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Part II, Excerpts from "Failed Politics" (Prince KONOE,
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When the China Incident broke out the Cabinet as well as the Army followed a policy to localize the incident, but in reality the Incident steadily assumed serious proportions contrary to our wishes. At that time the General Staff Headquarters was headed by Prince KWAN-IN, Chief of Staff, TADA, Shun, Vice-Chief of Staff and ISHIHARA, Kwanji, Chief of Operations Department, while SUGIYAMA and UMEZU stood most prominent in the Army. Last year when I asked ISHIHARA why the China Incident had assumed such serious dimensions despite the fact that he the Chief of Operations Department, advocated the policy of localizing it in line with the Government, he replied: "I was betrayed by those treacherous fellows who ostensibly supported me while they had secretly been planning otherwise." (P. 22)