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- A. Yes. The former did influence the latter. You must remember that the military setup in Japan is very different from that in America. The Chief of Staff is independent of the War Department in matters of command, and also from the point of view of organization. He is not subordinate to the War Minister but is equal to him. Hence, this atmosphere which permeated the Army was undoubtedly communicated to the War Minister by the Chief of Staff and communicated to Cabinet deliberations by the War Minister. However, I repeat again that this was not a clique or a faction. I might explain to you the Japanese system as regards the position of the Emperor, the Chief of Staff, the War Minister, and the Commander in Chief of the Japanese Army. All matters of command passed from the Emperor to the Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief. All matters of military administration passed from the Emperor via the War Minister to the Commander in Chief. The Emperor could also issue Imperial ordinances [choku rei]. At this time, the China Incident was in progress and therefore a great many decisions passed from the Emperor through the Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief and the Chief of Staff was an exceedingly important individual. The relevance of this explanation to the question which was asked is as follows: The Chief of Staff was naturally cognizant of the pro-Axis feeling in the Army and necessarily informed the War Minister of the fact. The latter then introduced the subject of the Army's feelings into the Cabinet discussions where they had some influence upon the decisions taken. In Japan, the position of the Chief of Staff is not at all the same as the position of the Chief of Staff in America. The Chief of Staff in Japan, it is true, does not attend cabinet meetings. However, his view on a multitude of matters relating to strategy are conveyed to the Cabinet via the War Minister and, generally speaking, he is of equal standing with the War Minister and not subordinate to him.