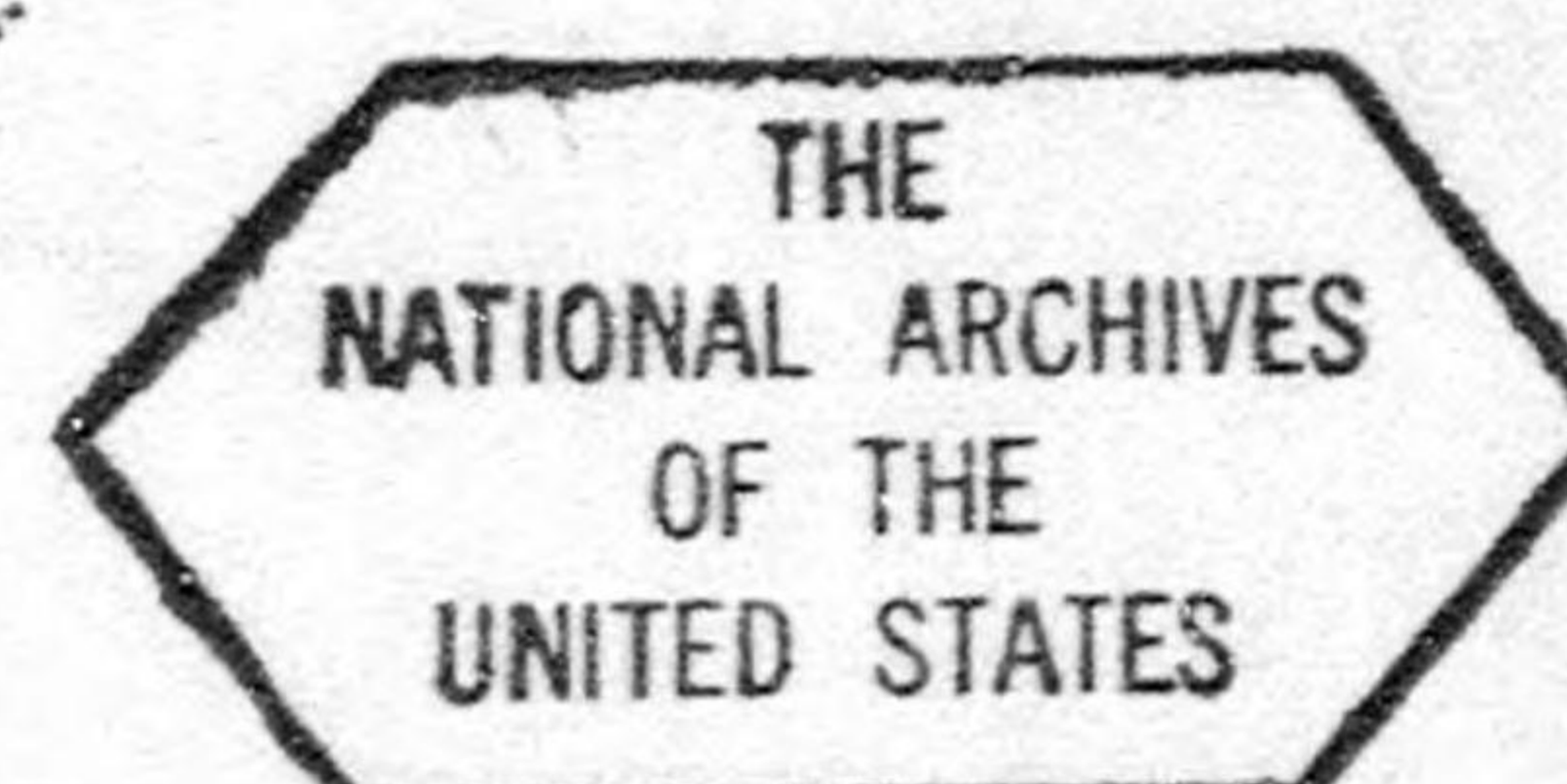


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Members of the Board and Staff members of the Geibi

Nichinichi Shimbun Sha.

From July 1937 to the last day of publication, Aug. 31st 1941.

Position	Name	Date of Assumption Resignation	Present Profession	Present Address
President Director	Kojiro Nakamura ✓	From 1935 To July 12th 1940	Unknown	Unknown
Representa- tive Director	Shuzo Kosako	July 13. 1940 Aug. 31 1941	Dead	
Director bu- siness Manager (Shukan)	Yataro Makita ✓	1935 June 13 1940	None	Osuka-machi, Hiroshima- City.
Ditto.	Shuzo Kosako	June 14 1940 Aug 31 1941	Dead	
Director	Sanichi Kuboi	1935 Aug 31 1941	Dead	
Ditto	Shikken Toshioka	Ditto	Dead	
Ditto	Shoichi Kabuto ✓	Ditto	Unknown	Unknown
Auditor	Hideo Kosaka	Ditto	Dead	
Chief Editor (Shuhitsu)	Masaji Hean	Jan. 1936 Aug. 1940	Dead	
Make-up editor (Henshucho)	Ichiro Uchida	Nov. 1936 Aug. 31 1941	Standing Director of Yukan Hiro- shima Shim- bun Sha.	Itsukaichi- machi, Saiki- gun, Hiro- shima-Ken.
City Editor (Shakaibucho)	Susumu Oda	Nov. 1936 Aug. 1940	Dead	
Head of Poli- tical Dept. Seijibucho	Ryotaro Ogawa	Aug. 1937 Autumn 1938	Head of Farmer's Union	Zoka-mura, Kamogun, Hiroshi- ma-ken.
Ditto	Shozo Kobayashi	Autmn 1938 Apr. 1939	Chief of labor sec. Setoda Ship Building Co	Setoda- machi, Toyota-gun Hiroshima.
Head of can- vassing Dept. (Gaikin Bucho)	Shoji Matsumura	Aug. 1937 June 1938	Unknown	Unknown
Head of Lit. Dept. (Gaku- geibucho)	Yoshio Mitsui	Ditto	Shakai bu- cho, Chugo- ku Shimbun Sha.	Moto-machi Hiroshima City.

Position	Name	Date of Assumption Resignation	Present Profession	Present Address
Head of Photo Dept.	Kamekichi Takeuchi	1910 Aug. 31 1941	Unknown	Unknown
Head of Sales Dept.	Seishiro Nakamoto	Nov. 1936 Aug. 1937	Farmer	Yuwa-mura, Saiki-gun, Hiroshim-ken
Sales Manager (Eigyō Somu)	Kazuo Kate	Sept. 1937 Aug. 1938	Dead	
Factory Manager	Tomejiro Kanda	1920 Aug. 31 1941	Dead	

Remarks:- Seniors and men of ability were given honorary titles, so soon as those men resigned from the newspaper the titles were cancelled. Some men of subordinate position are given the position of Bucho or head but this was only a purpose of outside work. It was a temporary measure.

REPORT ON GEIBI NICHINICHI SHIMBUN SHA CO.

1. GEIBI NICHINICHI SHIMBUN SHA CO., has merged with KURE SHIMBUN SAHCO CO., LTD., on Sept. 1st ~~1937~~ Jun. 1937 and lasted to Aug. 31st 1941, so that this report is based upon the fact between June 1937 to Aug. 1941.
2. This Co., had been managed by the Geibisha so the members of the board are those of Geibisha.
3. About the officers or members of the Board are written according to the record of general meeting of Geibi Sha; about important staff employees the records are taken from their memory and record of personal history of each of Yataro Makita, Ichiro Uchida, Yoshio Mitsui, Kaizo Sakai, and Yoshio Otani. Any record that lacking of exactness marked Fusho or Unknown.

THE OFFICE ORGANIZATION OF GEIBI NICHINICHI SHIMNUN SHA.

From July 1937 to Aug. 1941.

- President Director (Until July 1940) Represent the Company and manage the Board of Directors meeting.
- Representative Director (~~Y/N/X~~ from July 1940 to Aug. 1941) Represent and manage the company as well as Board of Directors meeting.
- Director. Assist the Representative Director and take a part of managing.
- Auditor. Inspect the accounts of the company.
- Business manager. Supervise the Business Bureau and take charge of directing members of the accountants, the General Affairs and the Ad. Depts
- Sales Manager. Assists the Business Manager and take charge of directing the members of Sales Dept. (From Sept. 1937 to Aug. 1938)
(Eigyo Semu)
- Head of Sales Dept. (To Aug. 1937) Take charge of Sale business.
- Factory Manager. Manage and look over the Printing Shop and the Factory.
- Chief Editor. Supervise the Editorial Bureau, take charge of Editorials, political and economical articles. Also in charge of make up of Local Section. From 1940 because of the shortage of staff and due to the over burden of the work the Editorial column was abolished.
- Make up Editor. Making up of the morning paper and the amusement section of the paper. From Aug. 1940, took charge of making up of the city news, the home section, and the amusement section of the evening paper. Also took charge of directing the reporters.
- City Editor. (Until Aug. 1940) Took charge of making up of the city news (Shakaibucho) and the home section of the evening paper.
- Head of Political Dept. (From Aug. 1937 to the Autumn of 1938) Took charge of supervising reporters at Prefectural Government. (From the Autumn of 1938 to April 1939) added the duty to cover the City Hall.
- Head of Canvassing Dept. (From Aug. 1937 to June 1938) Supervise the reporters and cover the news at City Hall and the Bureau of Imp. Railway.

Head of Literary Dept. (From Aug. 1937 to June 1938) Took a charge of
(Gakugeibucho)
Supervising the reporters and covered the news of school sports and
the police stations.

Head of Photo Dept. Supervise the all members of photos and etchings.

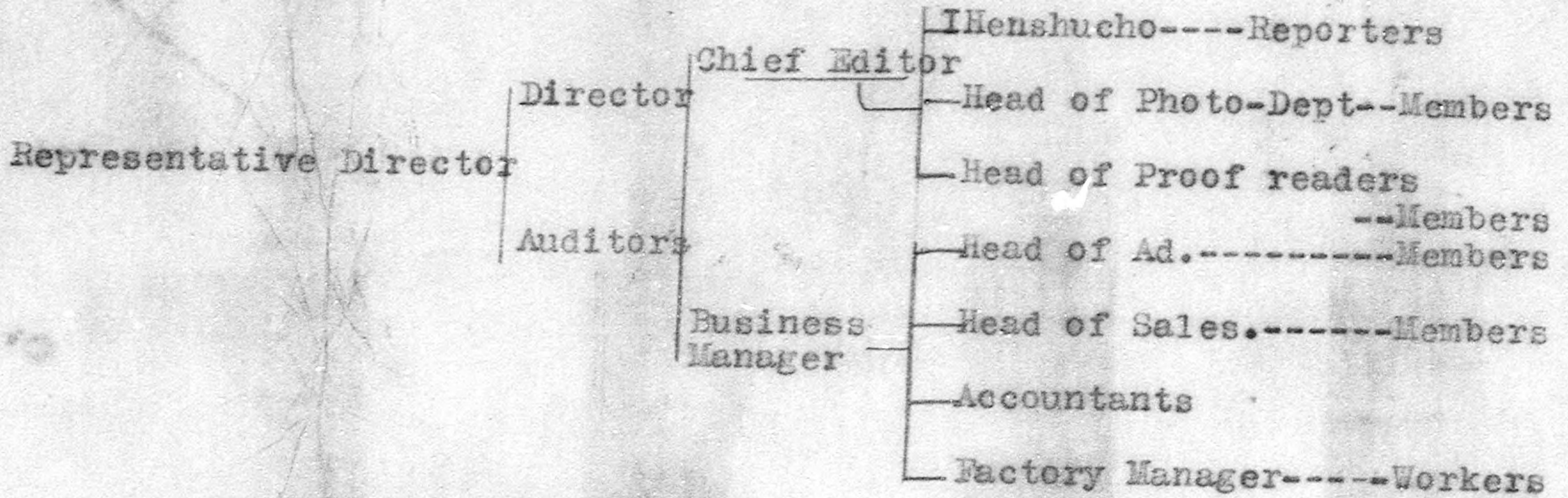
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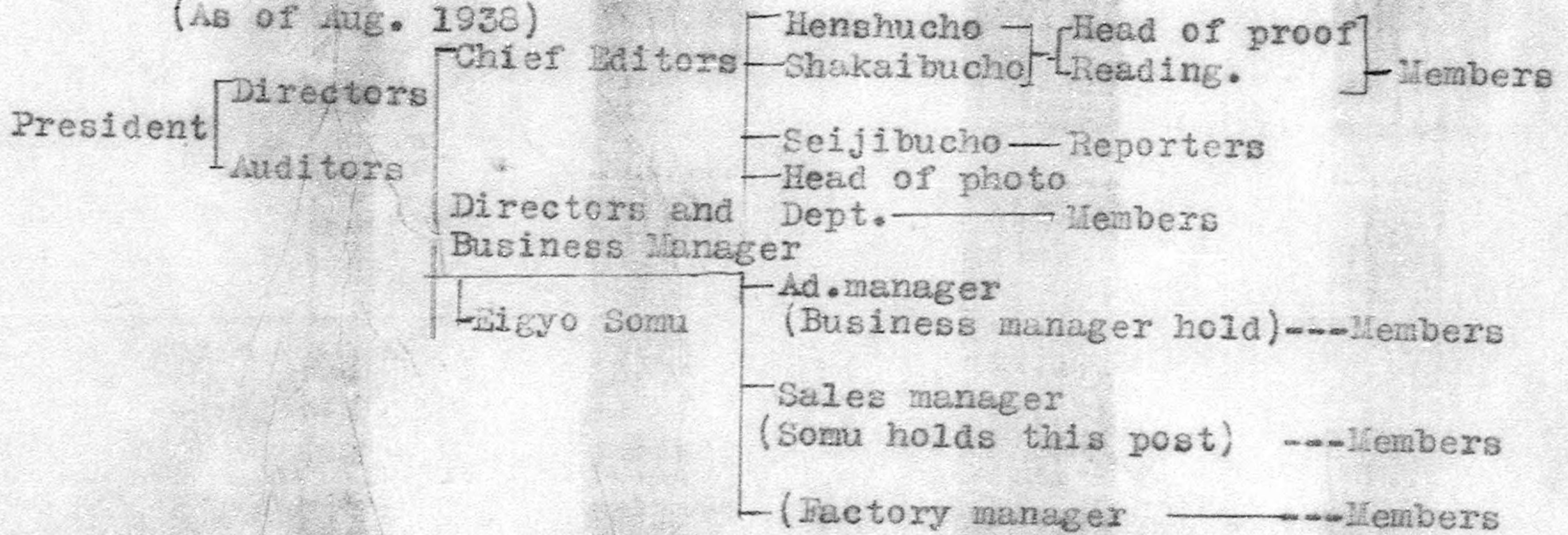
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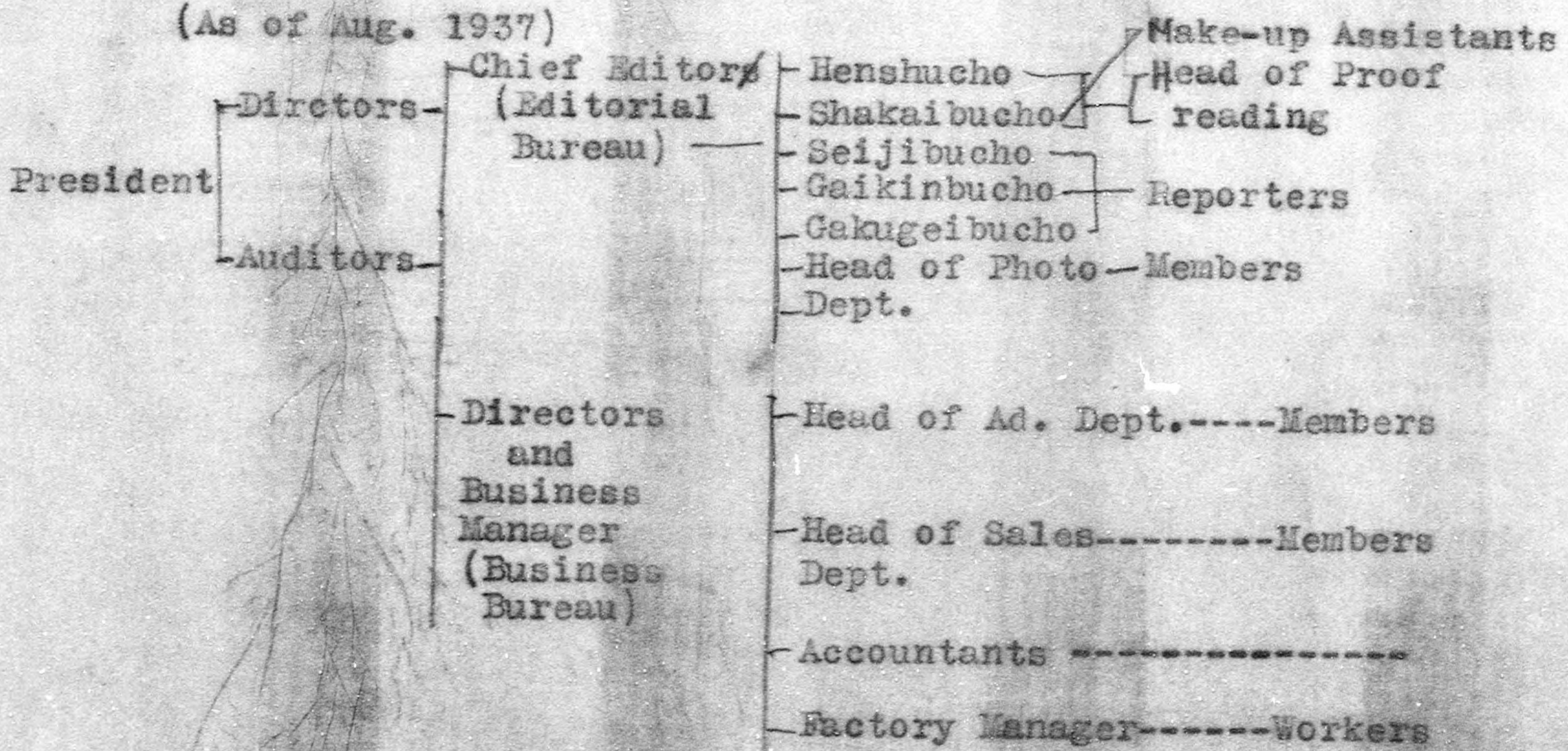
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Factory Manager Assistant
1937-1941

AN EXPLANATORY NOTE REGARDING "HENSU-SOMU"
OF THE FORMER KYOTO
NICHINICHI-SHIMBUNSHA
AND
ANNEXED PAPERS

KOKYO SHIRAIISHI
PRESIDENT
KYOTO SHIMBUNSHA

CONTENTS OF FORWARDING DOCUMENTS

1. An explanatory note regarding "HENSHU-SOMU"
1. The testimony of Ijo Tokumitsu.
1. The testimony of Inosuke Furuno.
1. The testimony of Kiyoshi Nakamura.

Concerning the actual work of the HENSHU-SOMU to which I was installed.

1. The condition before and after my installation as I explained in the paper, formerly presented, I was in the job of the HENSHU-KYOKUCHO since the 9th year of Showa(1934). But I was obliged to quit it by the order of President Yamane in October, 1936 and was relegated to the newly created work which was named the 'HENSHU SOMU'.

The reason why I was relegated were:

Firstly, I was a Christian, had an idea of liberalism and intended to express this policy in the paper as a peaceful commercial one.

But this policy did not agree with President Yamane's, because he wanted to ecor the public opinion which was prevalent after the Ni-Niroku Jiken(Feb 26th incident).

Secondly, there were secret strifes of the partyism in the Company and President Yamane lost his confidence in me, because somebody always critisized against my activities.

Under such circumstances, I ought to have quitted the Company when I was relegated. But President Yamane, then, earnestly requested me to stay under the pretext of the HENSHU-SOMU, without any active work in the HENSHU-KYOKU(the editorial office) until he would recommend me to the work of the other Company on his own responsibility.

One more reason why I hasitated to quit the Company was that it was very hard for me to get a suitable job which was similar to the HENSHU-KYOKUCHO of the local newspaper. Therefore, for fear of unemployment, I had to persuade myself into staying at the job: the HENSHU-SOMU with a so called retainning fee.

1. What did I do as the HENSHU-SOMU?

From November,1936 to April,1939 the real work of the editorial office was under the dictatorship of Mr. Tokumitsu, the HENSHU-KYOKUCHO. I was not allowed any work under him and was keeping the name of the

title only.

Therefore, I did not write even a single article for the editorial nor did I attend the conference of the editorial office.

The work of the editorial office was directed by Mr. Tokumitsu, who was assisted by Mr. Toshiro Kusuda, the HENSHU-SHUJI. Mr. Kusuda did the work of the editorial office as an actual JICHO, assisting me while I was the HENSHU-KYOKUCHO.

Did I have any power as the HENSHU-SOMU?

As I stated above, I was kept at a distance from the work of the editorial office, so I did not attend the Company regularly and was intending to change the occupation. Specially, after the Nisshi Jiken (Chino-Japanese Incident, July, 1937) I was not taken any notice of by anybody and was called 'HIRU-ANDO' (means a fool)

The real proof how I was without any influence in the Company was shown at the time of the sudden death of President Yamane.

When the Company published a memorial book of the late President Yamane (See the separate copy) I was not allowed to join in making the plan, nor was I asked to write even a memorial article for him with whom I had had some relations as a member of the managing staff of the Company.

1. Concerning the relationship with the financial supporter.

As that time the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha was under the private concern of the President Yamane. But the capital was supported by Mr. Shigejaro Tanigawa. Before this, the Shimbunsha was operated by the Kabushiki-Kaisha Kobe Shimbunsha (The President was Mr. Nobuyuki Shindo) The Kobe Shimbunsha also borrowed the capital from Mr. Tanigawa. So when the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha became independent from the Kobe Shimbunsha, Mr. Yamane was installed as the President, representing Mr. Tanigawa for his capital.

My father was a friend of Mr. Tanigawa's, so when I graduated the Tokyo Imperial University in 1923 he asked Mr. Tanigawa to get a position for me. I secured a job in the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha in this

way, but except this I had not have any relation whatever with Mr. Tanigawa.

Otherwise, I ought to have stayed at the Company as the financial representative of Mr. Tanigawa when the Company became the joint-stock Company in June, 1939. But instead to stay, I resigned.

1. The actual circumstances of my withdrawal from the Company.

In June, 1939, The Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha became a joint-stock Company under the assistance of Mr. Takashima, the President of the Oji Seishi Co. Ltd.

Then the stoks were divided evenly among Mr. Tanigawa, the financier, Mr. Yamane, the operator and the Oji Seishi Co. Ltd. and from this time on the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha was operated by the representatives of those three parties which I mentioned above. But I resigned the Company when the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha changed its organization.

A few months before my retirement, Mr. Tokumitsu, the Henshu-Kyokucho, left the Company and went to take charge of his new work as the President of the Toa Shimposha, Peipin, China.

About 40 days from Mr. Tokumitsu's retirement to the new organization of the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha, there were no brain in the Company and during these days, I was in the position of the representative of the Company in the name. But as I stated elsewhere, the HENSHUSHUJI, together with BUCHO, took the responsibility of the editorial office and Mr. Kinoshita, the Eigyo Kyokucho, took charge of the ~~representative~~ responsibility of the Company. Mr. Kinoshita was expecting to be the Torishimariyaku of the newly organized Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha and until my decision of the retirement, I did not have any responsibility whatever in the editorial office or in the management of the Company.

Kokyo Shiraishi
Kokyo Shiraishi
President of the Kyoto Shimbun

Chuo Koshoku Tekihi Shinsa Iinkai.

Marutamachi-Dori
ShinKarasuma Agaru
Higashi-iru
Kamigyo-Ku Kyoto City.
Oct. 20th, 1947.

Dear Sirs:

The letter I presented in July, 1947 about the investigation of Mr. Shiraishi was too simple to narrate the facts, therefore I would like to explain you, the full details as you asked me to, and about these facts, I am not ashamed to speak anybody and anywhere.

1. Introduced by Inosuke Furuno (The President of the Domei Tsushinsha, at that time), I met Mr. Fumio Yamane (The Dictatorial President of the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha which was Mr. Yamane's private concern) at an inn, Akasaka-Ward, Tokyo City in September, 1936.

Mr. Yamane told us as follows (Mr. Furuno can prove these facts, too I believe)

A. The reputation of the paper is not good under the leadership of Mr. Shiraishi. Therefore, to recover the reputation, I want to change the leader from Mr. Shiraishi to Mr. Tokumitsu.

B. Mr. Tokumitsu will be a sole authoritative member for the editorial office and will do whatever he pleases.

C. Mr. Shiraishi is to be prohibited from speaking anything concerning the editorial policy.

D. It is a pity for Mr. Shiraishi, the HENSHU-KYOKUCHO to be a simple reporter. So I will give him a name of the HENSHU-SOMU as a temporary job until I find him a suitable work.

But this work does not mean the work of the HENSHU-JICHO (or Jiseki) and I do not recognize any authority under the HENSHU-SOMU.

E. I leave the full authority of editing, including the news, the editorial and the personnel to your hands.

Under the conditions I stated above I entered the Company in November 1st, 1936 as the SHUKAN and the HENSHUKYOKUCHO and I exercised my rights freely.

2. Therefore, Mr. Shiraishi's HENSHU-SOMU was a vacant name without any real power, and so he did not even have the power and influence of the HENSHUKYOKU-JISEKI. All editorial staff of those days recognized this fact. To prove this I would like to tell the following facts.

3. Mr. Shiraishi was dissatisfied with this proceeding and his attendance was irregular. (I can not tell it by the attendance-record, but I can do it by the fact that Mr. Shiraishi was very enthusiastic about the horse-race and attended there so often ignoring the Company.)

4. Under such condition, Mr. Shiraishi neither attended any important editorial conferences nor joined the conference.

5. Mr. Shiraishi neither wrote any editorial article nor inspected them nor interfered with them. The editorial articles were investigated by the HENSHU-SHUJI Kusada, Seiri-Bucho Wajima and Shakai-Bucho Takaya.

6. Mr. Shiraishi did not attend the night duty. In those days, the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbun published the morning edition and the evening one. As for the morning edition, Mr. Kusada, the HENSHU-SHUJI (later HENSHU-JICHO) took the charge of night duty.

7. Salaries of Mr. Shiraishi and Mr. Kusada were as follows:

	Under Mr. Shiraishi.	Under Mr. Tokumitsu.
Mr. Kusada	¥ 120	¥ 170
Mr. Shiraishi	¥ 150	¥ 150

Mr. Kusada was the SHUJI under Mr. Shiraishi HENSHU-KYOKUCHO time and he took the same work under my HENSHU-KYOKUCHO.

8. His activities as a Keizai-Bucho was a feeble one, because only one reporter (a Mr. Kanzo Nakae) was working under him owing to the Kyoto economic inactivities.

9. About the personnel of the Company, I did not consult with Mr. Shiraishi, but with Mr. Kusada, the Henshu Shuji and others.

10. Mr. Shiraishi did not participate even in the editings of the announcements or informations of the newspaper office.

Besides those which I stated above, I want to tell the following facts.

He did not join the important editorial works of sending the correspondents to the War fields after the Chino-Japanese Incident, nor to the memorial book for the late Mr. Yamane.

I confirm that I did not consult with Mr. Shiraishi, the HENSHU-SOMU, nor asked his opinions about anything, nor was I interfered by him in anything and everybody recognized it as a fact.

In conclusion, I confirm repeatedly that Mr. Shiraishi's work as the HENSHU-SOMU at the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha was only an empty name and it is not fair to consider it to be a work of the HENSHU-JICHO or the same as that of other companies.

Yours Truly,

I. Tokumitsu
Ijo Tokumitsu.

P.S. I am no relative of Mr. Shiraishi's and my work was a correlative one against his, too but I dare to write this on my own conscience because I want to prove facts as facts.

Chuo Koshoku Tekihi Shinsa Iinkai.
Tokyo.

Oct. 21st, 1947.

Dear Sirs:

Concerning the investigation of Mr. Kokyo Shiraishi, I would like to state here the facts as far as I know of for your reference.

1. At the first part of September, 1936, Mr. Fumio Yamane - then, the President of the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha and a sole authority in the Company, expressed me his opinion of changing the HENSHU-KYOKUCHO from Mr. Shiraishi to Mr. Tokumitsu. Therefore I, as a mediator, met Mr. Yamane and Mr. Tokumitsu at an inn in Akasaka, Tokyo City.

At this time, President Yamane told us as follows:

1. I hit on the idea in order to reform the policy because Mr. Shiraishi, the HENSHU-KYOKUCHO has been misguiding the paper.
2. As a result, I want to leave everything to Mr. Tokumitsu concerning the authority of the editorial policy.
3. To effect this, I block up every authority of Mr. Shiraishi has.
4. As Mr. Shiraishi has worked as the HENSHUKYOKUCHO, it is a pity for him to be a simple reporter, so until I prepare a suitable job for him I will give him a name of the HENSHU-SOMU.

The HENSHU-SOMU in my company is simply an honorable title and quite different from that of other companies, at the same time the HENSHU-SOMU does not mean the HENSHU-JISEKI (Vice-chief-in-editor). It is a name only, so I will not let him interfere. This in answering my question whether Mr. Shiraishi will not meddle with the editorial office because the HENSHU-SOMU is an important post in other companies.

Under such conditions, President Yamane asked Mr. Tokumitsu to be the HENSHU-KYOKUCHO. After Mr. Tokumitsu took the charge of the HENSHU-KYOKUCHO, there were no complains against Mr. Shiraishi either from Mr. Tokumitsu nor from any others in the Company.

Sincerely yours,

I. Furuno.

Inosuke Furuno.

Chuo Koshoku Tekihi Shinsa Iinkai.
Tokyo.

Mushakoji-Sagaru
Nishinotoin
Kamigyo-Ku
Kyoto City.

Oct. 20th, 1947.

Dear Sirs:

Since 1931, I was the payer of the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha.

Mr. Shiraishi's salary was as follows:

KYOKUCHO Ijo Tokumitsu	¥ 350
SHUJI Toshiro Kusuda	¥ 170
SOMU Kokyo Shiraishi	¥ 150

Compared with the KYOKUCHO's and SHUJI's, the SOMU's salary was low and this means that SOMU's position was low, too.

SHUJI Kusuda was the responsible for the Morning Edition and took charge of the night duty and as to the Evening Edition, KYOKUCHO Tokumitsu supervised it.

Yours truly,

K. Nakamura

Kiyoshi Nakamura.

The former person in charge of general affairs at the editorial office of the Kyoto Nichi Nichi Shimbunsha.