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SHIDO BUNKO

The Refutation of Application
of Press and Publications "Purge"

The Shido Bunko Library

THE SHIDO BUNKO LIBRARY INCORPORATED
c/o the Tokyo Branch Office,
ASO Mining Company, Ltd.
#2, 2 Ootemachi, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo

July 20, 1947

Mr. Tetsu Katayama,
Premier, Japanese Government,
TOKYO

SUBJECT: PETITION IN REFUTATION OF APPLICATION
OF PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS "PURGE"

Sir,

The name "Shidō Bunko" appears in the published list of press and publications organizations to which "Clause G" of the "purge" Ordinance is stated as being applicable in the Government statement issued on June 27, last in connection with the standards for the "purge" of press and publications organizations. Since the existence of another organization with an identical or similar name is highly improbable it is believed to refer to the Shidō Bunko Library, Incorporated whose Statutes of Endowment were officially approved on December 26, 1938, and which was dissolved on May 31, 1946. Having been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the said Shidō Bunko Library, Incorporated from the time of its establishment to the date of its dissolution; and being currently one of its liquidators, I desire hereby to submit evidence in refutation of the unfounded and mistaken application of the "purge" Ordinance to the said Incorporation; and do hereby petition for a fair and unbiased reinvestigation by the Government authorities concerned.

(1) In the first place, the Shidō Bunko Library, Incorporated cannot be included in the same category as those press and publications organizations to which the provisions of Item 4, of Clause 5, of the "Standards for Adjudging Applicability of 'Clause G'" issued on January 4, 1947 are applicable, nor did it possess marked tendencies toward militaristic or ultra-nationalistic ways as indicated in Clause 1, of Imperial Ordinance No. 101 of 1946. For since its inception, the Shidō Bunko Library was a purely academic research institute whose activities were restricted to its main objective of individual or combined research and compilations by its personnel and to the attendant business of maintaining a library and other necessary facilities together with the publication through lectures, literature, etc. of the results attained. It was therefore neither a political nor ideological association to which "Clause G" would be applicable; and the fact that its activities were uncompromisingly of an academic and scientific nature, setting no store by scholastic cliques or sects, or by bigotted doctrines and principles should be evident from an examination of the data* submitted herewith.

- * Statutes of Endowment of the Shidō Bunko Library, Inc. (Exhibit 1.)
Purpose and Aims of the Shidō Bunko Library and the Events Leading to its Dissolution (Exhibit 2.)
Outline of the Activities of the Shidō Bunko Library (Exhibit 3.)
Records of Resolutions of the 19th Meeting of the Board (Exhibit 4.)
Statement of Accounts for the Shidō Bunko Hō (Bulletin) (Exhibit 5.)
The Shidō Bunko Hō (Bulletin) (Exhibit 6.)

Also submitted is a copy of a certification by the Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture, the administrative authority charged with supervision of the Library, to the effect that it was not a so-called right wing organization.

Since the "purge" in question is in connection with the activities of press and publications organizations, a complete list of the publications issued by the Library during its existence follows:-

A. PERIODICALS "Shidō Bunka Hō" (Bulletin of the Shidō Bunko Library)

No.	Date of Issue	Size	Quantity	Remarks
1.	Dec. 10, 1939	B-5 14pp	1,200	Not for Sale Private Circ.
Year 2600				
Special	Apr. 25, 1940	B-5 8pp	1,500	ditto
2.	Jul. 31, 1940	ditto	1,500	ditto
3.	Nov. 3, 1940	ditto	1,200	ditto
4.	May 17, 1941	A-5 8pp	1,200	ditto
5.	Oct. 10, 1941	A-5 16pp	1,300	ditto
6.	Dec. 10, 1941	ditto	1,500	ditto
7.8.	Apr. 25, 1942	A-5 40pp	1,550	ditto
9.	Jun. 25, 1942	A-5 32pp	1,500	Public Sales thru Kyoto JFD Co.
10.	Aug. 31, 1942	ditto	2,990	ditto
11.	Oct. 15, 1942	ditto	3,000	ditto
12.	Dec. 20, 1942	ditto	3,000	ditto
13.	Mar. 15, 1943	A-5 36pp	2,500	ditto
14.	May 15, 1943	A-5 28pp	2,500	ditto
15.	Jun. 15, 1943	A-5 32pp	2,500	ditto
16.	Aug. 15, 1943	A-5 40pp	2,500	ditto
17.18.	Dec. 15, 1943	A-5 112pp	1,100	ditto
19.20	Dec. 15, 1944	A-5 64pp	2,990	ditto

B. NON-PERIODICALS

- "Shiigamoto Bunko Mokuroku" (Catalogue of the Shiigamoto Library) Nov. 20, 1942 A-5 8pp, 2,000 copies Not for Sale
- Masaji Kasuga -- A Linguistic Study of the Ancient Japanese Rendering of the Chinese Text of the Suvarnaprabhās-Ottamarāja Sūtra of the Saidai Ji Temple (Memoir of the Shidō Bunko Library No. 1) Dec. 15, 1942
"Mino" size 208pp, 350pp, Index B-5 54pp
Limited edition of 300 sets Sold thru Iwanami Shoten
(Granted Imperial Academy Award of 1945)
- Students' Edition of the above work
Sep. 15, 1943 350pp and Index 210 sets Iwanami Shoten
- "Kawamura Mikio Zenshū, Dai 1 Kan" (Complete Works of Mikio Kawamura, Volume 1) Copyright June 20, 1945
A-5 620pp 4,000 copies sold thru Otsubo Fenshinō, Fukuoka.

Of all the above-listed publication, only Numbers 1 to 5 (six issues) of the *Shidō Bunko Hō* were issued during the designated period of applicability. These, furthermore, were brief and unadorned reports on the activities of the Library, not for sale to the public and for private circulation only. For it was not until No. 9 which came out after the designated period of applicability that, in reply to general demand, the size of the periodical was increased making it possible to carry dissertations and other similar articles. Public sales through the Japan Publications Distribution Company was initiated with issue No. 10 (Aug. 31, 1942) and the Library was registered Class II Member (No. 212,097) of the Nippon Shuppan Bunka Kyōkai (Japan Cultural Publications Association) on April 8, 1942; and on the following May 26, was granted a business permit from that Association. However, the nature of the publications brought out and sold by the Library was strictly limited to results of research conducted by itself, and at least during the designated period of applicability the Library was not a publisher to which the "purge" could be applied.

(2) Even supposing that applicability of the "purge" could be based on the act of publishing, such matter as Numbers 1 to 5 of the "Bulletin" as already explained in the foregoing the contents thereof consisting of outline reports on activities and studies undertaken by the Library, book reviews, etc. were intended merely for limited circulation among academic specialists and interested persons. Thus it is believed that the "purge" is inapplicable in the light of the stipulations of Clause 1 of Imperial Ordinance No. 101 of 1946 and Item 3, Clause 5 of the "Standards for Adjudging the Applicability of 'Clause G'" issued on January 4, 1947. Copies of the "Bulletin" of which a thorough scrutiny is requested are enclosed herewith as Exhibit 6.

(3) As mentioned above, the publications of the Library were purely academic, and particularly in the case of the periodicals issued during the period of applicability, there was not the slightest trace of a tendency towards militarism or ultra-nationalism; neither was there any special connection with political or ideological societies of that nature.

Towards totalitarian doctrines such as Fascism and Nazism a most critical attitude was consistently maintained, and the conduct of the Library was unequivocally correct as an unbiassed cultural and scholastic body. Moreover, the circulation of the "Bulletin" during the designated period of applicability as mentioned before was between 1,200 and 1,500; an exceedingly small quantity considering the critical points of circulation--10,000 and 10 applicable works.

(The circulation figures for the "Bulletin" are as indicated in the foregoing, and as proof thereof the statement of accounts for that periodical is submitted herewith as Exhibit 5.)

In recapitulation, it is clearly evident that in the light of the three main points indicated for adjudging the applicability of the "purge" the Shidō Bunko Library is in no way implicated as a press and publications organization under "Clause G". Therefore, if in reality the "Shidō Bunko" appearing in the published official statement refers to the Incorporation which I formerly headed, it must be due to some misapprehension the removal of which is earnestly requested by due recognition of the refutative evidence submitted herewith for presentation before the Central Screening Committee, and the deletion of the Library's name from the list of press and publications organizations designated as coming under the purview of "Clause G" of the "Purge" Ordinance is respectfully solicited.

Finally, in explanation of the events leading to the dissolution of the "Shidō Bunko", extracts of the record of the 19th Meeting of the Board of Directors are submitted herewith as Exhibit 4.

I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Takakichi Asō

Takakichi. Asō
Chairman, Board of Directors

ENCLOSURES

- Exhibit 1. Statutes of Endowment of the Shidō Bunko Library Inc.
Appended -- Rules and Regulations of the Shidō
Bunko Library Inc.
- Exhibit 2. Purpose and Aims of the Shidō Bunko Library Inc.
- Exhibit 3. Outline of the Activities of the Shidō Bunko Library Inc.
- Exhibit 4. Record of Resolutions of the 19th Meeting of the
Board of Directors (extracts)
- Exhibit 5. Statement of accounts for the Shidō Bunko Bulletin
- Exhibit 6. Copies of the Shidō Bunko Bulletin
- Exhibit 7. Translation of a Certification by the Governor of
Fukuoka Prefecture to the effect that the Shidō
Bunko Library was not a right wing organization

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THE SHIDO BUNKO LIBRARY, INC.

A. PERIODICALS

1. "Shidō Bunke Hō" (Bulletin of the Shidō Bunke Library) --
 periodical organ of the Shidō Bunke Library, Inc.
 Editor and Publisher -- Hideo Otsuka, Secretary, Shidō Bunke Library

No.	Date of Issue	Size	Quantity	Remarks
1.	Dec. 10, 1939	B-5 14pp	1,200	Not for sale, private circulation only
Year 2600				
Special	Apr. 25, 1940	B-5 8pp	1,500	ditto
2.	Jul. 31, 1940	ditto	1,500	ditto
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5.	Oct. 10, 1941	A-5 16pp	1,300	ditto
6.	Dec. 10, 1941	ditto	1,500	ditto
(This and following numbers issued out of applicable period)				
7.8	Apr. 25, 1942	A-5 40pp	1,550	ditto
9.	Jun. 25, 1942	A-5 32pp	1,500	For public sale thru Kyoto JPB Co.*
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B. NON-PERIODICALS

(All published outside "purge" applicable period)

1. "Shiigamoto Bunke Mokuroku" (Catalogue of the Shiigamoto Library)
 Nov. 20, 1942 A-5 8pp 2,000 copies Not for sale, private distribution only.
 Editor & publisher -- Hideo Otsuka, representative Shidō Bunke Library, Inc.

2. Masaji KASUGA -- "A Linguistic Study of the Ancient Japanese Rendering of the Chinese Text of the Suvānoprabhāsa-Ottamarāja Sutra of the Saidaiji Temple" (Memoir of the Shidō Bunke Library, No. 1)
 Dec. 15, 1942 "mino" size 208pp. 330pp & Index B-5 54pp Limited Edition of 300 sets Sold through the Iwanami Shoten Co. Ltd.
 Publisher -- Hideo Otsuka, representative, Shidō Bunke Library, Inc.

3. Popular Edition of the above work
 September 15, 1943 330pp and index 210 sets sold through Iwanami
 Author and Publisher -- same as limited edition

4. "Kawamura Mikio Zenshū, Dai 1 Kan" (Complete Works of Mikio Kawamura, Vol. 1) June 20, 1945 A-5 620 pp Editor -- Hideo Otsuka
 Publisher -- Otsubo Junshindō; Binkichi Otsubo, representative.
 4,000 copies issued. Copyright by Shidō Bunke Library, Inc.

*Japan Publications Distribution Company

OFFICERS OF THE SHIDO BUNDO LIBRARY INC.
 July 7, 1937 to December 7, 1941

Designation	Name	Date of installation	Date of Retirement
Chairman, Board of Directors	Takakichi Aesō	Dec. 27, 1938	May 30, 1946 (dissolution)
Director	Masaji Kasuga	ditto	ditto
Director	Fumio Goto	ditto	Feb. 20, 1946
Director	Kazu Shōgenji	ditto	May 30, 1946
Director	Seijirō Noda	ditto	ditto
Director	Takeo Komaki	Mar. 24, 1940	Jun. 27, 1944
Superintendent	Kazu Shōgenji	Dec. 27, 1938	Jan. 31, 1940
Superintendent	Masaji Kasuga	Jan. 31, 1940	Jan. 31, 1946
Secretary	Hideo Ootuka	Dec. 31, 1938	Dec. 31, 1945

EXHIBIT 1.

STATUTES OF ENDOWMENT
SHIDO BUNKO LIBRARY, INCORPORATED
(Zaidan Hōjin SHIDO BUNKO)

Chapter I.

Name

Article 1. This juridical person shall be known as the Shidō Bunko Library, Incorporated (Zaidan Hōjin Shidō Bunko).

Chapter II.

Purpose and Activities

Article 2. This juridical person shall collect and maintain literature and data pertaining to Japanese culture for the purpose of making the same available to those interested in research.

Article 3. Deleted in entirety

Chapter III.

Office

Article 4. This juridical person shall maintain its office at #34 Jigyō Nishi Machi, Fukuoka Shi.

Chapter IV.

Assets and Accounting

Article 5. The assets of this juridical person shall be comprised of the following:-

1. An endowment of three hundred thousand yen (¥300,000) and establishment funds to the amount of fifty thousand yen (¥50,000) donated by Takakichi Asō, President of the Asō Shōten, K.K. at the time of the founding of this juridical person.
2. Real estate and buildings to be donated by the founder when and if such necessity arises.
3. Income resulting from the activities and endowed fund of this juridical person.
4. Other properties acquired by this juridical person.

Article 6. The foundation of this juridical person shall be comprised of the three hundred thousand yen (¥300,000) mentioned in 1, of the next preceding Article, of any future donation specified as foundation funds and of assets added to the foundation by decision of the Board of Directors.

Disposition of the foundation shall not be permitted. However, when especially deemed necessary for the prosecution of activities, a part thereof may be used to cover operation expenses upon unanimous consent of the Board of Directors, and upon due approval by the government office concerned.

Article 7. The operation expenses of this juridical person shall be met by the interest accruing to the foundation and by income from other sources.

In case of a surplus at the end of a fiscal year, one part of said surplus shall be deposited as a separate fund and the remainder may be carried over to the following fiscal year.

Article 8 . The assets of this juridical person shall be placed in the custody of the Chairman of the Board of Directors in a manner decided by the Board of Directors.

Custody of the cash and negotiable securities comprising the foundation fund shall be effected in the following manner:-

1. Cash shall be held as fixed deposits with the Government Postal Service or with reliable banks.
2. By purchase of Government bonds or other reliable securities.

Article 9. The business year of this juridical person shall commence on January 1, and end on December 31 of each year. The first year, however, shall commence from the date of founding.

Chapter V.

Officers and the Board of Directors

Article 10. This juridical person shall not have more than seven (7) Directors of whom one shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Article 11. Directors shall be appointed by a meeting of the Board of Directors.

The term of office of a Director shall be four (4) years. Re-appointment shall be permitted.

A Director shall, notwithstanding the expiry of his term, continue with his duties until the installation of his successor.

Article 12. Deleted in entirety

Article 13. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected from among the Directors by mutual vote.

Article 14. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be convened whenever necessary by the Chairman.

Article 15. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be constituted by the presence of more than half of the total number of Directors. Decisions on the proceedings shall be made by a majority of those present. In case of equally divided votes, the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

The Chairman shall preside over the meetings. However, in event of his disability a Director designated by him shall alternate.

Article 16. Deliberations by the Board of Directors shall be required for the following matters:-

1. Determination of the activities to be carried out by this juridical person.
2. Custody and disposition of assets
3. Deliberation and determination of the budget, and approval of the balance sheets
4. Formulation and amendment of the Rules and Regulation of the Shidō Bunko Library.

Article 17. Directors may exercise their voting privilege in Board meeting decisions by means of letter.

Chapter VI.

Amendment of the Statutes, and Dissolution

Article 18. Amendment of these Statutes shall be permitted upon unanimous consent of the entire Board of Directors and upon approval by the government office concerned.

Article 19. For dissolution of this juridical person, the unanimous consent of the entire Board of Directors shall be obtained and the permission of the government office concerned shall be required.

In this case, any remaining property or asset shall be disposed by decision of the Board of Directors for use in a purpose similar to that of this juridical person.

Addendum

The Directors at the time of establishment of this juridical person shall be the following five (5) persons:-

Takakichi Aeō	Chairman, Board of Directors
Masaji Kasuga	Director
Fumio Gotō	Director
Kazu Shōgenji	Director
Seijirō Hoda	Director

EXHIBIT 1. --Appendix

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SHIDC BUNKO LIBRARY

Chapter I.

Staff Organization

Article 1. The following staff members shall be maintained by the Library:- Superintendent 1, Research Associates, Secretary 1, Clerk 1, and Research Assistants.

Article 2. The Superintendent, Research Associates and the Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

The Superintendent shall be charged with the general administration of the Library.

The Research Associates shall undertake research under the direction of the Superintendent.

The Secretary shall handle the executive and clerical work under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Article 3. The Clerk and the Research Assistants shall be appointed by the Superintendent with the consent of the Library Board.

The Clerk shall, under the supervision of the Secretary, be charged with sundry matters and accounting.

The Research Assistants shall be directed by the Research Associates and shall be charged with clerical matters pertaining to research.

Article 4. When necessary for the Library, the Superintendent may appoint or hire part-time workers, research students, day-laborers, etc.

Article 5. An indeterminate number of Advisors shall be attached to the Library. Said Advisors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall act as consultants to the Superintendent on matters pertaining to the Library.

Chapter II.

The Library Board

Article 6. The Library Board shall be composed of the Superintendent, the Research Associates and the Secretary.

The Superintendent shall be permitted at his discretion to request the presence of Advisors at Library Board meetings.

Article 7. Library Board meetings shall be held once every month. However, the Superintendent shall be permitted to call special meetings whenever necessary.

Article 8. The Library Board shall deliberate on the following matters:-

1. Subject, method, period and other necessary matters in connection with research.
2. Compilation and publication of studies
3. Matters specified by these Rules and Regulations and by other Library conventions

Article 9. The Library Board shall, in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations, respond to consultative matters proposed by the Superintendent.

Chapter III.

Activities

Article 10. The principal activities of the Library shall be research, compilation of data and publication of same. Public lectures and exhibits shall be sponsored as occasion arises.

Article 11. The subject-matters for research shall be determined for each business year by the Library Board and reports on progress made shall be submitted at the end of the year to the Superintendent.

Article 12. Compilation and publication of the following matters shall be undertaken upon due deliberation by the Library Board:-

1. Results of research undertaken at the Library
2. Indexes and catalogues on the contents, phrases and words of classical works.
3. Editing and annotation of worthy literary works.
4. Catalogues and lists of books owned by the Library; reports, etc. on activities.

Chapter IV.

Accounting

Article 13. The maintenance expenses of the Library shall be met by the interest accruing to the foundation fund in accordance with a budget decided upon by the Board of Directors.

Article 14. The temporary expenses required among other things for initial outlay on books, equipment, and temporary office facilities, until such time as when the founder shall donate real estate and buildings, shall be charged to a special account and shall upon due deliberation by the Library Board be met by establishment funds and the interest accruing thereto.

Should there remain any balance in the special account when the founder donates real estate and buildings, said balance shall be transferred to the separately deposited reserve fund.

Article 15. The Superintendent shall be required each year to prepare a statement of accounts for the preceding year before the last day of January, and to draw up a draft of the budget for submittal to the Board of Directors before the final day of November.

Supplementary Regulations

Article 1. Amendment of these Rules and Regulations shall require the approval of the Board of Directors to be obtained after due deliberation by the Library Board.

Article 2. These Rules and Regulations shall be effective from November 6, 1938.

EXHIBIT 2.

PURPOSE AND AIMS OF THE SHIDŌ BUNKO LIBRARY, INC.
AND THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO ITS DISSOLUTION

The Shidō Bunko Library, Incorporated is an institution for academic research in the fields of mental science. It was founded on an endowment donated as one of the memorial works occasioned by the twentieth anniversary in November 1938 of the establishment of the Asō Shōten, K.K. (the present Asō Mining Co., Ltd.)

The president of this firm, Takakichi Asō, after graduating from the Fukuoka Middle School and while attending various lectures at the Kyūshū Imperial University, had found himself drawn to the personality of the late Dr. Mikio Kawamura at whose private college, the Shidō Juku, the young man received personal guidance and teaching from this professor whose character as a man and educator was the object of great admiration and respect. The establishment of the Shidō Bunko Library was in a way the young mining executive's manner of expressing his gratitude for the moral and scholastic light the aging professor had bestowed upon him; and the project was generally considered all the more worthy because at that time such cultural institutes were rare in Japan and non-existent in Kyūshū.

The name "Shidō", meaning the "Way" as used in Emperor Meiji's Rescript on Education, and denoting eternal and universal principles, was adopted for the obvious reason that the new Library was dedicated to Dr. Kawamura and to his sincere scholastic approach. It was planned that the institute should collect valuable and worthy books mainly on Japanese culture, make this collection available to serious students, and assist in the publication of their studies. Being privately endowed, it could ignore the bickerings of academic cliques and thus contribute toward the development of Japanese culture in a truly unfettered and liberal fashion.

During the seven years following on its establishment, the Library assisted a large number of scholars, brought out a periodical "Bulletin", opened series of lectures, published the first of its "Memoirs" and has, in general, been fairly successful in its endeavors. However, the air-raid of June 19, 1945 destroyed everything with the exception of a part of its book collection. Then, the sweeping economic changes undergone by the nation as an aftermath of defeat have made it impossible even before reconstruction could be thought of to maintain the Library with the earnings of the foundation fund.

Thus it came about that dissolution was decided upon; the Incorporation legally disbanding on May 31, 1946, and the remaining books going to the custody of the library of the Asō Mining Company to be held in safe-keeping until it becomes possible to utilize them for the purpose for which they were originally collected.

EXHIBIT 3.

OUTLINE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SHIDO BUNKO LIBRARY INCORPORATED

YEAR 1938

I. Activities

Outline -- On November 6, 1938 the organization of the Library was completed, and on December 26, 1938 it was granted the legal status of a juridical person (zaidan hōjin).

The following was accomplished during the remainder of the year:-

1. Procurement of research facilities and equipment -- Collection of 3,887 volumes; procurement and installation of the major portion of the furnishings, machines and equipment for use in the study rooms and offices.

2. Research, compilation and publication -- Nothing but the determination of a general policy for the following year.

II. Organization

1. Officers of the Incorporation

Takakichi Asō	Chairman
Masaji Kasuga	Director
Fumio Gotō	Director
Kazu Shōgenji	Director
Seijirō Noda	Director

(All above-named assumed office
December 27, 1938)

2. Staff personnel

Kazu Shōgenji	Library Superintendent (Dec. 27)
Hideo Otsuka	Secretary (Dec. 31)

3. Matters pertaining to Officers' meetings

November 6, 1938 -- A preparatory meeting for the establishment of the Library was held and resolutions were carried determining the aims and purpose and the draft of the "Statutes of Endowment" of the Shidō Bunko Library.

December 28, 1938 -- A Directors' meeting was held to determine the "Rules and Regulations" of the Library, the "Deposit Fund Regulations" and the "Clerical Procedures".

4. Matters pertaining to application for authorization

December 26, 1938 -- Establishment of the Shidō Bunko Library, Inc. officially approved. Written authorization received January 13, 1939.

5. Endowment and Donation

Takakichi Asō, president of the Asō Shōten K.K. donated the sum of ¥300,000 in the form of six hundred shares of the Kyūshū Suiryoku Denki K.K. (Kyūshū Hydro-electric Power Co., Ltd.) (face value ¥50 per share) as the foundation fund of the Shidō Bunko Library, and the sum of ¥50,000 in cash to cover establishment expenses.

YEAR 1939

I. Activities

Outline -- On January 16, 1939 a founding ceremony was held. Progress was made on works already determined, while a new series of "Public Summer Lectures" was instituted. Plans for new activities were also drawn up and discussed.

1. Research facilities -- The total number of new books acquired during the year was 10083 volumes among which were the Kawamura Collection donated by Mr. Hideo Kawamura; and the Moribe Tachibana manuscripts and the Yasui Collection totalling 6326 volumes loaned by Mr. Takakichi Asō.

2. Research, compilation and publication --

a. Research -- Individual studies centering upon the theory of scholarship were carried out, while weekly study groups on the Chinese classics were continued. These commencing with the "Four Books", "Great Learning", "Doctrine of the Mean" and on to the "Sayings of Mencius"

b. Compilation -- Work was commenced on the "Writings of Ukiteu Tobara", data on provincial history

c. Publication -- For the purpose of reporting the activities of the Library including its research work and collection of books, the first number of the "Shidō Bunko Hō" (Bulletin of the Shidō Bunko Library) was published.

3. Public Summer Lectures and other Activities

a. The first series of lectures was given during the period commencing July 24, and ending July 28 (four lectures)

b. Exhibitions -- January 16; display of classical Japanese books and data on provincial history in commemoration of the establishment of the Library. November 3; display of the Moribe Tachibana manuscripts and the Yasui Collection in commemoration of founding day.

II. Organization

1. Officers -- no change

2. Staff Personnel

Tsūji Satō, Atsushi Nomiyama, Kiyoshi Saetsuki,
Hideo Ootsuka (Installed Jan. 13, as Research
Associates)
Hideo Ootsuka (Formally installed as Secretary,
January 13,)

YEAR 1940

I. Activities

Outline -- With the various activities well under way, effort was made to supplement the shortcomings inherent to a start particularly in regard to the execution of plans.

1. Research facilities -- Books acquired; 5,089 volumes
71 Volumes loaned by Takakichi Asō

2. Research, compilation and publication --

a. Research

i. Individual studies

"Theory of Loyalty" Research Associate Satō

"Land and National Character" a comparative study---
Tanaka

"On Case in the Japanese Language" -- Sasatsuki

"The Theory and Practice of Shōin Yoshida" --
Ootsuka

ii. Study and discussion groups -- 5 meetings held on various topics

iii. Classics Study Group -- continued from the previous year; "Mencius" was finished and readings of the "Analects of Confucius" started.

b. Compilations -- Editing of and addition of explanatory notes and footnotes to the "Writings of Ukitsu Tōbara" were completed.

Work on "Memoir of the Shidō Bunko Library, No. 1" by Superintendent Kasuga; "A Linguistic Study of the Ancient Japanese Rendering of the Chinese Text of the Suvarṇoprahāra-Ottamarāju Sutra of the Saidai-Ji Temple".

c. Publications -- Year 2600 commemorative number and numbers 2 and 3 of the Bulletin of the Shidō Bunko Library.

3. Public Lectures -- Second Public Summer Lecture Series
(Aug. 5 to Aug. 9)

II. Organization

1. Officers --

Takeo Komaki Appointed Director March 24.

2. Staff Personnel --

Library Superintendent Kazu Shōgenji who took up the post of Head of the Science and Engineering Department of the Nagoya Imperial University on January 31, was succeeded as Superintendent by Director Masaji Kasuga; while Kazu Shōgenji and Kazuta Kurouchi were appointed Consultants.

Akira Tanaka newly appointed Research Associate, June 1; while Research Associate Atsushi Nomiyama resigned June 31.

YEAR 1941

I. Activities

Outline -- Research progressed favorably during this year. But owing to the lack of materials and personnel in cultural fields due to the war situation, the plans for publications could not be fulfilled. The established Public Summer Lecture Series and the newly started Classics Lecture Series both showed marked progress, and the contribution made by the Library toward provincial learning and scholarship cannot be underestimated.

1. Research facilities -- Books acquired; 9,405 volumes
4 volumes loaned by Mr. Takakichi Asō

2. Research, compilation and publication

a. Research

i. Individual studies continued on the same subjects as the previous year.

ii. Outside assignment of research -- "Sociological Investigation of Rural Communities in Fukuoka Prefecture" Toraichi Nakai and Yasuji Kishikawa

iii. Study and discussion groups -- three meetings held on various topics.

iv. Classics study group -- Readings of the "Analects of Confucius" continued.

b. Compilations

The war situation rendering difficult the publication of voluminous books, re-editing of the "Writings of Ukitsu Tōbara" was commenced with stricter selection and simplification enforced.

Materials gathered for three volumes of the "Complete Works of Mikio Kawamura, in four volumes".

c. Publications

Proof reading of "Mémoir of the Shidō Bunko, No. 1" completed by Research Associates Sasatsuki and Ootsuka.

Numbers 4, 5 and 6 of the Bulletin published

3. Public Lectures and other activities

a. Third Public Summer Lecture Series (Aug. 1 to Aug. 5)

b. Classics Lecture Series -- First Series (Jan 30 to Mar. 14)
seven lectures ;

Second Series (May 2 to July 4 -- eight lectures); Third Series (Sep. 21 to Oct. 19 -- five lectures)

c. Third Anniversary Exhibition -- December 7. Display of Library-owned and loaned volumes.

II. Organization

1. Officers -- no change

2. Staff Personnel -- no change

YEAR 1942

II. Activities

Outline -- In spite of the increasing difficulties under war conditions, individual studies, and work on the "Complete Works of Mikio Kawamura" and the "Writings of Ukiteu Tebara" showed satisfactory progress, while the printing of the "Memoir of the Shidō Bunko Library, No. 1" was completed, and the Bulletin was brought out regularly on a bi-monthly basis. Attendance to the Summer and Classics Lecture Series showed no decline.

1. Research facilities -- Books acquired; 4,674 volumes

2. Research, compilation and publication

a. Research

Individual research was carried out on the following subjects and reports were submitted: "A Reconstruction of Faust" -- Satō; "A Study of Greek Cosmology" -- Tanaka; "History of Theories on Japanese Post-Positions" -- Sasatsuki; "The Life-Philosophy of Shōin Yoshida" -- Ootsuka.

Outside assignment of research -- continued on from previous year.

Study and discussion groups -- Eight forums held

Classics Study group -- reading of the "Analects of Confucius" continued

b. Compilations

Much progress was made in the editing of the "Writings of Ukiteu Tebara". Efforts were made in the collection of letters and reminiscences for the fourth volume of the "Complete Works of Mikio Kawamura".

c. Publications

Printing of the "Memoir of the Shidō Bunko, No. 1" completed and passed by the Censor.

Numbers 8 to 12 of the Bulletin issued.

3. Public Lectures and other activities

a. Fourth Summer Lecture Series (Aug. 1 to Aug. 5)

b. Classics Lecture Series -- Fourth Series (Jan. 18 to Mar. 1 -- seven lectures); Fifth Series (May 15 to July 3 -- eight lectures)

II. Organization

1. Officers -- Re-election and continuance in office of the original five Directors including the Chairman.

2. Staff personnel -- Atsushi Nomiya appointed permanent Research Associate, December 1.

YEAR 1945

I. Activities

Outline -- Although this year marked the fifth anniversary of the Library, no special function was observed and effort was made to consolidate research.

1. Research facilities -- Books acquired; 3,185 volumes

2. Research, compilation and publication

a. Research --

- i. Individual research -- "A Reconstruction of Faust" -- Satō; "Plato's Theory of the State" -- Tanaka; "Sokō Yamaga's View of the National Polity" -- Nomiyama; "History of Theories on Japanese Postpositions" -- Sasatsuki; "The Life-Philosophy of Shōin Yoshida" -- Otsuka.
- ii. Outside assignment of research -- continued on from last year. Also Yasushi Kobayashi on "Razan Hayashi, a Study of the History of Confucianism in Japan".
- iii. Study and discussion groups -- nine forums held
- iv. Classics Study Group -- Readings of the "Analects of Confucius" continued.

b. Compilations --

Final search for materials for the "Writings of Ukitsu Tōbara" finished. Volume one of the "Complete Works of Mikio Kawamura" being proof read; editing of volume two completed.

Start made on compilation, under the direction of Superintendent Dr. Kasuga, of a complete vocabulary of the ancient Japanese renderings of Chinese text.

c. Publications

1. Library Superintendent Dr. Masaji Kasuga's compilation, "Memoir of the Shidō Bunko Library, No. 1" (Publishing Association Approval No. A-500465) delivered to subscribers. Abridged version of the same work (250 copies) consisting of the "Book of Studies" and the Index placed simultaneously on sale for student use. (Approval No. a-481091, ¥12 net)

ii. Numbers 15 to 18 of the Bulletin issued.

d. Public Lectures and other activities

1. Fifth Summer Lecture Series (Aug. 8 to Aug. 10 -- 3 lectures)

II. Organization

1. Officers -- no change

2. Staff Personnel -- Research Associate Teiji Satō retired April 1.

YEAR 1944

I. Activities

Outline -- The general policy adopted for the previous year was further accentuated; all public activities such as the Summer Public Lecture Series and the Classics Lecture Series being abolished and the main effort concentrated on research.

1. Research facilities -- Books acquired; 3,069 volumes

2. Research, compilation and publication

a. Research

i. Individual research -- continued along identical lines

ii. Outside assignment of research -- extended from previous year.

iii. Study and Discussion Groups -- three forums held

iv. Classics Study Group -- With the readings of the "Analects of Confucius" completed on April 6, the Chinese Classics were dropped for the time being and Japanese Classics taken up with readings of the "Kojiki".

b. Compilations

Material being readied for the "Vocabulary of Japanese Readings of Chinese Text".

Printing of the first volume of the "Complete Works of Mikio Kawamura" completed but bookbinding work unfinished.

II. Organization

1. Officers -- The number of Directors increased to seven, and with the resignation of Director Komaki on June 27, Katsuya Iakeoka and Kazuta Kurauchi appointed Directors on the same day.

2. Staff personnel -- Research Associate Sasatzuki resigned July 10.

YEAR 1945

I. Activities

Outline -- Activities were being carried on in line with the policy adopted for the previous year, but with the loss through fire of the offices and studies as a result of an air-raid on June 19, further action became difficult. And with the decision to reduce the scope of activities, the main effort was directed towards remedial measures.

1. Research facilities -- Books acquired; 1,012 volumes

2. Research, compilation and publication

a. Research

i. Individual research -- previous year's work continued

ii. Outside assignment of research -- previous year's work cont.

b. Compilation

Work on the "Writings of Ukitsu Tobera" discontinued because conditions will not permit publication.

c. Publication

Volume one of the "Complete Works of Mikio Kawamura" published June 30.

1945 (cont.)

II. Organization

1. Officers -- Directors Katsuya Takesaka and Kazuta Kurauchi resigned December 20.

2. Staff personnel -- Library Superintendent Dr. Kasuga awarded the Imperial Academy Prize on June 11, for his "A Linguistic Study of the Ancient Japanese Rendering of the Chinese Text of the Suvārnabhāṣa-Ottamaṛāja Sūtra of the Saidai Ji Temple" (Memoir of the "hidō Bunko Library, No. 1)

Secretary Hideo Ootsuka and Research Associate Akira Tanaka retired December 31, and October 30, respectively.

Research activities discontinued owing to modification of the purpose of the Library. Thus all personnel connected with research automatically dismissed at the end of the year.

YEAR 1946

I. Activities

Continuing on from the latter half of the previous year, the main activity consisted in the sorting and classification of books saved from the war-damaged premises. However, economic conditions prohibited the continued activity of the Library resulting in its final closure on May 30.

II. Organization

1. Officers -- Director Fumio Goto resigned on February 20. Nisakira Kanō appointed Director, March 23.

2. Staff personnel -- Library Superintendent Masaji Kasuga retired on January 31, to be succeeded on the same day by Director Seijirō Noda. Tanekichi Tsukazaki appointed Secretary, March 21.

3. Application for Dissolution Permit --
Date of Application: May 27, 1946 -- Date of Authorization May 29, 1946

EXHIBIT 4.

THE SHIDO BUNKO LIBRARY, INCORPORATED

Extracts from the Record of Resolutions of the 19th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shido Bunko Library, Incorporated

Board Meeting held at the temporary office of the Shido Bunko Library, # 34, Jigyō Nishi Machi, Fukuoka Shi, 2 o'clock P.M. May 11, 1946.

Directors present -- Takakichi Asō, Masaji Kasuga and Seijirō Noda
(total three)

Directors represented by letter -- Hisakira Kanō and Kazu Shōgenji
(total two)

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Asō who explained that although the purpose of the Library had been modified to read "... collect and maintain literature and data pertaining to Japanese culture for the purpose of making the same available to those interested in research," at the 17th Meeting of the Board of Directors on December 10, 1945, the trend of economic conditions was such that restoration of the war-damaged Library would be extremely difficult, and making the collection "available to those interested in research" would be an almost impossible undertaking inasmuch as the foundation fund was no longer yielding any interest. Thus there was no other way than to dissolve the organization. On his suggesting the means of doing this by modifying certain portions of the Statutes, there was active discussion in which the other Directors present participated. However, after serious and careful deliberation, the Chairman's proposals were adopted in principle, and by unanimous vote the following resolutions were carried:

1. That the Statutes of Endowment be Amended (omitted)
2. That the Reasons for, and Method of, Dissolution be given as follows:
 - a. The Reasons for Dissolution
The lack of certainty in regard to the restoration of facilities for permitting the utilization by researchers of the Library's collection which consists in main of highly technical literature.

The absence of funds to meet the expense of sorting and stacking the books, or to provide for maintenance thereof owing to the cessation of yield on the foundation fund.

Although a small amount of interest might accrue in the future, economic conditions would never permit income sufficient to meet the costs of operation and maintenance of the institute.
 - b. The Date of Dissolution -- May 31, 1946
 - c. Disposition of Remaining Assets (omitted)
 - d. Liquidators -- Upon dissolution of the incorporation, Takakichi Asō, chairman of the Board of Directors and Seijirō Noda, Director shall assume the position of liquidators.

EXHIBIT 7.

TRANSLATION OF A CERTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF FUKUOKA
PREFECTURE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SHIDO BUNKO LIBRARY WAS
NOT A RIGHT WING ORGANIZATION

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

That the former Shidō Bunko Library, Incorporated, since its authorization by the Minister of Education on December 26, 1938, up to the time of its dissolution on the last day of May, 1946, was a cultural research institution located at #34 Jigyō Nishi Machi, Fukuoka Shi, said institution being mainly engaged in studies, and compilation and publication of the fruits of research;

That although the said Library did publish a periodical (Shidō Bunko Hō -- Bulletin) several times each year, there is no evidence that this publication propegandized or exalted nationalism in any way; and,

That an examination of the remaining copies of the said Shidō Bunko Hō has revealed no tendency towards extreme nationalism or militarism.

KATSUJI SUSIMOTO (SEAL)
Governor, Fukuoka Ken

July 21, 1947