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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)

Depositor : - KONDO, Jotaro

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, KONDO, Jotaro, am presently living in Tokiwa-Machi, Urawa-City, Saitama Prefecture.

I was born in Nagano Prefecture on the 13th November, 1894, and graduated from the Tokyo Imperial University in July, 1920. From January, 1942 to July, 1944, I was the Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture.

I wish to make the following statements concerning Exhibit No. 1969, "the Report concerning Labour Conditions of the Prisoners of War."

(1) This is a copy of the report which I had send to the Eastern Army Commander for his reference. This report was made originally in my name to the Home and Welfare Ministers whose jurisdiction I was under as the Governor of KANAGAWA Prefecture.

I was under no obligation to report to the Eastern Army Commander.

I presume that the headquarters of the Eastern Army transmitted to the War Ministry, the report which I had sent there for reference.

(2) The report gave the fact that the employment of the PW's for labor brought about a favorable impressin upon the Japanese people especially labourers.

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(3) Written in the last paragraph of this report is the following:
"Of course, we did not make any public announcement the employment of the PW's for labor, but the people found out that the PWs, were at work by unintentional observation of their trips between the work shop and the camp". As such, it was the personal opinion expressed casually by some passer-by who happened to witness the PWs on their way to and from work.
It was never intended to use the PWs for public display.

I had never received any instruction or suggestion from my superiors and others to expose the PWs for public view. I gave no such instruction or suggestion to the local parties concerned.

(4) In short, this report was made to the Home and Welfare Ministers, the higher authorities, by the prefectural government, compiling informations received customarily from various local organs. A copy of this report was sent to the Eastern Army Commander just for his reference. No special significance was attached to this report.

On this 15th day of August, 1947.

At 10-28, Tokiwa-Machi, Uwawa-City.

Deponent /S/ KONDO, Jotaro (seal)

I, ABE, Akira, 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 the same place.

Witness: /S/ ABE, Akira (seal)

OATH.

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

/S/ KONDO, Jotaro (seal)