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HAME: OTA, KOZO.

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#### SUMMARY OF IMPORMATION:

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#### RECOMMEDDATION:

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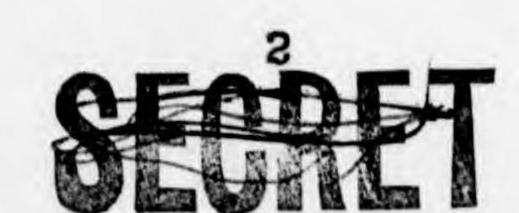
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TAB B - Extract from "Japanese Government Officials, 1937-1945"

TAB C - Evaluation of OTA Kozo at time of arrest

TAB D - KOKUHONSHA

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1889 Dec - Born, Fukushima Prefecture 1920 Jul - Graduated, Tokyo Imperial University (law) 1921 Jan - Attorney, Tokyo District Court 1921-1924 - Member, KOKUHONSHA (National Federation Society) 1933 - Defense Attorney in 15 May 1932 Incident - Director, KOKUSAI HANKYO REMMEI (International Anti-1937 Communist League) Member, DAI ASIA KYOKAI (Great Asia Society) 1938 Apr - Professor, Hosei University 1939 Jan - Secretary to Premier HIRANUMA \*1939 Apr-1939 Aug - Chief Secretary, HIRANUMA Cabinet 1939 Aug-1945 Dec - Member, House of Peers 1940-1945 - TAISEI YOKUSAN KAI (Imperial Rule Assistance Organizations) Director 1940-1945 Advisor Apr 1945-Jun 1945 - YOKUSAN SEIJI KAI (Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society) Standing Director 1942-1945 Preparatory Committee 1942 1941 Jul - Directorate, DAI NIPPON KOA DOMEI (Great Japan Rise Asia League) 1945 Apr-1945 Aug - Minister of Education, SUZUKI Cabinet 1945 Dec 12 - Interned in Sugamo Prison as a war criminal suspect

Note: \* Concurrently Councillor to the Planning Board and a Member of:-Central Statistics Committee Committee for Celebration of the 2600th Anniversary of the Founding of the Empire Education Investigation Committee Science Investigation Committee National General Mobilization Investigation Committee Diet System Investigation Committee Transportation Industry Adjustment Committee Electrical Communications Committee National General Spiritual Mobilization Committee Committee for the Preparation for the Building of Central Governmental Office Committee for the Encouragement of National Savings International Tourist Committee Anti-Chinese Cultural Enterprise Investigation Committee Civil Engineering Conference Major Railroads Investigation Committee Small Scale Industries Investigation Committee Temporary Committee Investigating Manchukuo Colonists

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1920	Graduated Tokyo Imperial University, law.
1933	Attorney defending participants in 15 May 1932 Incident in which premier Inukai was assassinated.
1938	Professor of Law, Hosei University
1939	Chief Secretary, Hiranuma Cabinet
1940	Member House of Peers
1942	Councilor Imperial Rule Assistance Association Chief, General Affairs Bureau, IRAA
1942-45	Member Board of Directors, Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society (now dissolved)
1944 Mar.	Committee member for IRAA of National Move- ment Liaison Headquarters (a war-time organization.)
1945 Apr	Minister of Education, Suzuki Cabinet

Address: 57 Sekiguchi Dai-machi, Koishikawa-ku, Tokyo

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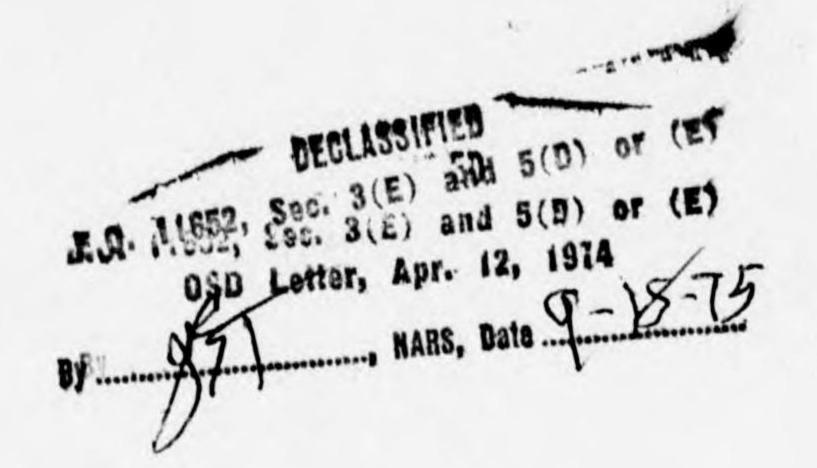
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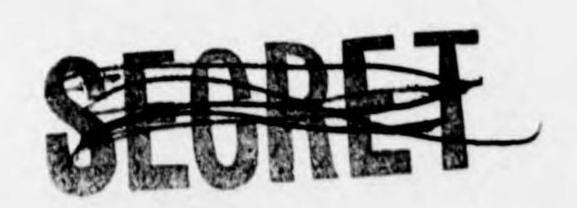
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"OTA should be apprehended for his activities before and after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. In his influential positions in the above listed organizations, he contributed greatly to the nationalistic and domestic policies followed by the Japanese government."

Arrested 12 December 1945, Sugamo Prison



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#### KOKUHONSHA (National Federation Society)

The KOKUHONSHA was founded in 1921 and reorganized in 1924 by Baron HIRANUMA Kiichiro for the ostensible purpose of combatting leftist and liberal trends in Japan by arousing interest in Japanese nationalistic concepts of the state and society. The society thus sought to promote a revival of nationalistic Shinto ideology and the doctrine of the Emperor's divinity and omnipotent position as head of the state. These doctrines are summed up in the expression "Kodo", the Imperial Way, which in the years up to the war became the guiding principle of Japan's political indoctrination, education, and propaganda. The KOKUHONSHA accordingly was a strong expression of reaction against the rising tide of liberal and radical thought which appeared in Japan after World War I.

The society was essentially a "thought" group; that is, it aimed to promote and guide a reformation in national thinking along archaic, reactionary lines.

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The forerunner of this "thought" movement known as the KOKUHONSHA was really a publishing company was TAKEUCHI Gakuji and OTA Kozo. The company was at that time publishing the magazine, "KOKUHON" which later became the organ of the KOKUHONSHA. TAKEUCHI and OTA got their spiritual inspiration from Dr. UESUGI Shinkichi, a conservative professor at Tokyo Imperial University who exercised a profound influence on the reactionary movement in the 1920's. It is generally agreed that the KOKUHONSHA had a strong anti-communist basis from the beginning.

HIRANUMA's assumption of leadership in 1924 is closely connected with the Imperial Rescript which was issued after the 1923 earthquake. HIRANUMA (Justice Minister, YAMAMOTO Cabinet) was reputedly instrumental in getting the rescript issued. The rescript called upon the people to reject the foreign ideologies which were gaining in popularity in Japan. The hardships suffered as a result of the earthquake had given fresh impetus to this development which threatened the security and power of Japan's ultra-conservative rulers.

Three men dominated the KOKUHONSHA from its inception to its very end: HIRANUMA, who was chairman from 1924 to June 1936; TAKEUCHI, who was the first chairman of the KOKUHONSHA and became managing director when HIRANUMA became chairman in 1924; and OTA, who was the head of the publications section during the entire existence of the KOKU-HONSHA.

The society was formally dissolved in June 1936. HIRANUMA resigned the chairmanship of the KOKUHONSHA upon his appointment as head of the Privy Council, and the other officials of the society, faced with the prospect of carrying on without HIRANUMA's active support, decided to dissolve the society.

KOKUSAI HANKYO REMMEI (International Anti-Communist League)

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### KOKUSAI HANKYO REMMEI (International Anti-Communist League)

Establishment: May 1937

Officers: Managing Director: IDA Iwakusu

Directors : IKEDA Hiroshi

INOUE Kiyozumi IRIE Tanenori IWATA Ainosuke KIKUCHI Takeo

OTA Kozo

Secretaries : AOYAMA Kenshi

KAWAHARA Shinichiro TAKAHATA Kiichiro

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Advisors : HIRANUMA Kiichiro

KONOYE Fumimaro
TANAKA Koken
TOYAMA Mitsuru

Aim: To combat Communism

Organ: HANKYO JOHO (Anti-Communist News)

Activities: Held mass meetings and demonstrations, such as that celebrating the signing of the "Anti-Communist Pact" with Germeny and Italy.

Personnel of the League was almost identical with that of two other societies:

1. KOKUTAI YOGO RENGOKAI (National Constitution Protection Federation).

2. KOKUTAI MEICHO TASSEI REMMEI (League Clarification and Accomplishment of the National Constitution). (Note: This League urged Prof. MINOBE to commit harakiri)

Member Organizations:

AIKOKU SHA (Patriotic Society)

AIKOKU GAKUSEI REMME (Patriotic Student League)

AIKOKU SEINEN REMMEI (Patriotic Young Men League)

AIKOKU HOSO REMMEI (Patriotic Lawers League)

BOKYO DOSHIKAI (Anti-Communist Companion Society)

KOKUSUI TAISHU TO (Nationalist Popular Party)

GOGUN DOSHI KAI (Ex-soldier Companion Society)

Organ Paper: HANKYO JOHO (Anti-Communist News)

The Japan Wartime Religious Patriotic Service Association

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#### THE JAPAN WARTIME RELIGIOUS PATRIOTIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Address: Tokyo

- Establishment: On 22 September 1944 announced by the Education Ministry. The association was organized by Government officials, mostly in the Education Ministry, and by representatives of the three religions. Shintoism, Buddhism and Christianity.
- Membership: Represented more than 10,000 Shinto and Buddhist temples and Christian churches, more than 30,000 religious workers of the three faiths and over 65,000,000 believers of these faiths.
- Officers: Included a president and 3 vice presidents, a board of directors (about 55 members), and a large number of advisors; all of whom were men of high religious, moral, intellectual attainment and of noble character, chosen out from among the Government officials (largely in the Education Ministry), the principal officers of the three religions, and the representative scholars and religious leaders.

Branches: Local, neighborhood and other groups in the prefectures.

Affiliation: Japan Christian Council

Program: The purpose of this association was to express and actualize the principles of religion through the cooperation of the three main religions in Japan, by strengthening and enhancing the spiritual culture of the people in accordance with the fundamental policies of the nation, thereby to have them put into action the spirit of their sincere patriotism and loyalty in safe-guarding the country, while contributing at the same time toward the establishment of a new order in Greater East Asia on the basis of high morality.

It did not, however, propose to unify or amalgamate the existing three religions; it rather expected that each of these religions should, from the standpoint of its faith and belief, contribute toward the fostering and enhancing of the religious and moral energy of the people for the execution of the policies of the Government under emergency.

Activities: Condemned the inhuman action of the American soldiers in desecrating the remains of Japanese soldiers, the Japan Christian Council at its meeting on 8 November 1944, adopted the following resolution:

"According to a dispatch from Zurich, dated July 27, an American magazine has reported that the Roman Catholic Church Archdiocese in Missouri issued a strong warning with respect to the inhuman act perpetrated by American soldiers and other citizens toward the remains of

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Japanese soldiers killed in battle. As a blasphemy against the Creator and Man and therefore an unpardonable sin, such an act can never be forgiven from the standpoint of the Christian faith. Therefore the Japan Christian Council, the joint organization of the Protestant and Catholic Churches in Japan, strongly desire that not only the Roman Catholic Churches, but also the Protestant Churches in America, would take appropriate and effective measures against the repetition, under any circumstance, of the inhuman act in question, however fierce the present world war may develop in the days to come.

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DAI AJIA KYOKAI (Great Asia Society)

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DAI AJIA KYOKAI (Great Asia Society)

Address: New Osaka Building, Kojimachi-ku, Tokyo

Establishment: Organized March 1933.

Membership: 1250 in 1940, 300 in 1941.

Officers:

President, MATSUI Iwane (1938-1941)
Vice Presidents: YANO Jinichi
MURAKAWA Kengo

Leading Members:

IMAOKA Juichiro
KIKUCHI Takeo
MAKI Jiro
NAITO Satohide
NAKATANI Takeyo
NAKAYAMA Masaru
NEGISHI Tadashi
NISHIMOTO Norihiko
OTA Kozo

SHIMONAKA Yasaburo SUETSUGU Nobumasa TAKAGI Rokuro TATEKAWA Yoshitsugu

Organ: DAI AJIA SHUGI (Great Asia Principle)

General Philosophy: "Asia is a group of united nations which are bound together in destiny by culture, politics and geographical position. Our society is based upon the fundamental idea that the peace, happiness and development of Asia and the Asiatics is possible only through unification. In order to achieve its objective, the association must inspire an Asiatic consciousness in the Japanese people, and familiarize the various Asiatic peoples with the conditions prevailing in their respective nations."

Program: 1. Investigation of cultural, political, economic and social conditions.

- 2. Promotion of friendliness and cooperation between Japan and the other Asiatic nations, and the dissemination of Asiatic countries.
- 3. Realization of an Asiatic federation of nations.

Activities: As part of its pan-Asiatic propaganda program, the Society published many books, magazines and pamphlets; sponsored exchange of professors, students and research; investigated trade and commerce among the Asiatic countries; specialized in "presenting" Japan and its satellite, Manchukuo, to other Asiatic countries. Also it founded a SEINEN AJIA REMMEI (Asiatic Youth League). The Society evidently folded in 1941, since no records are available for the later years.

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DAI NIPPON KOA DOMEI (Great Japan Rise Asia League)

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#### DAI NIPPON KOA DOMEI (Great Japan Rise Asia League)

The DAI NIPPON MOA DOLLI was established on 6 July 1941 as a league of 61 societies interested in one way or another in overseas affairs:

#### Society

AIKOKUSHA (Love Country Society)
AJI. TAIRIKU KYUKAI (Asiatic Continent
Association)

CHUKA MINKOKU HOSÈI KENKYUKAI (Central China Republic Law Study Society)

CHUO CHUS KAI TOAHAM (ASAMI) (Central Research Society East Asia Bureau)

CHUO MANMO KYCKAI (Central Manchuria-Mongolia Association)

DaI AJI. HYOKAI (Great Asia Association)

DaI NIPPON DOSHIK.I (Great Japan League)

D.I NIPPON KAIKLO KYCKAI (Great Japan Hoham-medan Association)

DAI NIPPON KEIZAI REMIEI (Great Japan Economics League)

DAI TOA KAITAKU KOCYOSHA KYCKAI (Great East Asia Exploitation of Industry Association)

D..I TOA KUNSETSU KOKUMIN UNDO KENKYUKAI (Great East Asia Establishment Peoples Movement Study Society)

DAI TOA KYOK.I (Great East Asia Association)
DAI TOA SEINENT I (Great East Asia Youth Corps)

DAITO BUNKA KYCK I (Great Eastern Culture Association)

DOJINK I (Fraternity Society)

DOMEI TOM MEMAYUM I (DOMEI News East Asia Study Society)

GAKUTO SHISEIKAI (Students Sincerity Association)

K.IKYOKEN KENKYUJO (Mohammedan Affairs Study Institute)

KAIYO SEISAMU KENKYUJO (Ocean Policy Study Institute)

KITA SHIN. KYCKHI (North China Association)
KOA KENKYUJO (NIPPON DAIG.KU) (Rise Asia
Study Institute)

KOA MERKYO RELIET (Rise Asia Anti-Communist League)

KCA SEINER U. DC ACLEU (Rise Asia Youth Movement Headquarters)

#### Representative

IWATA Ainosuke

MOLIORI Sadahisa

MATSUMOTO Joji

OGATA Taketora

HATTA Yoshiaki MATSUI Iwane MATSUMOTO Noriaki

H.YASHI Senjuro

ICHIJO Sanetaka

GODO Takuo

TAMAN Kiyoomi KAWASAKI Saburo MIKI Suketaka

MATSUDAIRA Yorihisa MIYAGAWA Yoneji

FURUNC Inosuke

NAGATA Hidejiro

OKUBO Koji

FUJIMORI Seiichiro YOSAIZA WA Kenkichi

Y. IMOK. Mannosuke

IDA Iwakusu

KOD M. Yoshio

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#### Society

KOL UNDO DOSHIK I (Rise Asia Movement League)
KOLURYULL I (Amur Society)
NALPO CHOS KAI (HCCHI) (Southern Research
Society)

NAMYO AYOK'I (South Seas Association)
NAMYO S.IB I KAOH'I (South Seas Culture Association)

NICHILL CHUO KYCK I (Japan Manchuria Central Association)

NICHIT I GAKUIN (Japan Thailand .cademy)
NIME G. KK I (Sino-Japanese Education Society)
NIME JITSUGYO KYON I (Sino-Japanese Industry
Association)

NIPPON INDO SHIM. KYOK I (Japan Indo China ssociation)

SEIKYOSH. (Tolitics and Religion Society)
SEK.I KOLLNJI II.I KOELKII (World Red Buddhist
Cross Society Discourse Society)

SIIBUN III (Prose and Poetry Society)

SHIN. KLIKYU KYOLLI (China Study Association)

SHIN KO. L.I (New Rise Isia Society)
T.IHEIYO KYCK I (Pacific Ocean Association)

T. IHEIYO KYOK I (Pacific Ocean Association)
T. ISAI DOSAIK.I (Relations with China League)
T. IM.N N MPC KYOK I (Formosa Southern

TO. CHUSLICI (East Isia Research Society)

TO. DOBUNK I (Last .. sia Uni-Cultural Society)

TOA HOSO KYOK I (East Isia Judicial Association)
TOA KEIZ I KOND NK I, NIPPON SITEU (East Isia

Economic Round-Table Society, Tokyo Branch)
TO KENKYUJO (East asia Study Institute)

TO. KENSETSU KYUII I (East .sia Establishment .ssociation)

TO. KYCK I (Last Isia Issociation)

TO. MCND I KENKYUK I (YOMIURI) (Last Lsia Problems Study Society)

TO! REMEI KYCK I (Esst Asia League)

TOA SHINCHITSUJO KENKYUKAI (New Order in East Asia Study Association)

TO. SHINKOK I (East .sia Progress Society)
TOHO BUNK G KUIN (Eastern Culture .cademy)
TOHO BUNK KENKYUJO (Eastern Culture Study

TOM N.JL. MINZOKU K INC DOLLI (Southeast sia People's Liberation League)

TOYO FUJIN MYCIMU MII (Oriental Women's Education Society)

#### Representative

FUJII Kiko KUZUU Yoshihisa

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S K MOTO Masahara

MIYATA Mitsuo HAMASHI Senjuro HOSOKAMA Goryu

KOD M. Kenji

ITO Jiromaru INIE Tanenori

MATSUI Nanao
TOKUGAMA Kuniyuki
UCHID Katsushi
SAKANISHI Rihachiro
NAGATA Hidejiro
KUZUU Yoshihisa

S. ITO Ki TOKUTOMI lichiro .BE Nobuyuki Y M. OK. Mannosuke

GO Seinosuke KONOE Fumimaro

ENDO Ryusaku Y. V.T. Hakudo

T. K.H. SHI Yusai ISHIW.R Kanji

SUZUKI Takeshi SUKUNISHI Rihachiro T.KI Seiichi

MITSUMOTO Bunzaburo

.D.CII Kenzo

M.TSUD IR. Nobuko

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#### Society

TOYO KETZ I KENKYUJO (Oriental Economics
Study Institute)
TOYO KYOK I (Oriental Association)
TOYO SEISHIN KENKYUK I (Oriental Spiritual
Study Society)
Y M.TO HOKOKU UNDO HOMBU (YAM.TO Save-the
Country Movement Headquarters)
ZENRIN KYOK I (Neighborly Friendship
Association)

The societies were divided into four kinds:

JIGYO D. MT. I (Project Groups)
KENKYU D MT. I (Study Groups)
SHISO D MT. I (Doctrinal Groups)
UNDO D. NT. I (Movement Groups)

#### Representative

K.SUYA Soichi

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SHIM MOTO Shoichi

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Member societies ranged in type from the notorious KOMURYU KAI (Amur Society) of TOYAM Mitsuru, and AIKOKU SH. (Love-Country Society) of IWAT. Ainosuke to study groups like Prince KONOE's TO. KENKYU JO (Bast Asia Study Institute) and pailanthropic groups such as the DOJIN KI (Fraternity Society) which has operated hospitals and clinics in Japan, Korea and China since 1902. In order to join the league an individual must obtain the recommendation of two or more members; a society the consent of the majority of the DI NIPPON KO. DOMEI's board of directors. The declared principles of the league were:

- 1. ..bide by the spirit of the national foundation and extend it to all nations of the earth to bring happiness and prosperity to the human race by promotion of peace and civilization under the New Order.
- 2. ...chieve the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere by adherence to the joint declaration of Japan, Manchuria and China for economic cooperation and coordination of national defense.
- 3. Enroll as members those who will abide by the national policy of raising .sia through hardship and difficulty to accomplish the Holy War.

The statement issued at the time of establishment almost simultaneously with the imposition of economic sanctions upon Japan by the LECD powers set the tone of ideological Japanese nationalism:

"The greatest conflagration since the dawn of history is now sweeping across the entire face of the earth. The lofty ideal of our Emperor to establish a New Order which will allow each nation to enjoy an unfettered existence is the only means whereby the flames may be quenched throughout the world.

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"Let us turn our eyes to the history of Asia, where we find that the European races have encroached by a series of invasions and where it is our profound mission to eliminate the dominion of those European powers and to establish a new and just co-prosperity sphere blessed by the rightousness of our Gods and the historic accomplishments of our nation.

"Five costly years have elapsed since the outbreak of the China conflict. When we consider the precious life-blood which has been shed across the continent, when we consider that more than a hundred thousand of our countrymen have lost their lives, we realize that we must achieve prosperity for all men of siatic races in order that our compatriots' sacrifice may not have been in vain.

"The magnitude of the task which our country has undertaken calls upon every man to do his part toward fulfilment of the great mission of the Empire. However difficult the task may seem, we may feel confident of success if we unite in duty.

"It is upon this principle that the D.I NIPPOH NO. DUMEI has been formed.

"Practically the D.I NIPPON I.O. DOMEI was an effort to coordinate the activities of the various societies behind the Imperial Rule Assistance .. ssociation. "

Since the original rules of the organization provided that the president of the Imperial Rule .. ssistance .. ssociation be chairman of the lague, Prince KONOYE held the post until he was superseded by TOJO Hideki at the time of the cabinet change in October 1941. In March 1942 the rules were changed to allow appointment of the chairman by the president of the IRL... TOJU forthwith appointed H.Y.SII Senjuro to the job.

Operationally, the league headquarters was divided into nine bureaus:

SOMU MYORU (General Affairs Burcau)

SHISO KYOKU (Doctrinal Burcau)

KIKLKU KYOKU (Planning Burcau)

REMSEI KYOKU (Training Burcau)

D.I ICHI KYCKU (First Burcau)

D. I NI KYOKU (Second Bureau)

D. I S. N KYOKU (Third Burcau)

D.I YON KYOKU (Fourth Bureau) D.I GO KYOKU (Fifth Burcau)

The intent of the named bureaus is obvious. The numbered bureaus handled research and affairs relative to geo raphic areas:

- 1. Japan Proper, Formosa and Korea
- Manchuria

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- 3. North China and Ekngolia
- 4. Contral China
- 5. The Southern Lrea

In March 1942 the D.I NIPPON KO. DOMEI climinated by dissolution its doctrinal and movement member-societies, including the D.I AJIA KYOKAI (Great Asia Association), D.I TO. SEINEN TAI (Great Asia Youth Corps) and the KOKURYU K.I (Amur Society) and on 23 May 1943 the DAI NIPPON KOA DOMEI changed its name to KO. SOHOMBU (Rise Asia Headquarters) and moved bodily into the organization of the IRAA as a headquarters directly under the supervision of the president, thereby replacing the old KOA KYOKU (Rise Asia Bureau) in IRAA headquarters.

Officers of Dal NIPPON NO. DOMEI word:

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KONOYE Fumimaro (July-October 1941) TOJO Hideki (October 1941-March 1942) H. Y. SHI Schjuro (March 1942-May 1943)

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T. N.BE Yasunosuko
TOKUGAM. Kuniyuki
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TSUK.D. Nobuo
UMEZU Kanbei
UZ.M. Somei
W.DA Tsuyoshi
Y.NO Jinichi
Y.SUCK. Masaatsu
Y.T.BE Yasukichi
YOSHIG.MI Jisaburo

RIJI

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