

	session of the Imperial Diet.	Cabinet.
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	Sixth Committee Meeting	"
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April 24th	Appointed <del>Ordered the</del> Chairman of the Investi- re Institutions and gation Committee for the <del>Establish</del> in Southern - Western ments Systems of the Districts of the South and West / T.N. OKINAWA etc. /	Navy Ministry
May 16th	granted specially this treatment of "Shimin" Rank.	Cabinet
May 26th	Appointed as delegate <del>Ordered the</del> Government member of for the matters under the jurisdiction of the Navy Ministry at the 80th Session of the Imperial Diet.	"
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~~The Navy~~  
Ministry  
at Depart
- July 13. Appointed ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> Inaugural Committee member ~~of the committee for~~ <sup>the Department of Agriculture</sup>  
~~the establishment of the Central Corporation~~ <sup>and Forestry</sup>  
~~of Provisions.~~ <sup>Ministry</sup>  
Govt. Foodstuff Control and Rationing Agency / "CHŪWŌ SHOKURYŌ EIDAN"
- Apr. 29, 1940. Awarded ~~Conferred~~ <sup>granted</sup> The First Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure and given ¥1,700 <sup>in recognition of</sup> ~~due to his services~~ <sup>of Decorations.</sup>  
during the China Incident. The Board
- Apr. 29, 1940. Conferred ~~a war medal of the China Incident~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Service Medal~~ " "
- Sept. 1, 1942. Appointed ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> Chairman of the Committee for Adequate Measures <sup>for</sup> Increasing <sup>the</sup> Efficiency. Navy  
~~The Naval~~  
Department  
Ministry
- Sept. 28. Commissioned ~~to~~ <sup>as</sup> a member of the Investigation and Study Council. Cabinet.
- Sept. 4. Relieved of duties as Inaugural Committee member of the Central Govt. Foodstuff Control and Rationing Agency. ~~committee for the establishment of the Central Corporation of Provisions.~~ Cabinet
- Oct. 28. Appointed ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> member of ~~Provisions Administration~~ <sup>the Foodstuff Control</sup> " "

tation Committee.

Nov. 1. Appointed <sup>Liaison</sup> ~~and~~ member of the ~~connection~~ Cabinet.  
Committee of the ~~Department of the~~ Great  
East Asia Ministry

Dec. 24. Appointed <sup>to as</sup> ~~a~~ government <sup>delegate</sup> commissioner  
for matters  
~~relating to the business~~ under the jurisdiction  
of the Navy <sup>Ministry</sup> ~~Department~~ at the  
81st Imperial  
Diet.

Apr. 28, 1943. Appointed ~~the~~ Chairman of the first <sup>F</sup>   
Committee of Shipbuilding. <sup>F</sup>   
Navy   
Depart-   
ment   
Ministry.

May 22. Appointed ~~a~~ member of the <sup>F</sup> funeral Cabinet.  
Committee <sup>for</sup> of the late <sup>F</sup> fleet-admiral  
YAMAMOTO Isoroku.

June 2. Permitted to receive and wear the <sup>F</sup> First The Board  
Order of the Tung Kuang presented by the of Decorati-  
Chinese Republic. ons.

June 15, 1943. Appointed <sup>to as</sup> ~~a~~ government <sup>delegate</sup> commissioner Cabinet.  
for matters  
~~relating to the business~~ under the juris-  
diction of the Navy <sup>Ministry</sup> ~~Department~~ at the  
82nd  
Imperial Diet.



83rd Imperial Diet.

Dec. 24. Appointed ~~to~~ <sup>delegate</sup> Government ~~commissioner~~ <sup>Ministry</sup> ~~at the~~ <sup>for matters</sup> ~~jurisdiction of the Navy Department in~~ Cabinet.

84th Imperial Diet.

Dec. 28. <sup>Raised</sup> Elevated to the junior grade of the third <sup>Court</sup> rank. The Household Department.

Jan. 25, 1944. Appointed ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> member of the committee of Administration of ~~the~~ <sup>4.</sup> Enemy's Properties. Cabinet.

Mar. 1, 1944. Promoted to <sup>Full</sup> Admiral. "

" Relieved of ~~his~~ post at his own request. "

" Relieved of <sup>main</sup> his duties. ~~The Navy Ministry~~ Department.

" Appointed <sup>as</sup> ~~to a member of the High Military~~ <sup>Supreme War</sup> Councillor. Appointed directly by His Majesty.

" Ordered to serve <sup>concurrently</sup> ~~at the~~ <sup>Ministry</sup> Navy Department. ~~The Navy Ministry~~ Department.

" Appointed <sup>as</sup> ~~to an~~ acting Vice-Minister of ~~the~~ Navy. "

Apr. 13. Appointed ~~to be~~ Chairman of the committee ~~The Navy Department.~~

- Jun. 7. Relieved of <sup>duties as</sup> ~~the post of~~ a member of the Cabinet  
 of <sup>C</sup> funeral committee <sup>for</sup> of the late fleet-admi-  
 ral YAMAMOTO Isoroku.
- Aug. 6. Permitted to receive and wear the "Cross  
 Kreuz Adler" <sup>Decoration</sup> presented by the German  
 Government. The Board of Decorati-  
 ons.
- Sept. 30. Appointed <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ Chairman of the Local Con-  
 ditions Inspection Committee. Navy Depart-  
 ment Ministry.
- Oct. 2. appointed <sup>to</sup> ~~a~~ member of the committee <sup>C</sup> Cabinet  
 for the preparation of the <sup>C</sup> compilation  
 of ~~the~~ National history.
- Oct. 5. Appointed <sup>to</sup> ~~a~~ member of the Investig-  
 ation Society <sup>for</sup> of the <sup>Exploitation</sup> Cultivation of SAKH-  
 ALIEN.
- Oct. 14. Appointed <sup>to</sup> ~~a~~ member of the Council  
<sup>Research</sup> for the Mobilization of ~~the~~ Experts in  
 Scientific Research.
- Oct. 25. Appointed <sup>to</sup> ~~a~~ government <sup>delegate</sup> commissioner  
<sup>for matters</sup> relating to the business under the juri-  
 sdiction of the Navy <sup>Ministry</sup> Department in

<sup>Grand F</sup>  
for the Special Great festival of the Yasukuni  
shrine in April, 1944.

June 10, 1944. Appointed ~~to a~~ member of the National  
Mobilization Deliberation Council.

June 30, 1944. Appointed ~~to a~~ Councillor of the  
<sup>Ministry</sup>  
Munitions Department.

July 17, 1944. Relieved of ~~his post~~ <sup>main and concurrent posts.</sup> ~~and the addit~~ <sup>The Navy</sup>  
~~ional post.~~ <sup>Department.</sup>  
<sup>Ministry</sup>

" Relieved of the post of an Acting  
Vice-Minister of Navy.

" Appointed ~~to the~~ Commander-in-Chief of <sup>Appointed</sup>  
KURE naval station. <sup>directly by</sup>  
<sup>His Majesty.</sup>

" Relieved of ~~the~~ <sup>as</sup> post of a member <sup>The Navy De-</sup>  
of the Naval Armaments <sup>Investigation,</sup> ~~Examination~~ <sup>partment.</sup>  
Section of the Imperial Headquarters.

Aug. 15. Conferred the Grand Cordon of the <sup>The Board of</sup>  
Rising Sun. <sup>Decorations.</sup>

Aug. 26. Relieved of ~~the~~ <sup>as</sup> post of a Councillor Cabinet  
of the Munitions <sup>Ministry</sup> ~~Department.~~

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Sept. 27. Relieved of ~~the post of~~ a member of the Cabinet  
<sup>General</sup>  
National Mobilization Deliberation Council.

May 1, 1945. Relieved of his main duties. ~~The Navy~~  
~~Department~~  
Ministry

" Appointed to ~~a member of the High~~ Supreme War Councillor  
~~Military Council.~~ Directly appointed by His Majesty

Sept. 1, 1945. ~~Ordered to await further orders.~~ Placed on the waiting list  
Placed on the Reserve List ~~The Navy~~  
~~Department~~

Sept. 5, 1945. ~~Ordered to go into reserve.~~

Sept. 21, 1945. Raised to the Senior Grade of the Third Court Rank. The Department of the Imperial Household.

" Raised the court rank by one degree as a special mark of favour.

June 15, 1946. ~~The~~ [Imperial Ordinance No. 322] <sup>of</sup> 1946, the Naval Officers Limitation Ordinance was abolished.

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If Item 9 is applicable, state briefly the nature of the investigation conducted:

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18 Feb 47

Gave copy of Curriculum Vitae re subject to Commander Cole; to be returned to us.