reported leaders in the move to re-establish Toa Renmei are KIMURA Takoo, wartime Diet member and an official in the League prior to its dissolution in 1946, and ex-Com TSUJI Nagamochi, another former League official and currently well-publicized as a result of his nationalistic best-selling books (INTSUM 3575). According to press reports, KIMURA, TSUJI and other former East Asia League personnel plan to dissolve the Co-operation and Harmony Party (Kyowa To), an indirect successor to the original League, and set up the new League on 15 August 1952, third anniversary of the death of ISHIHARA Kanji, ex-Lt Gen who led the older organization.

The new League's platform reportedly will advocate: neutrality in the event of World War III, acceleration of trade with Asiatic nations, an "Asia for the Asiatics" movement, revision of the Constitution which was "forced upon Japan," an end to the Security Pact and, withdrawal of foreign troops. A preparatory meeting on 20-21 August 1952 reportedly will make definite decisions on the new organization's policies. (f)

Comment: The East Asia League, banned as an ultranationalist organization in February 1946, continued its activities through a number of successor organizations, notably the National Party (Kokumin To) and the Essence Society (Soika Kai). In late summer, 1951, members of the National Party and other former supporters of the old East Asia League dissolved the former and established the Co-operation and Harmony Party. KIMURA Takoo reportedly was one of the persons prominent in that action. Nominal leader of the Co-operation and Harmony Party since its founding has been YAKEDA Kunikida, formerly an official in the Essence Society.

There is reason to question whether TSUJI, KIMURA and their followers will be able to "dissolve the Co-operation and Harmony Party" in their move to reorganize the East Asia League. The party has suffered from factionalism, mainly over the question of its stand on rearmament, the official platform calling for "food instead of armament," but some factions within the party demand support for "defense armaments." TSUJI, an advocate of various schemes of doubtful practicality for rearmament, reportedly has been active in the Kyowa Society (Kyowa Sha) which opposes the official party position. KIMURA reportedly joined the Liberal Party (Jiyu To) in 1951 and little has been heard of him until the recent report that he is a "director" in the Co-operation and Harmony Party. Part of the friction between factions within the party and associated groupings is over the question as to which factions and personalities constitute the "rightful successors" to the old East Asia League.

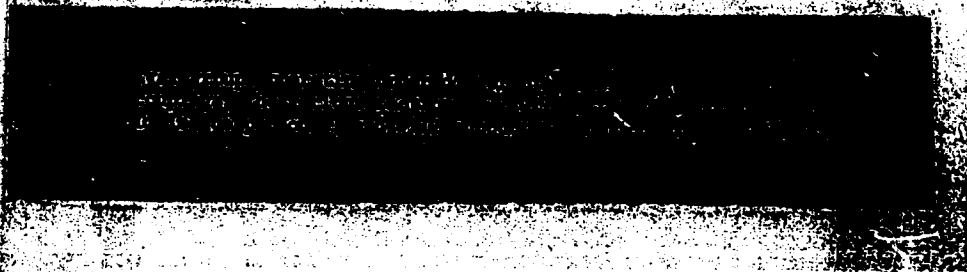
TSUJI, as a colorful personality, and KIMURA, a politician, might succeed in disbanding the Co-operation and Harmony Party and

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