

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao et al

Sworn Deposition

Deponent : -- SOGO, Shinji

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.

I live at No. 26, 2-Chome, Yumi-machi, Hongo-ku, Tokyo-to. I am serving as President of the Governmental Railway Relief Association, a charity foundation as I have had some connection with railway works for the past few decades.

I worked as a director in the South Manchuria Railway Company for full four years from July 1930 to July 1934. About May in 1931, Mr. UGHIDA, Yasuya assumed the Presidency of the company succeeding Mr. SENGOKU, Mitsugu who had retired from office on account of his illness. It was the custom then that, when a presidential change was made, the incoming President would invite separately every Minister and his staff, and, in return, every Minister would invite the



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managing staff of the company. The Asahi Newspaper report on July 1, 1931, to the effect that War Minister MINAMI invited to his official residence President UCHIDA and all the directors of the S. M. R. Company was nothing more than this customary return invitation. These conventional parties meant nothing but formalities.

On this 19 day of February, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT SOGO, Shinji (seal) -

I, KONDO, Giichi, 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 Tokyo

Witness: (signed) KONDO, Giichi (seal)

OATH

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

/s/ SOGO, Shinji (seal)