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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)

Deponent: TAKAGI, Noboru

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. My permanent domicile is No. 2, 2-Chome, Oimatsu-Cho, Kita-Ku, Osaka City, and my present address is No. 15, Shingu-Tenjin-Shita, Nishinomiya City, Hyogo Prefecture I am now 52 years of age.
2. I have been in the service of the Osaka Longshoremen's Control Guild since April of the 16th year of Showa (1941).
3. I hereby vouch for the fact that, MURATA, Sotaro, ex-colonel and commander of the Osaka POW Camp called up to a meeting those concerned in POW's labor-supervision in about September in the 18th year of Showa (1943), to the Head Office of the Osaka POW Camp in Minato-Ku, Osaka City, where he gave them instructions as per appended papers.

Instructions

- A. The prisoners of war are of course enemy nationals, but they are fine soldiers. Now taken prisoner, with freedom lost and without arms, they are like infants. Therefore, private punishment will not be applied to them either by use of force or by other means. If there is any offender, he will be given just punishment at this POW Camp according to international law. So you must treat them as good people.

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- B. It is my desire that, lest they should suffer from ill-health as a result of labor, that those to whom they are allotted labor, for work take every possible care about their food, drink and sanitation and supply them with abundant calories.

On this 13th day of May, 1947

At No. 36, Kawaguchi-Cho, Nishi-Ku, Osaka City.

Deponent: /S/ TAKAGI, Noboru (seal)

I, NISHIMURA, Ryoichi, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date

At the same place

Witness: /S/ NISHIMURA, Ryoichi (seal)

OATH

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

/S/ TAKAGI, Noboru (seal)