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(Withdrawn)

EXHIBIT # 565

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

IRIKI, Sadao, et al

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/s/ KUZUU, Yoshihisa

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SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent:- KUZUU, Yoshihisa

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows:

1. I have been a civilian all my life, never having been a member of the Armed Forces.
2. In October, 1937, I became chief secretary of the KOKURYUKAI and in that capacity had ample opportunity to converse with many of the young men of Japan.
3. In August, 1940, Prince KONOE asked me to become a member of the organizing committee of the IRUKAI (Imperial Rule Assistance Association). The members of this Committee were being selected from each stratum

of Japanese society in order to get a group together representative of the whole nation. The reason for my selection was that I was a civilian with administrative experience and an understanding of youth and its problems.

4. Upon the formation of the IRAL I then became a member of the general committee and kept that position until its dissolution.
5. The IRAL was a public association which aimed at the thorough dissemination among the people of SHINDO JISSEN (The practice of the subject's way). The mission of the IRAL had nothing to do with domestic or foreign policy and certainly it had nothing to do with world domination or aggressive war.
6. It is a well known fact in Japan that for several years prior to 1931, corruption was rampant in Japanese politics; that many persons prominent in the government had been investigated on criminal charges: ex Railway Minister OGURA, Heikichi (of the Seiyukai Party), ex Commerce and Industry Minister TAMURA, Naokoichi (of the Minseito Party), and ex Educational Minister KOBAYASHI, Ichiro (of the Seiyukai Party) are only three examples of such cases; that WAKATSUKI, Reijiro of the Minseito Party, Prime Minister at the time of the October Incident (October, 1931) was examined by the Public Prosecutor in connection with the matter of the receipt of 100,000 Yen from KUSUDA, Tameo, of the ECHIGO Railway.
7. It was believed to be a fact at the time that the "KETSUSEIDAN", "May 15" and "February 26" Incidents, resulted from the desire on the part of many patriotic young men to clean up the corruption in Japanese politics. The general public had lost faith in the SEIYUKAI

and MINSEITO Parties which were recognized to be full of corruption.

8. Lt. General URAKI, Sadao, at that time was regarded not only by the military, but the people at large, as a man of fine, unselfish patriotic character.
9. It was stated to be a well known fact that General UGAKI, Issai, who was War Minister for many years strongly advocated armament reductions, accomplished the reduction by two divisions of the Japanese army and also strongly supported the London Naval Treaty. After his retirement from the War Ministry, on several occasions over a period of years, he was suggested as Premier.

At Sugamo Prison on this twenty-third day of January, 1947.

Deponent:- KUZUU, Yoshihisa

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We, HAYASHI, Itsuro, RICHARD HARRIS, and KANESE, Kunji, hereby certify that the above was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of these witnesses.

On the same date, at the same place.

WITNESSES:

/s/ HAYASHI, Itsuro

/s/ RICHARD HARRIS

/s/ KANESE, Kunji

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The written oath

I swear to depose the truth according to the dictates  
of my conscience with holding nothing and adding nothing.

MUZUO, Yoshihisa

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TRANSLATION CERTIFICATE

I, William E. Clarke, of the Defense Language Branch, hereby certify that the foregoing translation described in the certificate is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation and is as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

/S/ William E. Clarke

Tokyo, Japan

Date 18 February, 1947