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SUBJECT: Masanobu Tsuji's Speech in Nagoya

Masanobu TSUJI, ultra-nationalist Dist member from Ishikawa Prefecture spoke in Nagoya on August 8, 1953. His two and one half hour speech, heavily weighted with anti-communist and pro-Tsuji remarks, was received with moderate enthusiasm by an audience of between 1500 and 2000.

The affair was sponsored by the Aichi Branch of the Nippon Defense Association (Nichi-Bo), and was opened by TAMURA, the local head of the Association. The first speaker was NICHITAKA YAMAZAKI, former military attache to the Soviet Union, who discussed present conditions in Russia. In regard to Soviet industrial strength, he estimated that the Soviet Union is about 2/5 as strong as the United States. His speech was reportedly ineffective and after three quarters of an hour the audience showed signs of restlessness. After Yamazaki rather hastily closed his remarks Tsuji was introduced and received a fairly good ovation.

The audience in the half-filled hall was composed almost exclusively of men, practically all of whom were white collar workers. There was an absence of young men - the percentage of the audience under the age of 30 was estimated at 15%. Thirty percent appeared to be between 30 and 40 and the rest were all older. There is reason to believe that the majority were war veterans.

While Tsuji's remarks can scarcely be described as flattering to the United States they were aimed more at United States' policy than at the United States per se. He attacked America's policy in Asia saying that Americans know Asia as well as Japanese know Mexico but clearly indicated that Communism is the real danger threatening Japan. He criticized the American approach to the defense of Japan as inefficient and maintained that Japan should be allowed to build up its own military establishment in its own way. He characterized the present National Safety Force as American mercenaries. What Japan really needed, he said, was American money and machine tools.

Many of his remarks were personal and revealed a vain, egotistic nature. Thus he showed how he was able to return to Japan from Thailand through China by tricking one official after another. He also glorified his role in organizing the resistance to the proving ground at Uchinada and stressed how he warned the villagers against accepting Communist support.

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Troff is a dynamic and dramatic speaker who can hold his audience. He received fairly frequent applause during the course of the speech and at no time was there any heckling. That there was no grand final ovation may be attributed to circumstances beyond his control, such as the uncomfortably hot weather.

It is interesting to note that the press failed almost completely to report on the event.

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