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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 :-TAMEMOTO, Hiroatsu

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. Mr. Okinori Kaya was, according to my memory, the chief of the budget-drafting and Accounts-Settling Section of the Accountants Bureau of the Finance Ministry from 1932 to 1934 and held the post chief of the Accountants Bureau of the same ministry from 1934 to 1936.

During the years 1932 to 1935, I Hiroatsu Tamemoto former Paymaster Rear-Admiral, served as a member of the Accounts Bureau of the Naval Office concerned with the general budget of the Navy and during such time had frequent contact with the Finance Ministry on matters relating to the Naval

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budget and as a result I became well acquainted with Mr. KAYA, who was then in charge of the Budgetary demands presented by the various ministries.

2. During this period while there was considerable national demand for the redemption of red-in bonds, the re-establishment of a sound national finance, and for disarmament as marked by the Washington and London conferences, there was also a formidable national support for the establishment of self-supply and self-sufficiency in the interest of national security. It was also a period of time marked by a steady increase, year by year, of the Naval budget in response to the demand for positive arrangements of armaments and also because of the rise of prices.

During all of this period of time Mr. KAYA persisted in his advocacy of the maintenance of peaceful relations between nations, the prevention of armaments rise, the establishment of a sound national finance and the lightening of the financial burden of the nation.

We of the Navy office insisted that Mr. KAYA was engaging in excessive strictness in assessing our budget and that it would endanger the national security. I recall that, as a result of our negotiations with Mr. KAYA over the Naval budget we had to yield to his insistence and consent to a reduction of the increase proposed in the budget by about 20 to 40%, varying with the circumstances in each year.

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3. During this time I recall Mr. KAYA vigorously expressed the view that national defense without financial security was sheer nonsense and that no armament supported by a starving nation could be of any service.

With the adoption of an expansionist financial policy by Finance Minister BABA who held the office from March 1936 to February 1937, it was generally understood, Mr. KAYA retired from his office in the Accounts Bureau due to the sharp basic difference on fiscal matters between himself and the new Finance Minister.

On this 23rd day of July, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT TANEMOTO, Hiroatsu (seal)

I, TANAKA, Yasumichi, 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: /S/ TANAKA, Yasumichi (seal)

OATH

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

/S/ TANEMOTO, Hiroatsu (seal)