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4 Dec 45

Case # 172

Re: ICHIRO TOKUTOMI

Status: Pending

Memo for the File.

The following information appeared in
a SCAP press release dated 2 Dec 45:

TOKUTOMI, Ichiro. One of Japan's leading journalists, Tokutomi founded the Kokumin Shimbun, has been President of the Dai Nippon Press Association, Adviser to the Greater East Asia Press Federation, and Adviser to the Greater East Asia Development Headquarters of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association. He has been influential throughout the war through his writings in all leading newspapers of the land.

No active investigation is being
conducted in this matter.

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Meyers

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CASE NO. 172

RE: TOKUTOMI, Jichiro

STATUS: Pending.

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

Source: Not stated.

From: NIPPON TIMES, #16780, 4 Dec 45

INFORMATION:

"TOKUTOMI, Jichiro. One of Japan's leading journalists, Tokutomi founded the Kokumin Shiibun, has been President of the Dai Nippon Press Association, Adviser to the Greater East Asia Press Federation, and Adviser to the Greater East Asia Development Headquarters of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association. He has been influential throughout the war through his writings in all leading newspapers of the land."

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

Review Nippon Times "morgue" for possible further information.

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

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REPORT BY: L. H. BARNARD

RE: Ichiro TOKUTOMI

STATUS: Pending

DATE: 14 Dec 1945

The document entitled "Japanese Government Officials, 1937-45", prepared by the Military Intelligence Division, War Department, Washington, D. C., dated 21 July 1945, carries the following biographical data on subject:

Ichiro TOKUTOMI (pen name "Soho"): Councilor, New Asia Movement of Imperial Rule Assistance Association. Member House of Peers.

1863 Jan. Born Kumamoto Prefecture. Son of late Ikkei Tokutomi. Married Shizuko, daughter of Matazo Kurazono.

1880 Educated Doshisha University.

* Founded Oi Gijuku (private school), Kumamoto. Established Minyu-sha. Publisher, Kokumin-no-Tomo (People's Friend).

1889 Founded Kokumin Shimbun (newspaper).

1896 Toured Europe and America.

1897 Councilor, Home Office.

1911 Nominated to House of Peers.

* Member, Imperial Academy, Imperial Fine Arts Academy, Special writer, Osaka Mainichi Ghimbun and Tokyo Nichi Nichi Shimbun.

1942 President Japanese Press Association.

1944 Sept Appointed Councilor to New Asia Movement of IRAA

Address: 2832, Sanno 1-chome, Omori-ku, Tokyo

A prodigious writer, veteran journalist and outstanding Japanese political commentator who is widely respected in government circles. Tokutomi, an ardent jingoist, in January 1944 stated that "because Japan is a country of gods, our Emperors are gods, and we are children of gods, our confidence over the current situation is firm and we thoroughly believe we shall win ultimate victory." Author of "National History of Japan in Recent Age" (in Japanese).

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Case # 172

RE : TOKUTOMI, Ichiro (Soho)

STATUS: Pending

Memorandum for the Files:

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

Born 1863. One of the leading journalists and writers in Japan today. Some of his more important positions include: Founded the Kokumin Shimbun (daily popular paper), 1890; Councillor of the Home Ministry, 1897; member of the House of Peers, 1911; affiliated with the Tokyo Nichi Nichi Shimbun, 1923; president of the Dai Nippon Kokushi Kai (Japan Historical Association) - an association founded in 1931 to study Japanese history and guide the thoughts of the nation, 1939; guest member of the Osaka Mainichi Shimbun and Tokyo Nichi Nichi Shimbun, 1940; president of the Dai Nippon Press Association, 1943; president of the Dai Nippon Press Patriotic Service Association, 1944; adviser to the GEA Press Federation (or Newspaper Council), 1944; adviser to the GEA Development Headquarters (or New Asia) of IRAA; one of the founders and a member of the GEA Deshi Kai (GEA "Same Minded" Association) which was under the administration of the GEA Ministry, 1945.

Subject has been referred to as the Dean of Japanese journalists and has been a prominent political commentator. He has written over two hundred books on politics, diplomacy, literature, and history. Most of these contained propaganda to develop a powerful Japan, drive the "whites" out of Asia, and teach the people loyalty to the Emperor. From the beginning of Japan's war with China until Japan surrendered to the Allies, "Soho" devoted himself to accomplishing his life's ambition of uniting all Asia under the rule of Japan. He wrote propaganda and organized patriotic associations to increase the people's support of Japan's war aims. This propaganda was disseminated by books, newspaper articles, and speeches.

TOKUTOMI should be apprehended for his major responsibility in laying the foundations, in domestic affairs, in preparation for aggression and totalitarian control.

He qualifies under Paragraph 7-a of Joint Chiefs of Staff Basic Directive for Post Surrender Military Government in Japan Proper of 3 November 1945.

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JAMES J. GAINE JR.
Capt, Infantry

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RE : TOKUTOMI, Iichiro

REPORT BY: N. A. Halloran
Special Agent CIC

DATE : 7 January 1946

STATUS: Closed ✓

An examination of all existing sources of information including ATIS and CIS files reveals no further information on subject.

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18 February 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HAMMACK

RE: TOKUTOMI, Iehiro

Memorandum from OCCIO, dated 1 February 1946, indicates that the following individuals have been placed in permanent house arrest, at the addresses given, by 8th Army Medical Personnel.

TOKUTOMI, Iehiro - "Sanseiso Do", Iwasa,
Atami-Shi, Shizuoka-Ken

HIRANUMA, Kiichiro 416, 1 Chome, Nishi-Okubo,
Yodobashi-Ku, Tokyo

James J. Gaine, Jr.
Captain Infantry

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JAPAN 1937

IICHIRO TOKUTOMI (PEN-NAME: SOHO)
B. JAN. 25, 1863 IN KUMAMOTO. CONTRIBUTOR
OF THE OSAKA MAINICHI-COMBINE. MEMBER OF
THE UPPER HOUSE (DES OBERHAUSES) AND THE
IMPERIAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, TOKYO.
HANDBUCH DER WELTPRESSE, ARMANEN-VERLAG,
LEIPZIG & FRANKFURT A/M, 1937,
P. 256 FF. OSS-P-9899



JAPAN 1940
IICHIRO TOKUTOMI, ASSO.
ED. OSAKA MAINICHI AND
TOKYO NICHU NICHU. MEMB.
OF PEERS AND IMPERIAL
ACADEMY. THE JAPANESE
AMERICAN REVIEW, VOL. 40,
NO. 2083, P. 4, APRIL 6,
1940. OSS-P-8365

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REPORT BY: R. E. GILLILAND
1st Lt., Inf.

RE: TOKUTOMI, Aichiro

DATE: 16 March 1946

STATUS : Pending

On 9 January 1946 the records of the Personnel Section, Cabinet Secretariat were examined at the Diet Building, Tokyo.

Complete personnel records of the subject were micro-filmed. Photostatic copies, together with translation, are on file as Exhibit No. 126.

Following is a transcript of the translation:

AICHIRO TOKUTOMI

BORN : January 1863

RESIDENCE: Kumamoto Prefecture

STATUS : Samurai

Received home education from his father, Ikkei TOKUTOMI

1871 - 1880 Studied Chinese classics and English

1882 - 1886 Founded the Gō School, offering lessons equivalent to those of the middle-school course;
Engaged thereafter in the publication of Koku-min-no-Tomo (Nation's companion) and the Kokumin-Shinbun newspaper

1894 Sep 13 Went to Hiroshima in company with the Imperial Headquarters;
In the following year, made an observation trip to Liaotung Peninsula in company with the Government-General of War against China;
Returned home on May 13

1896 May 20 Started on a tour of Europe and America

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1897 Jan 28 Returned to Japan

Aug 26 Appointed a Counsellor of the Home Office (Cabinet);
Conferred 2nd Class in the Higher Civil Service (Cabinet)

Sep 13 Appointed member of the Provisional Political Affairs
Investigating Committee (Cabinet)

Oct 4 Ordered to go on an official tour of Miyagi, Fukushima,
Iwate, Sendai, Yamagata and Akita (Home Office)

Oct 30 Conferred the 9th Court Rank, Senior Grade

Dec 20 Appointed Government Commissioner on Affairs coming under
the jurisdiction of the Home Office (Cabinet)

1898 Jan 12 Relieved of the post at his own request (Cabinet)

1900 Apr 2 Commissioned as member of the Mother Tongue Investigation
Committee (Education Office)

1902 Feb 8 Relieved of the post (Education Office)

Apr 11 Appointed member of the Mother Tongue Investigation
Commission (Cabinet)

1906 Oct 12 Relieved of the post of member of the Mother Tongue
Investigation Commission (Cabinet)

1906 Apr 1 Granted a gold cup in recognition of his services in
the Incident of 1904-1905

1908 May 25 Appointed member of the Provisional Investigation
Commission on the use of Kana (Japanese syllabary) (Cabinet)

1911 May 17 Appointed member of the Literature Commission (Cabinet)

Aug 24 Appointed member of the House of Peers, according to the
4th Item of Article I of the House of Peers Ordinance
(Cabinet)

1912 Aug 1 Granted a medal in commemoration of the annexation of Korea

1915 Nov 10 Conferred the 3rd Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure

1916 Apr 1 Conferred the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun in recognition
of his services in the 1914-1915 Incident

1920 May 7 Appointed member of the Text-Book Investigation Board (Cabinet)

1921 Jun 25 Appointed member of the Provisional Mother Tongue Investigation Board (Cabinet)

1920 Nov 15 Granted a golden cup in recognition of his services in the 1915 to 1920 Incidents

1924 Feb 11 Granted a pair of gold cups (Board of Decoration)

1924 Apr 15 Appointed member of the Council on Educational Administration (Cabinet) (Abolished by the Imperial Ordinance #323, 29 December 1935)

1925 Jun 27 Appointed member of the Imperial Academy by order of the Emperor, according to Article II of the Imperial Academy Regulations (Cabinet)

1928 Nov 10 Conferred the Second Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure

1928 Nov 10 Granted a gold cup

1929 Nov 30 Appointed member of the National Treasure Preservation Commission (Cabinet)

1934 Dec 22 The official organization for the Provisional Mother Tongue Investigation Board (Was abolished according to Imperial Ordinance #331)

1937 Jun 24 Appointed member of the Imperial Academy of Arts and Literature (Cabinet)

1934 Apr 29 Granted the order of the Double Rays of the Rising Sun in recognition of his services during the 1931 to 1934 Incidents

1940 Feb 7 Relieved of the post of member of the Text-Books Investigation Board at his own request (Cabinet)

1940 Nov 29 Granted a wooden cup in recognition of his long parliamentary services

1942 Feb 2 Appointed member of the Greater East Asia Construction Council (Cabinet)

1943 Apr 29 Conferred a "Cultural Decoration"

1940 Apr 29 Granted a pair of silver cups in recognition of his services in the China Affair

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FILE NO. : 194

REPORT BY: L. H. Barnard
Major, Infantry

RE : TOKUTOMI, Ichiro

DATE : 11 March 1946

STATUS: Pending

In compliance with radio from SCAP to Commanding General EIGHTH Army, dated 18 December 1946, TOKUTOMI was examined by a medical officer of the EIGHTH Army and the following report submitted:

TOKUTOMI, Ichiro, Izusan, Atami-shi, Shizuoka-ken. This 84 year old Japanese man gives a history of very little physical activity for the past 5 years. He has remained in bed the majority of that time. At present he complains of pain in left side of face which is evidently tic douloureux as he refuses to have his face washed due to extreme pain caused by this manipulation. He also complains of photophobia of left eye. Nurse states that patient remains in bed at all times and requires that she care for him continuously. He is fed with a spoon and it requires about 1 to 1½ hours for him to eat a meal because of left sided facial pain caused by swallowing food. His personal physician indicates that patient has had a partial intestinal obstruction following an extensive abdominal operation five years ago and has remained in bed most of the time since this operation.

Physical examination reveals: A well nourished bedridden senile man complaining of pain in the left side of his face and in his right upper quadrant. Patient complains bitterly when left side of face is touched although there are no obvious changes in the skin or symmetry of the face. Photophobia is also present in the left eye without other noticeable changes. There is a loud, rather musical, late systolic heart murmur heard best at the apex and transmitted to the axilla. Heart rate and rhythm are normal. Blood pressure 160/80. There are moderate signs of arteriosclerosis. No definite cardiac enlargement noted on percussion. Lung fields are apparently normal. There is a long incision scar over the right upper abdominal quadrant; a portion, about 3" in length, runs parallel to the costal margin and a second portion about the same length runs at right angles to the first and is medial and downward in direction. A portion of the scar is apparently adherent to underlying structures and palpitation of the area causes pain. The abdomen is soft and no masses are palpable. There is slight edema of the ankles. Recommend that this man not be incarcerated in Sugamo Prison as he will require practically continuous nursing care and bed rest and at his age his general debility will probably be progressive. >

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5 April 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: LT. ALEXANDER

There follows a listing of principal suspects and possible defendants who have not been incarcerated at Sugamo. Their present location is indicated.

Principal Suspects

TOGO, Shigemori

Placed under house arrest upon recommendation of medical officers of 8th Army who, on 16 January 1946, diagnosed his illness as " Pernicious Anemia and Angina Pectoris".

Address: 15 Hiroo Cho, Anabu-ku, Tokyo

HIFANUMA, Kiichiro

Placed under house arrest upon recommendation of medical officers of 8th Army who, on 31 December 1945, diagnosed his illness as "Senility, subject to continuous nursing".

Address: 416, 1-Chome, Kishi-Okubo, Yodohashi-ku, Tokyo

ISEHIRARA, Kenji

Patient at Teishin Hospital, located at Fujimi-Cho, Kajimachi-Ku, Tokyo, as of 13 March 1946. (Note: Memo, dated 11 Mar 1946, from Major Barnard, indicates ISEHIRARA was expected to be released in one week).

MIYTO, Akira

London - being brought to Japan

ITADAKI, Seishiro

Singapore - being brought to Japan

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KIMURA, Heitaro	Burma - being brought to Japan
SATO, Kenryo	Thailand - being brought to Japan
TAMURA, Hiroshi	Directive to Japanese Gov't, dtd 5 Apr 46 ordering apprehension
OGA, Takasumi	Directive to Japanese Gov't, dtd 2 Apr 46, ordering apprehension

POSSIBLE DEFENDANTS

All the following have been placed under house arrest upon recommendation of 6th Army Medical Officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Recommendation</u>	<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Address</u>
FUJIWARA, Ginjiro	31 December 1945	Senility & Hypertension	121 Innate- cho, Shiba-Ku, Tokyo
IKEDA, Seihin	31 December 1945	Senility & Hypertension	84 Nishi-Noiso, Osaka, Kanagawa Ken
OGATA, Takatora	16 January 1946	Tuberculosis	c/o ISHIBE, Taisho 17, Hiroo-Machi, Anaba-Ku, Tokyo
SAKURAI, Hyogoro	31 December 1945	Partial Paralysis	35 Hiroo-Cho Anaba-Ku, Tokyo
TADA, Hayao	9 January 1946	Exacerbation of chronic cystitis	567 Kawanu Fushiki-Cho, Tateyama, Chiba Ken