

3 June 1947


MEMORANDUM FOR: British Division (W. Glanville Brown)  
FROM : Johnson F. Munroe, Investigator  
SUBJECT : FUTAARA, Yoshinori (Witness)

Pursuant to your memorandum request dated 15 May 1947, inquiry has been made through CIS (G-2) to obtain a report of the remarks made by the subject individual at the GEA Youth Conference in 1944.

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Search through the columns of Tokyo daily newspapers of the time of the conference, discloses no mention thereof appeared in any of the daily papers, according to CIS.

  
JOHNSON F. MUNROE,  
Investigator, ID-IPS,  
Room 381

MR. LAMBERT



2 May 1947

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INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Count FUTARA, Yoshinori

Date of birth: 26 October 1886

Permanent domicile: 12 Kasumigaoka-cho, Yotsuta-ku, Tokyo.

Present address: c/o Nittai Joshiryo, 152, 4-chome, Fukazawa-cho,  
Setagaya-ku, Tokyo.

- 22 Nov 1909 Ordered to succeed to Countship; given the Junior 5th Court Rank.
- Jul 1913 Graduated from the Faculty of Law (political course), Tokyo Imperial University.
- 8 Nov 1913 Passed the Higher Civil Service Examination.
- 10 Dec 1913 Promoted to the Senior 5th Court Rank.
- 28 Feb 1914 Appointed clerk of the Aichi Prefectural Office at the 7th grade salary; attached to the Local Affairs Section of the Internal Affairs Department.
- 17 Dec 1914 Attached to the Shrine, Temple and Military Affairs Section of the Internal Affairs Department.
- 19 Mar 1915 Ordered to supervise the polling and the ballot counting place for the election of members of the Diet in Hekikai-gun, Aichi Prefecture.
- 27 Apr 1915 Appointed secretary of the Shizuoka Prefectural Office, with the 7th Rank of the Higher Civil Service and the 9th grade salary.
- 4 May 1915 Assigned as Chief of the Educational Affairs Section and additionally Chief of the Shrine, Temple and Military Affairs Section.
- 3 May 1915 Nominated school inspector.
- 6 May 1915 Appointed on the following committees of Shizuoka Prefecture:  
Chairman of the Examining Committee on Pensions for Primary School Teachers of Cities, Towns and Villages;  
Member of the Standing Examination Committee for Primary School Teachers' Licenses;  
Chairman of the Examining Committee for the High Shinto Priesthood;  
Member of the Ordinary Civil Service Examination Committee;  
Chairman of the Examining Committee for the Ordinary Shinto Priesthood.



FUTARA, Yoshinori (cont'd)

- 15 Sep 1915 Ordered to supervise the polling and the ballot counting place for the election of members of the Shizuoka Prefectural Assembly.
- 10 Nov 1915 Awarded the Imperial Coronation Medal.
- 19 Nov 1915 Ordered to participate in the meeting of the ordinary session of the Shizuoka Prefectural Assembly in 1915.
- 21 Dec 1916 Given the 8th grade salary.
- 1 May 1917 Suspended from office in accordance with provisions of Article 11, paragraph 1, item 4, of the Civil Service Limitation Ordinance. Ordered to Europe and America for investigation concerning wartime conditions.
- 20 Dec 1918 Promoted to the Junior 4th Court Rank.
- 30 Apr 1919 The term of suspension from office expired.
- 27 Mar 1920 Appointed Senior Secretary, and additionally Counsellor of the Imperial Household, Ministry, with the 6th Rank of the Higher Civil Service and the 1st grade salary (1500 yen per annum); assigned to the Research Section of the Minister's Secretariat.
- 14 Apr 1920 Ordered to attend the Emperor and Emperor and Empress on their visit to Hayama.
- 18 Jun 1920 Ordered to attend the Emperor and Empress on their visit to Numazu.
- 21 Aug 1920 Ordered to attend the Emperor and Empress on their visit to Nikko.
- 1 Aug 1920 Given the 7th grade salary (2350 yen per annum) due to the amendment of the Ordinance for Banks and Salaries of Government Officials.
- 18 Oct 1920 Ordered to take charge of the Bureau of Imperial Palaces during the absence of Kazuhiko Miyoshi, Junior Secretary of the Imperial Household Ministry, due to his travel to Europe and America.
- 22 Oct 1920 Appointed member of the Laws and Regulations Adjustment Committee.
- 28 Dec 1920 Ordered to ~~xxx~~ attend the Emperor and Empress on their visit to Hayama.
- 14 Feb 1921 Ordered to attend the Crown Prince on his travel abroad.



FUTARA, Yoshinori (cont'd)

- 18 Feb 1921      Condemned to a ten percent reduction of the monthly salary for the period of one month in accordance with provisions of the Ordinance for the Disciplinary Punishment of the Imperial Household officials.
- 23 Feb 1921      Relieved of charge of the Bureau of Imperial Palaces.
- 22 Jun 1921      Given the 6th grade salary.
- 11 Sep 1921      Authorized to receive and wear the Order of the Member of Victoria awarded by the King of Great Britain; Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'honneur awarded by the Government of the Republic of France; Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold awarded by the King of Belgium; Officier de l'Ordre d'Orange Nasseau awarded by the King of Holland; Officier de l'Ordre de Couronne awarded by the King of Italy; and Chevalier de l'Ordre de Saint Gregoire awarded by the Pope.
- 5 Oct 1921      Decorated with the 6th Class Order of the Single Ray of the Rising Sun.
- 7 Oct 1921      (The Ordinance concerning the Organization of the Imperial Household Ministry was amended.)  
Given the 6th grade salary (2700 yen per annum) due to the amendment of the Ordinance for Ranks and Salaries of Government Officials. The assignment to the Research Section of the Minister's Secretariat was ended due to the amendment of the Regulations concerning the Formation of Sections of the Imperial Household Ministry; assigned to the General Affairs Section, and additionally to the Secretarial Section of the Minister's Secretariat.
- 21 Nov 1921      Appointed additionally Ceremonial Officer, having the 6th Rank of the Higher Civil Service conferred on.
- 13 Feb 1922      Appointed member of the Preparatory Committee for the Reception of the Crown Prince of Great Britain.
- 1 Mar 1922      Ordered to serve in the Crown Prince's Household.
- 20 Jun 1922      Promoted to the 5th Rank of the Higher Civil Service (for the principal and additional offices), receiving the 5th grade salary (3100 yen per annum).
- 16 Sep 1922      Ordered to act for the Chief of the Family affairs Section of the Peerage Bureau during the absence of Viscount Keimin Marsudaira, Junior Secretary of the Imperial Household Ministry.
- 12 Jan 1923      Ordered to attend the Emperor and Empress on their visit to Hayama.



FUTARA, Yoshinori (cont'd)

- 29 Jun 1923 Granted the 4th grade salary (3400 yen per annum).
- 3 Sept 1923 Appointed member of the Temporary Committee on the Earthquake Disaster.
- 12 Sep 1923 The above Committee was abolished.
- 3 Sep 1923 Ordered to attend the Emperor and Empress on their visit to Nikko.
- 7 Sep 1923 Relieved of the office as Acting Chief of the Family Affairs Section of the Peerage Bureau, as Secretary Matsudaira returned from abroad.
- 8 Jan 1924 Ordered to attend the Emperor and Empress on their visit to Numazu.
- 11 Jan 1924 Ordered to Shanghai on official business.
- 5 May 1924 Assigned to the Secretarial Section and additionally to the General Affairs Section of the Minister's Secretariat.
- 24 Jul 1924 Ordered to attend the Emperor and Empress on their visit to Nikko.
- 1 Oct 1924 Appointed Lecturer at the short course for the Imperial Palace Police.
- 23 Oct 1924 Ordered to attend the Prince Regent on his travel in Ishikawa Prefecture and the Hokuriku District.
- 10 Dec 1924 Promoted to the 4th Rank of the Higher Civil Service (for the principal and additional offices), receiving the 3rd grade salary (3800 yen per annum). Relieved of the principal and additional offices at own request.  
Ordered to serve in the Imperial Household Ministry and additionally in the Crown Prince's Household as non-regular member of the staff, receiving treatment due to "sonin" official; granted an annual salary of 1000 yen.
- 27 Dec 1924 Promoted to the Senior 4th Court Rank.
- 1 Apr 1925 Appointed Lecturer at the Peers' School.
- 10 Jul 1925 Elected member of the House of Peers by mutual vote among the counts.
- 24 Dec 1925 Decorated with the 5th Class Order of the Sacred Treasure (No. 667494).
- 22 Jan 1927 Decorated with the 4th Class Order of the Sacred Treasure (No. 680832).



FUTARA, Yoshinori (cont'd)

- 10 Nov 1928    Awarded a gold cup.
- 1 Dec 1928    Left the service with the Imperial Household Ministry.
- 20 Sep 1929    Appointed Examiner of the Relief Examining Committee.
- 10 Nov 1928    Awarded the Imperial Coronation Medal in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 188 of 1928.
- 3 May 1930    Relieved of the office as Examiner of the Relief examining Committee.
- 10 Apr 1931    Appointed special member of the Temporary Investigating Committee on Roman Letters. (The Committee was abolished on 30 June 1936).
- 1 May 1931    Awarded the Commemoration Medal of the Metropolitan Reconstruction in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 148 of 1930.
- 15 Jan 1932    Promoted to the Junior 3rd Court Rank.
- 9 Jul 1932    The term of membership of the House of Peers Expired.
- 10 Jul 1932    Elected member of the House of Peers.
- 1 Oct 1932    Awarded the Commemoration Medal of the 1930 Census-taking in Korea in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 145 of 1932.
- 23 May 1934    Appointed member of the Council of the Peers' School.
- 1 Mar 1934    Authorized to receive and wear the State-Foundation Medal awarded by the Emperor of Manchoukuo.
- 29 Apr 1934    Decorated with the Small Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun for services in connection with the 1931-34 Incident(No.1059118)
- 8 Feb 1935    Decorated with the 3rd Class Order of the Sacred Treasurer (No. 893801).
- 1 Oct 1935    Appointed member of the Preparatory Committee for the Celebration of the 2600th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Japanese Empire. (The Committee was abolished in 1 July 1936).
- 18 Nov 1935    Appointed member of the Educational Renovation Council. (The Council was abolished on 22 July 1937).
- 21 Sept 1935    Authorized to receive and wear the Commemoration Medal of the Manchukuoan Emperor's visit to Japan awarded by the Emperor.
- 15 Jul 1938    Appointed member of the Central Committee on Social Work.



FUTARA, Yoshinori (cont'd)

- 17 Dec 1938 Appointed member of the Physical Training Council. (The Council was abolished on 27 July 1939).
- 9 Jul 1939 The term of membership to the House of Peers expired.
- 10 Jul 1939 Elected member of the House of Peers.
- 28 Jul 1939 Appointed member of the Council on Physical Strength of the People.
- 1 Feb 1940 Promoted to the Senior 3rd Court Rank.
- 18 Jul 1940 Appointed member of the Central Committee on Social Work.
- 16 Sep 1940 Appointed member of the Educational Council. (The Council was abolished on 9 May 1942).
- 3 Oct 1940 Authorized to receive and wear Verdienstkreuz mit dem Stern Adler awarded by the Government of Germany.
- 20 May 1941 Appointed member of the Text-Book Investigation Committee. (The Committee was abolished on 9 January 1946).
- 6 Dec 1941 Appointed member of the Investigation Committee on Sacred Spots Related to the Foundation of the Japanese Empire.
- 10 Nov 1940 Awarded the Commemoration Medal of the Celebration of the 2600th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Japanese Empire in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 488 of 1940.
- 10 Jun 1942 Appointed Commissioner of the Foreign Ministry.
- 1 Jul 1943 Appointed Commissioner of the Foreign Ministry.
- 9 Dec 1941 Authorized to receive and wear the Commemoration Medal of the Erection of the State-Foundation Shrine awarded by the Emperor of Manchoukuo.
- 29 Apr 1940 Decorated with the Medium Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun for services in connection with the China Incident. Awarded a service medal in accordance with provisions of the Service Medal Ordinance relating to the China Incident. (No. 3394464).
- 26 Nov 1945 Appointed adviser to the Welfare Ministry.



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By: R. H. Larsh  
20 Feb 47

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REPORT BY: John A. Curtis

12 Feb 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: FUTARA, Yoshinori

Address:

Presently in Tokyo and believed to be a member of the Upper House.

File 59, serial 80: Calling card found in Konoye's home.

File 250, serial 15: Count Futara.

No further information concerning the above is contained in the files.

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FUTAARA, Yoshinori.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Investigation Division

FROM: British Division

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15 May, 1947.

I have been supplied by you with a short report dated 15 April, 1947 on the Greater East Asia Youth Conference over which the above man presided. This report states that Japan's foreign policy was "explained to the gathering".

Is there available any report of what Futaara said at this gathering?

W. G. B.



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Request for information from GIS

IPS, GHQ, SCAP

G-2

25 Mar 47

1.       1. A search of GIS files is said to reveal that FUTAARA, Yoshinori was Chairman of the Greater East Asia Youth Rally Conference and Superintendent of the National Foundation Labor Service Corps (1941).
2. It is requested that information be furnished regarding both the Conference and the Corps referred to.

----- T. G. -----  
Ex.O.

... GLANVILLE BROWN



5 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Mr. Comyns-Carr; Mr. Brown ✓

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief, Investigative Division, IPS  
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WITNESS

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Request by: ARAKI, Sadao

Address: Presently in Tokyo as a member of the Upper House.



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FUTARA, Yoshinori (cont'd)

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- 5 May 1924    Assigned to the Secretarial Section and additionally to the General Affairs Section of the Minister's Secretariat.
- 24 Jul 1924    Ordered to attend the Emperor and Empress on their visit to Nikko.
- 1 Oct 1924    Appointed Lecturer at the short course for the Imperial Palace Police.
- 23 Oct 1924    Ordered to attend the Prince Regent on his travel in Ishikawa Prefecture and the Hokuriku District.
- 10 Dec 1924    Promoted to the 4th Rank of the Higher Civil Service (for the principal and additional offices), receiving the 3rd grade salary (3800 yen per annum). Relieved of the principal and additional offices at own request.  
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- 27 Dec 1924    Promoted to the Senior 4th Court Rank.
- 1 Apr 1925    Appointed Lecturer at the Peers' School.
- 10 Jul 1925    Elected member of the House of Peers by mutual vote among the counts.
- 24 Dec 1925    Decorated with the 5th Class Order of the Sacred Treasure (No. 667494).
- 22 Jan 1927    Decorated with the 4th Class Order of the Sacred Treasure (No. 680832).



FUTARA, Yoshinori (cont'd)

- 10 Nov 1928    Awarded a gold cup.
- 1 Dec 1928    Left the service with the Imperial Household Ministry.
- 20 Sep 1929    Appointed Examiner of the Relief Examining Committee.
- 10 Nov 1928    Awarded the Imperial Coronation Medal in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 188 of 1928.
- 3 May 1930    Relieved of the office as Examiner of the Relief examining Committee.
- 10 Apr 1931    Appointed special member of the Temporary Investigating Committee on Roman Letters. (The Committee was abolished on 30 June 1936).
- 1 May 1931    Awarded the Commemoration Medal of the Metropolitan Reconstruction in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 148 of 1930.
- 15 Jan 1932    Promoted to the Junior 3rd Court Rank.
- 9 Jul 1932    The term of membership of the House of Peers Expired.
- 10 Jul 1932    Elected member of the House of Peers.
- 1 Oct 1932    Awarded the Commemoration Medal of the 1930 Census-taking in Korea in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 145 of 1932.
- 23 May 1934    Appointed member of the Council of the Peers' School.
- 1 Mar 1934    Authorized to receive and wear the State-Foundation Medal awarded by the Emperor of Manchoukuo.
- 29 Apr 1934    Decorated with the Small Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun for services in connection with the 1931-34 Incident(No.1059118).
- 8 Feb 1935    Decorated with the 3rd Class Order of the Sacred Treasurer (No. 893801).
- 1 Oct 1935    Appointed member of the Preparatory Committee for the Celebration of the 2600th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Japanese Empire. (The Committee was abolished in 1 July 1936).
- 18 Nov 1935    Appointed member of the Educational Renovation Council. (The Council was abolished on 22 July 1937).
- 21 Sept 1935    Authorized to receive and wear the Commemoration Medal of the Manchukuoan Emperor's visit to Japan awarded by the Emperor.
- 15 Jul 1938    Appointed member of the Central Committee on Social Work.



FUTARA, Yoshinori (cont'd)

- 17 Dec 1938 Appointed member of the Physical Training Council. (The Council was abolished on 27 July 1939).
- 9 Jul 1939 The term of membership to the House of Peers expired.
- 10 Jul 1939 Elected member of the House of Peers.
- 28 Jul 1939 Appointed member of the Council on Physical Strength of the People.
- 1 Feb 1940 Promoted to the Senior 3rd Court Rank.
- 18 Jul 1940 Appointed member of the Central Committee on Social Work.
- 16 Sep 1940 Appointed member of the Educational Council. (The Council was abolished on 9 May 1942).
- 3 Oct 1940 Authorized to receive and wear Verdienstkreuz mit dem Stern Adler awarded by the Government of Germany.
- 20 May 1941 Appointed member of the Text-Book Investigation Committee. (The Committee was abolished on 9 January 1946).
- 6 Dec 1941 Appointed member of the Investigation Committee on Sacred Spots Related to the Foundation of the Japanese Empire.
- 10 Nov 1940 Awarded the Commemoration Medal of the Celebration of the 2600th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Japanese Empire in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 488 of 1940.
- 10 Jun 1942 Appointed Commissioner of the Foreign Ministry.
- 1 Jul 1943 Appointed Commissioner of the Foreign Ministry.
- 9 Dec 1941 Authorized to receive and wear the Commemoration Medal of the Erection of the State-Foundation Shrine awarded by the Emperor of Manchoukuo.
- 29 Apr 1940 Decorated with the Medium Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun for services in connection with the China Incident.  
Awarded a service medal in accordance with provisions of the Service Medal Ordinance relating to the China Incident. (No. 3394464).
- 26 Nov 1945 Appointed adviser to the Welfare Ministry.



## FUTAHARA, Yoshinori

29 Apr 1934	Minor Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Manchurian Incident	House of Peers
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FURAARA, Toshinori

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of the Tenno System.

Statement by Konoye's Secretary

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
Military Intelligence Section, General Staff  
Civil Intelligence Section

General Activities  
APO 500  
2 April 1947

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT: The National Foundation Labor Service Corps (CHOKOKU HOKOTAI)

The National Foundation Labor Service Corps of which FUTAARA, Yoshinori was Superintendent (SHIDO TOKAN), was inaugurated on 5 November 1939. The object of the organization was to commemorate the forthcoming 2600th Anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire by a program for beautification of the outer palace grounds in Tokyo. The work was planned to extend over a period of four years with participation of approximately 1,000,000 persons. Chief of the Directing Headquarters (SHIDO HOMBUCHO) was Major General SAKAI, Ikuzo (Retired).

Participation in the beautification project was voluntary. Students from all types of schools and universities, employees of private companies, government workers, members of neighborhood associations (TONARI GUMI) and members of youth organizations (SEINEN DAN) were encouraged to contribute their labor services for one or two days.

Work on the palace grounds actually began on 15 November 1939. An average of 2,000 persons took part daily, and the number of contributors of free labor totalled 890,000 in October 1941.

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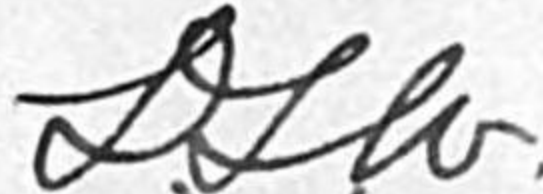
8 Apr 47

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. W. Glanville Brown, British Division.

FROM : Douglas L. Waldorf, Chief, Inv. Div., IPS.

SUBJECT : FUTAARA, Yoshinori

Pursuant to your request of 19 March 1947, please find attached herewith information regarding the National Foundation Labor Service Corps which has been obtained from G-2. As stated in paragraph 2, any further information received by this office will be forwarded to you without delay.



DOUGLAS L. WALDORF,  
Chief, Inv. Div., IPS.

1 Attachment  
(Described above)



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National Foundation Labor Service Corps

G-2

IPS, GHQ, SCAP

4 APR 1947

1. Reference your Check Sheet, Subject: "Request for Information from CIS," dated 25 March 1947, forwarded herewith is all information presently available to this office concerning the National Foundation Labor Service Corps (1941).

2. Investigation has been initiated to obtain information on the Greater East Asia Youth Rally Conference. Report of findings will be forwarded when investigation is concluded, on or about 15 April 1947.

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Summary of Information re above subject.

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INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION  
BRITISH DIVISION

March 19th 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO: Investigation Division  
FROM: British Division, I.P.S., Mr. Glanville Brown  
SUBJECT: FUTAARA, Yoshinori

A search of C.I.S. files is said to reveal that the above was Chairman of G.E.A. Youth Rally Conference, Superintendent of the National Foundation Labor Service Corps (1941), and the author of two books.

1. May further information be supplied about both the conference and the corps referred to?
2. Are copies of the two books available? They are "New Japanese Independent Construction" and "Emergence Ideas and the Reforming of the Education". If so may they be supplied please.

WJB  
W. GLANVILLE BROWN



5 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Mr. Comyns-Carr; Mr. Brown

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief, Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

DEFENDANT - Araki

WITNESS

FUTAARA, Yoshinori

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

English Summary of writings  
of witness

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

Incl  
(Described above)

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN



2 May 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: W. Glanville Brown, British Division  
FROM : Mr. Edward P. Monaghan, Chief, Investigative Division  
SUBJECT : FUTAARA, Yoshinori

1. Pursuant to your request of 19 March 1947, the following items are respectfully submitted.
2. One item, a book entitled "Emergence Ideas and the Reforming of the Education" is unobtainable. A thorough search has been made for it, but it is apparently non-existent.
3. Information about the National Labor Service Corps has already been transmitted to you, under date of 8 April 1947.

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

1. English Summary of New Japanese Independent Construction.
2. Summary of Information concerning the Greater East Asia Youth Rally Conference.



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
Military Intelligence Section, General Staff

General Activities  
APO 500  
15 April 1947

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

SUBJECT: The Greater East Asia Youth Rally Conference.

Known also as "The Greater East Asia Youth Conference," this conference was a gathering of approximately thirty students from East Asiatic countries such as Burma, Siam, India and the Philippines. The meeting at which FUTAARA, Yoshinori was present was held from 1600 hours to 1900 hours, 11 May 1944 on the seventh floor of the Japan Life Insurance Building, Marunouchi, Tokyo. It was not a formal conference, but rather a discussion of Japan's foreign policy as explained to the gathering.



INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

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14 Apr. 1947

ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Self-Construction of New Japan  
(SHIN NIPPON NO JISHUTEKI KENSETSU) by Yoshinori FUTAARA  
(witness), published by SEINEN KAN.

Date: 5 Nov. 1929 Original  Copy  Language:  
Japanese

Has it been translated? Yes  No

Has it been photostated? Yes  No

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL: Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Imperial Library

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Date: April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1947

Name of Witness: FUTAARA, Yoshinori

Completed as to Items Numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4.

Partially completed as to Items Numbers:

If Item 9 is applicable, state briefly the nature of the investigation conducted:



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- 8 Jan 1924 Ordered to attend the Emperor and Empress on their visit to Numazu.
- 11 Jan 1924 Ordered to Shanghai on official business.
- 5 May 1924 Assigned to the Secretarial Section and additionally to the General Affairs Section of the Minister's Secretariat.
- 24 Jul 1924 Ordered to attend the Emperor and Empress on their visit to Nikko.
- 1 Oct 1924 Appointed Lecturer at the short course for the Imperial Palace Police.
- 23 Oct 1924 Ordered to attend the Prince Regent on his travel in Ishikawa Prefecture and the Hokuriku District.
- 10 Dec 1924 Promoted to the 4th Rank of the Higher Civil Service (for the principal and additional offices), receiving the 3rd grade salary (3800 yen per annum). Relieved of the principal and additional offices at own request.  
Ordered to serve in the Imperial Household Ministry and additionally in the Crown Prince's Household as non-regular member of the staff, receiving treatment due to "sonin" official; granted an annual salary of 1000 yen.
- 27 Dec 1924 Promoted to the Senior 4th Court Rank.
- 1 Apr 1925 Appointed Lecturer at the Peers' School.
- 10 Jul 1925 Elected member of the House of Peers by mutual vote among the counts.
- 24 Dec 1925 Decorated with the 5th Class Order of the Sacred Treasure (No. 667494).
- 22 Jan 1927 Decorated with the 4th Class Order of the Sacred Treasure (No. 680832).



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- 10 Nov 1928    Awarded a gold cup.
- 1 Dec 1928    Left the service with the Imperial Household Ministry.
- 20 Sep 1929    Appointed Examiner of the Relief Examining Committee.
- 10 Nov 1928    Awarded the Imperial Coronation Medal in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 188 of 1928.
- 3 May 1930    Relieved of the office as Examiner of the Relief examining Committee.
- 10 Apr 1931    Appointed special member of the Temporary Investigating Committee on Roman Letters. (The Committee was abolished on 30 June 1936).
- 1 May 1931    Awarded the Commemoration Medal of the Metropolitan Reconstruction in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 148 of 1930.
- 15 Jan 1932    Promoted to the Junior 3rd Court Rank.
- 9 Jul 1932    The term of membership of the House of Peers Expired.
- 10 Jul 1932    Elected member of the House of Peers.
- 1 Oct 1932    Awarded the Commemoration Medal of the 1930 Census-taking in Korea in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 145 of 1932.
- 25 May 1934    Appointed member of the Council of the Peers' School.
- 1 Mar 1934    Authorized to receive and wear the State-Foundation Medal awarded by the Emperor of Manchoukuo.
- 29 Apr 1934    Decorated with the Small Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun for services in connection with the 1931-34 Incident(No.1059118)
- 8 Feb 1935    Decorated with the 3rd Class Order of the Sacred Treasurer (No. 893801).
- 1 Oct 1935    Appointed member of the Preparatory Committee for the Celebration of the 2600th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Japanese Empire. (The Committee was abolished in 1 July 1936).
- 18 Nov 1935    Appointed member of the Educational Renovation Council. (The Council was abolished on 22 July 1937).
- 21 Sept 1935    Authorized to receive and wear the Commemoration Medal of the Manchukuoan Emperor's visit to Japan awarded by the Emperor.
- 15 Jul 1938    Appointed member of the Central Committee on Social Work.



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- 17 Dec 1938 Appointed member of the Physical Training Council. (The Council was abolished on 27 July 1939).
- 9 Jul 1939 The term of membership to the House of Peers expired.
- 10 Jul 1939 Elected member of the House of Peers.
- 28 Jul 1939 Appointed member of the Council on Physical Strength of the People.
- 1 Feb 1940 Promoted to the Senior 3rd Court Rank.
- 18 Jul 1940 Appointed member of the Central Committee on Social Work.
- 16 Sep 1940 Appointed member of the Educational Council. (The Council was abolished on 9 May 1942).
- 3 Oct 1940 Authorized to receive and wear Verdienstkreuz mit dem Stern Adler awarded by the Government of Germany.
- 20 May 1941 Appointed member of the Text-Book Investigation Committee. (The Committee was abolished on 9 January 1946).
- 6 Dec 1941 Appointed member of the Investigation Committee on Sacred Spots Related to the Foundation of the Japanese Empire.
- 10 Nov 1940 Awarded the Commemoration Medal of the Celebration of the 2600th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Japanese Empire in accordance with provisions of the Imperial Ordinance No. 488 of 1940.
- 10 Jun 1942 Appointed Commissioner of the Foreign Ministry.
- 1 Jul 1943 Appointed Commissioner of the Foreign Ministry.
- 9 Dec 1941 Authorized to receive and wear the Commemoration Medal of the Erection of the State-Foundation Shrine awarded by the Emperor of Manchoukuo.
- 29 Apr 1940 Decorated with the Medium Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun for services in connection with the China Incident. Awarded a service medal in accordance with provisions of the Service Medal Ordinance relating to the China Incident. (No. 3394464).
- 26 Nov 1945 Appointed adviser to the Welfare Ministry.