

KIDO

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宣誓供述書

供述者

橋川親祝

自分機我國ニ行ハルル方式ニ從ヒ先ツ別紙ノ通り宣誓ヲ爲シタル上  
次ノ如ク供述致シマス

私、徳川義親ハ家督ノ上左ノ通リ跡継ぎシマス。

一、私ハ一八九二年（明治二十五年）學習院ニ入學シ、一九〇八年（明治四十一年）學習院ヲ卒業セシマシタ。私ハ同院在學中彼カラ入學シ來レル木戸氏ト知り、尙ヒ卒業後モ私<sup>知ワレ</sup>ト交際スルヲ所キマス。

私ハ卒業後徳川生物學研究所及ヒ林政史研究室ヲ設立シ、生物學及ヒ林政史ノ研究者トシテ今日ニ至リマシタ。

併シ其ノ間私ハ主ニ所謂革新陣營ノ人オト交際シテ所クノニ對シ木戸氏ハ田島守公、牧野伯等ノ關係ヲ受ケテ居ラレタ爲木戸氏ト私トハ政治上ノ立場ヲ<sup>及</sup>對シテ<sup>リ</sup>シマス。

二、所謂革新陣營トニアラハ大川周明氏等ヲ中心トスルモノナリ、現狀維持派ヲ一掃シ國內政治ヲ革新スルコトヲ目的トシテ居リマシ

從ツテ之等現狀維持派ノ代表トシテ吾々ハ官中側近者ヲ重シク主

本邦對象トシマシタ。

重村首相中絶近者ノ動向方國內的ニハ現状維持的強國主義ヲアリ  
國際的ニハ滿洲主義的ナ軟弱外交ヲアル限リハ、我國ノ前途悲觀  
審セテレルカヤ、之等ノ人々ヲ退陣セシメザル限リ我國ノ政治ノ  
革新ハ不可能ナルト云フト云フコトガモトメテ、コトハ吾々ノ方針ヲ示スハ、革新陣營ノ仲國內テ  
屢々論議セラレタコトヲ私ハ聞ユ記憶シテ居マヌ。

私方當法廷ニ於テ一九四六年六月二十六日ニ發言シマシタ通り、  
私ハ一九三一年（昭和六年）三月ニ計畫サレタ所謂五月事件、平大  
川氏等ト關係シタコトガアリマヌ。

三、木戸氏ハ一九三〇年（昭和五年）内大臣兼憲法部長ニ就任以來長  
年特ニ西園寺公、牧野伯ノ黨閥ヲ受ケタ爲木戸氏ノ政治上ノ立場  
ハ明カニ前述ノ東條派ニ屬スルモノト革新陣營ノ人々カラ懸メラ  
レテ居マシタ。

四、一九四七年（昭和二十二年）七月、私ハ木戸氏ノ辭職後ヨリ一

九三八年（昭和十三年）六月二十五日附本戸日記ノ中ノ左ノ如キ  
記事ヲ提示サレ其ノ時ノ事情ヲ聞カレマシタ。

「午後六時自由ノ徳川義親邸ニ赴ク。大川周明氏、東條次官、  
白鳥敏夫、安井英二氏等ト同席ニテ晚餐ノ後座ヲ受ケ、時局等  
ニツキ隔置ナク意見ヲ交換ス。十時辭去」

此記事ハ事實ヲアリマヌガ、此會合ニ付日記々事ニ依ツテハ判明  
セサル點ヲ説明シマスト、當日出席セル人々ハ現状維持派ニ對シ  
反感ヲ有スル人々ヲアリマシテ、本戸氏唯一人ガ異分子ヲ現状維  
持派ヲシタ。

（此會合以來私知ツテ本戸氏ヲ利用スルコトニ依ツテ

當日特ニ本戸氏ヲ招待シテ目的ハ、吾々一人ニ在リ等ノ時局ニ對ス  
ル者ハ方ヲ始メ諸種ノ事情ガ<sup>（一般的ニシテ）</sup>判ラナイノヲ~~學識者~~俾以  
本戸氏~~ノ~~交際ヲ利用シテ~~其~~中ニ屬スル本戸氏方~~ヲ~~此派  
ノ者ハ方ヲ應取スル爲デアリマシタ。

併併シ結果トシテハ特別頭等ナモノモナク<sup>（之等意見相異ヲ論議スルニ）</sup>終結シマシマ

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シテ居テ居デアリマヌ。

以上ノ如ク私ノ後継ヨリ見テ私ガ大川氏等ノ所謂革新派ト本戸、  
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ナリテ事々相見ニ終結反撥シ合ツテサヘ居マシタ。

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ナリテテテ事ハ相互ニ聯絡反発シ合ツテサヘ居マシタ。

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良心ニ從ヒ眞實ヲ述ベ何事ヲモ欺秘セズ又何事ヲモ附加セザルコトヲ  
審フ

(署  
印名)

徳川義和親

昭和二十二年（一九四七年）七月廿一日於

豊島区白河四丁目一

供述者

徳川義祝

右ハ當立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シ  
マス

同日 於同所

立會人 木戸孝彦





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United States of America  
I M T F E  
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A R A K I Sadao  
D E P O S I T I O N

Deponent : TOKUGAWA, Yoshichika

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.

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## INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al ) A F F I D A V I T  
- AGAINST - ) of  
ARAKI, Sadao, et al ) TOKUGAWA, Yeshichika

I, TOKUGAWA, Yeshichika, make oath and say as follows:

1. I enrolled in the Peers School in 1892 and graduated from it in 1908. While attending the Peers School, I was acquainted with Mr. KIDO, who enrolled after me and have ~~since associated with him.~~ *known him even since.*

After my graduation from the Peers School, I set up the TOKUGAWA Biological Laboratory and the Forestry History Research Room. I have since devoted myself to the study of biology and forestry history.

Meanwhile, however, I associated mostly with those of the so-called reformist ~~camp,~~ *group* but Mr. KIDO who had looked up to Prince SAIONJI and Count MAKINO for guidance ~~took up~~ *had* a political position, entirely ~~different from that of mine.~~ *opposed to mine.*

2. The so-called reformist ~~camp~~ *group* was formed with Mr. OKAWA, Shumei and others in the center. It was aimed at carrying out a reformation of domestic politics, ~~by eliminating those who stood for the maintenance of the status quo.~~ *too*

We, members of the reformist camp, looked upon those serving closest to the Emperor and Senior Statesmen as representatives of those who

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stood for the maintenance of the status quo and directed our attention mostly at them.

As long as the Senior Statesmen and Court officials, serving close to the Throne, advocated maintenance of the status quo and moderation at home and pursued a conciliatory, weak-kneed foreign policy internationally, it was <sup>our expressed belief</sup> argued that Japan's future would be thwarted. I clearly recall that <sup>this contention</sup> it was frequently discussed among members of our reformist <sup>group</sup> camp ~~on the above contention~~ <sup>and it was our policy</sup> that it would be impossible to carry out a political reform in Japan, unless and until these persons were made to retire.

As I testified before this Tribunal on *June 26*, 1946, I was involved in the so-called March incident together with Mr. OKAWA and others. The incident was plotted in March, 1931.

3. Since Mr. KIDO assumed the post of Chief Secretary to the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal in 1930, his political position was branded by the members of the reformist <sup>group</sup> camp as the same as that of the Senior Statesmen ~~bles~~, because he had looked up to Prince SAIONJI and Count MAKINO for guidance ~~for~~ many long years.

4. In July, 1947, the defence counsel of Mr. KIDO showed me the following paragraph of Mr. KIDO's diary for June 25, 1938 and asked me

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about the circumstances at that time:

"At 6:00 p.m., I went to the residence of Marquis TOKUGAWA, Yeshichika at Mejiro. I was entertained at dinner together with Mr. OKAWA, Shumei, Vice-Minister TOJO of War, Mr. SHIRATORI, Teshio and Mr. YASUI, Eiji.

A free and frank exchange of views took place between the host and guests on the current situation and other questions. I left Marquis TOKUGAWA's residence at 10:00 p.m."

This Paragraph is true. To explain the nature of the dinner party, however, which is not clarified by the paragraph of the diary, those who attended the dinner party all had an antipathy to the advocates of maintenance of the status quo with the sole exception of Mr. KIDO, who stood for maintenance of the status quo.

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*that at* the dinner party having had mere chats. *These divergence views were discussed.*

5. This was the only occasion I had to dine with Mr. KIDO. The situation <sup>after that</sup> since grew tenser and tenser with the result that Mr. KIDO and I were diametrically opposed to each other. Not only I have never met him, but furthermore I rather hated Mr. KIDO and Mr. KONOYE from political consideration. ←

Thus, on the strength of my own experience, the so-called reformist <sup>group</sup> camp, including Mr. OKAWA and me were pitted against the Senior Statesmen bloc, including Mr. KIDO and Mr. KONOYE. The two not merely had no connection with each other, but repelled each other.

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On this 31 day of July, 1947

At Naegiro 4-41, Toshimaku, Tokyo.

DEPONENT TOKUGAWA, Yoshichika (seal)

I, J. Kido 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 same place

Witness: (signed) Takafiko Kido (seal)

OATH:

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DEPONENT /s/ TOKUGAWA, Yoshichika (seal)

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