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4 Dec. 45

Case # 221

Re: Fumio GOTO

Status: Pending

Memo for the File:

On 2 Dec 45 a SCAP
press release carried the following
information:

GOTO, Fumio. This man has had a long career in government office, having been director of the Police Bureau of the Home Office, Director General of the General Affairs Department of the Government General of Taiwan, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Home Minister, Director of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, Director of the General Affairs Bureau of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, Vice-President of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, Minister without portfolio in the Tojo Cabinet, and President of the Youth Corps of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association.

No active investigation is being
conducted in this matter.

Lt Col Barnard,
Maj. Inf

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4 Dec 1945

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RE: GOTO, Fumio

STATUS: Pending.

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

Source: Not stated.

From: NIPPON TIMES #16780, 4 Dec 45.

Information:

"This man has had a long career in government office, having been director of the Police Bureau of the Home Office, Director General of the General Affairs Department of the Government of the Government General of Taiwan, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Home Minister, Director of the General Affairs Bureau of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, Minister without portfolio in the Tojo Cabinet, and President of the Youth Corps of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association."

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

Review NIPPON TIMES "morgue" for possible further information.

Joe B. Alexander
JOE B. ALEXANDER
2nd Lt., Inf.

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11 December 1945

CASE NO. 221

RE : GOTO, Fumio

STATUS: Pending.

MEMO FOR THE FILE:


On 4 Dec 1945, CIS files reflect the following information on personnel indicted as War Criminals and ordered apprehended 3 Dec 1945:

"Born 1884. His more important positions include that of Director of Police Bureau of the Home Office; Director General of General Affairs Department of the Government General of Taiwan, 1924; Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, SAITO Cabinet, 1932-34; Home Minister of the OKADA Cabinet, 1934-36; Director of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, 1940; Director, General Affairs Bureau, IRAA, June 1942; Vice-President IRAA 1943-44; Minister without portfolio, TOJO Cabinet, May 1943-July 1944; President of the Youth Corps of the IRAA, 1944.

"It will be seen from the above that GOTO is an important bureaucrat who has put his very able services at the disposal of the Army and its policies. He exercised a strongly reactionary influence over young men of the middle class. He was leader of the fascist Shin-Nippon Domei (New Japan Federation). As early as 1932 he was criticized in the liberal press for his fascist leanings. During the 30's was an influential member of the reactionary bureaucratic society Kokuhonshe (Society for the Foundation of the State). This society was instrumental in indoctrinating the senior bureaucrats, some members of the industrial leaders and senior Army officers with concepts of the corporate state. GOTO might be described as the brain trust of the fascist-inclined senior bureaucrats. He labored diligently to create a totalitarian structure, the Imperial Rule Assistance Association.

"GOTO should be apprehended for his major responsibility in laying the foundations, in domestic affairs, in preparation for aggression and totalitarian controls.

"He appears on the U. S. War Crimes list prepared by State, War and Navy Departments."


JAMES J. GAIN, JR.
Capt., Inf.

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CASE NO. 221

RE : GOTA, FUMIO

PENDING : PENDING

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

Resigned position as Vice-President of the IRAA following cabinet change and was succeeded by Taketora Ogata (CIS OSS Card file--MOI New Delhi, 15 Aug. '44)

Appointed to Imperial Rule Assistance Association. (CIS OSS Card file MID China, 23 Sep. '44)

Vice Governor, Imperial Rule Assistance Association; Vice President of Cultural Data Translation office of the Sino-Japanese Cultural Association; professor of Tungwen Univ. (CIS OSS Card file--Tokyo Radio, 7 June, '44)

Resigned on formation of Koiso Cabinet, July 1944 from Minister of State, but specially permitted to retain Privileges of a former Minister for Meritorious services (CIS OSS card file--N. Y. Times, 23 July '44)

Acting Premier during revolt of 26 Feb. '36 (CIS OSS card file--Volcanic Isle--by Wilfrid Fleisher, 1941)

Succeeds Ando as Vice-Pres., IRAA; will also hold posts of Chief of Business Affairs of IRAA and Pres., IRA Youth Association (---CIS OSS card file----- FCC, 22 Apr. '43).

Organizer of the Society of Hopes (Kibasha) one of the early Chauvinist Associations. Leader of the Fascist Shin-Nippon Domei (New Japan League). Member, Nat'l Gen. Mobilization Council; Member, Educ. Investigation Council. Member, Small and middle sized Ind. Investigation Council. Leader of pro-militarist Bureaucratic clique in Govt. circles. (CIS OSS card file).



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1st Lt., TC

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RE : GOTO, FUMIO

STATUS : PENDING

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

Former Home Minister; has been appointed Minister of State Without Portfolio, the investiture taking place May 26(1943). Vice President, Imperial Rule Assistance Association; this organization and the Government direct Japan's political affairs. According to Tokyo radio report, a strong development of the people's ranks in a decisive war structure has been considered an increasingly urgent need and there has also been the need to make the relationship closer between the Government and the IRAA in order to develop strong national movements; it is thought that is why Goto has at last assumed the post of Minister of State(26 May, '43); Goto attended the fourth session of the Central Cooperative Council in Tokyo, July 16 (1943). Vice-President of the IRAA. He and Renzo Mizuno were in charge of a conference Aug. 9th (1943) in the Greater East Asia Hall, Tokyo, of representatives of various national organizations for the support of the Indian Independence Movement. Vice President of the Cabinet and Minister without Portfolio (10 Mar., '44). Attended a special Liaison Conference of members of the Government IRAA and IRAPS held on 10 Mar. (44) to initiate the People's Movement. Vice-Pres. of Nat. Govt. Aid Assn., apptd. April 1943; Dir. of PAA, chief of NGAA Youth Movt., Vice-Pres. of Dai Nippon Athletic Assn. and member of Nat. Movt. Liaison H. Q., apptd., 3/17/44. Minister of Transportation and communications (2 June'44). Has been appointed a member of the Investigating Committee on the Political Treatment of the Chosanese and Taiwanese (for other members of Committee, see CIS card on Shigeo Odachi). Will reportedly head an organization resulting from the combination of three forestry associations into one body. (1 June, '45). Named one of the advisors of a new institute for 'original ideas' for the invention of armaments which has been established by the Japan Armaments Scientific Research Institute (Dai Nippon Heiki Kagaku Kenkyujo). (CIS OSS card file---FCC Daily Reports).

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STATUS : PENDING

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

1944 (Jan.-Aug.): President, Youth Corps, IRAA.

1944 (Sept.) : Counselor, Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society
(Now dissolved)

Bureaucrat, nationalist and a supporter of the Army and its policies. Exercised great influence over young men of the middle class. (1) Leader of the Fascist Shin-Nippon Domei. As early as 1932 was criticized for his fascist leanings. As Agriculture Minister in the Saito Cabinet, Goto did valuable work in rice control and farm relief against the opposition of those that would have poured the nation's entire purse into the military coffers. (35). In 1936 Premier Keisuke Okada was reported assassinated. Proved to be his cousin but Okada was kept hidden; and Goto acted as Premier until Hirota was appointed to form a new cabinet. (20) Member of Preparatory Committee charged with working out details of organizing IRAA. In December 1944 named member of Committee for Investigation of Political Treatment of Chosenese and Taiwanese.

(SOURCE: Japanese Government Officials, 1937-1945)

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RE : GOTO, FUMIO

STATUS : PENDING

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

Biography:

Born Mar. 1884. Married a sister of Viscount Hisaakira Kane, a banker. Graduate, Tokyo Imperial Univ. (Politics), 1908.

Became councillor to Tokushima and Kanagawa prefectural governments, police chief of Amori Prefecture, Secretary to Home Minister, Director of Police Bureau of Home Office, Director of General Affairs Bureau of Taiwan Government, and a member of House of Peers in 1927.

1932-- Agriculture and Forestry Minister.

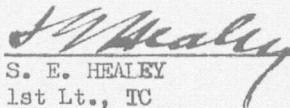
1934-36--Home Minister.

Has been Sec'y-General, National Service Association. In 1940, he was Pres., Aerial Defense Association of Japan. In 1944, was appointed Minister of State without Portfolio in Tojo Cabinet.

Has been Vice President of IRAA and Pres. of IRAA Youth Corps, from which position he resigned in July and August 1944 respectively.

Was Chief of Business Affairs Bureau of IRAA in 1944. Represented the House of Peers in the IRAPS. Was advisor to Dai Nippon Political Association. In Dec. 1944, was appointed a member of committee for investigation of the Political Treatment of the Taiwanese and Chosenese.

In June, 1945, he was appointed Pres. of the Japan Forestry Association.


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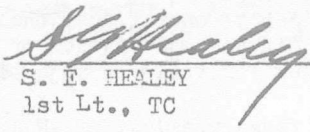
RE : GOTA, FUMIO

STATUS : PENDING

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

Serial 3, case no 59 in the files of this office shows the following concerning above subject in a memorandum concerning the career of Prince Fumimaro KONOYE:

Subject was a member of a study group organized by KONOYE embracing political minded generals and admirals, and senior bureaucrats of the so-called Renovationist Faction (those favoring greater authoritarian State Control). This study circle where generals of the allegedly extremist groups amiably rubbed shoulders with the financial experts of the Zaibatsu and senior representatives of the bureaucracy roughly coincided with the most important members within the society known as the KOKUHONSHA (Society of the Foundation of the State)


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1st Lt., TC

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RE : GOTO, FUMIO

STATUS : PENDING

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

Fumio Goto is listed in Yearbook of Patriotic Movements, Tokyo, 1936, (CIS library) as a Director of Kokuhon - Sha (Society for National Foundations)

In the statement of "Purpose" in above mentioned Yearbook, the following appears: Unless we nurture the national spirit, make firm the basis of the nation, develop intelligence and virtue, and promote the essence of the national polity there is no knowing what the future holds for the state or for the people.

For "comments" and full statement of "Purpose" of above society, see case 227.

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1st Lt., TC

*No further action necessary file
Healey ready to interview him
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Mr. Denmark
(Signature)

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DATE: 26 December 1945

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

RE : GOTA, Fumio

STATUS: Pending

As a member of Committee for Investigation of Political Treatment of Taiwanese and Chosenese, he is a member "from the ranks of experienced and learned authorities". This Committee was appointed by Koiso Cabinet on January 17, 1945. With the admission of Korean and Formosan delegates to the Imperial Diet, its function may have ceased.

Advisor, Dai Nippon Political Association.

President, Aerial Defense Association of Japan (Dai Nippon Boku Kyokai (1940).

President, Japan Forestry Association, under administration of Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce; appointed June 1, 1945.

(SOURCE: C.I.S. Files)

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CASE 221, serial 12 has
been removed from file and returned to
Diplomatic Section. It contained biographical
material and was obtained through Mr. Fearey
of the Diplomatic Section.

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REPORT BY: L. H. BARNARD

RE: GOTO, Fumio

STATUS : Closed

DATE: 7 January 1946

A review of the file in this matter does not indicate that further investigative action is necessary at this time and the file is being administratively closed.

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FILE: 168 22/

REPORT BY: L. H. Barnard

RE : Rear-Admiral Hido HIRAIDE

STATUS : Pending

DATE: 2 January 1946

A review of the file in this matter indicates that one General Kuroda, who is not under investigation by this Division, was in charge of Japanese intelligence matters in the Philippines during the Japanese occupation of those islands. It further indicates that General Kuroda had specific information concerning the identity of Filipinos who engaged in treasonable acts against the United States and the Philippine Government during the Japanese occupation of those islands.

This matter should be brought to the attention of both the legal section of SCAP and to G-2, AFPAC for such action as may be deemed appropriate.

It is also indicated that Mr. Goto of the Minichi Shinbun, who is the subject of our File No. 221, was an active member of Admiral Hiraide's propaganda and intelligence organization in the Philippines.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: An undeveloped lead is being set out in Case No. 221 for the purpose of determining the nature and extent of Goto's activities or whether or not they comprise a matter for possible prosecutive consideration by this Section.

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18 January 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR. Mr. Fihelly
Mr. Hammaek

1. A review of File No. 221 reflects that it contains information which may be of interest to the members of Groups C and G.
2. This information is forwarded for such action as may be deemed appropriate.

LeRoy H. Barnard
Major, Infantry
Executive Officer
Investigation Division

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