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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

This document consists of answers to various standard questions on the activities of IWAMURA who filled out questionnaire at request of Legal Section. This questionnaire was later made available to IPS through Comdr Maxon and was to have been used as the basis for interrogation. It is now available as a document for whatever evidentiary value it may have.

The following replies are of interest:

IWAMURA claims he never participated in the work of either IRAA or IRAPS, but was merely made an advisor automatically, having been Minister of Justice, 1941-1944.

He states he was member of MISOGI IGAI (Japanese Purification Society), headed by HIRANUMA, as well as the Spiritual Training Association, and the KOKUHONSHA, both also led by HIRANUMA.

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PERSONAL HISTORY 3064

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Presented by M. IWAMURA

JUNE 9th, 1947

Translated by ISHII

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Submitted by
~~PRESENTER~~ Michiyo IWAMURA.

PERSONAL HISTORY

1. ANS. On 7 Dec, 1941, I held the position of the Minister
of Justice. ^{not working} ~~without occupation~~ on 2 Sept. 1941.

2. ANS. IWAMURA, Michiyo.

3. ANS. None.

4. ANS. 21 Aug. 1883.

5. ANS. 103, 2 CHŌME, OGIKUBO, SUGINAMI-KU, TŌKYŌ.

6. ANS. About 5 SHAKU 5 SUN. (TR. 5 feet 6 inches)

7. ANS. About 15 KAN. (TR. 125 pounds)

8. ANS. None.

9. ANS. SUGAMO PRISON. 3277, 1 CHÔME, NISHISUGAMO,
TOSHIMA-KU, TÔKYÔ.

10. ANS. 103, 2 CHÔME, ÔGIKUBO, SUGINAMI-KU, TÔKYÔ.

11. ANS. None.

12. ANS. None.

13. ANS. The minister of Justice.

14. ANS. I was appointed to and took the ^{position of} ~~office of~~ the
Chief Public Procurator of the NAGOYA District Court
on 8 Sept. 1931; was transferred to and took the
^{position} ~~office of~~ the Chief Public Procurator of the TÔKYÔ District
Court on 2 Apr. 1934; was transferred to and took the
part of
the Director of the Bureau ^{of} ~~for~~ Criminal ^{affairs} ~~affairs~~ of the Ministry

of Justice on 8 Apr. 1935; I was transferred to and took the

~~position of~~
~~office of~~ Public Prosecutor of the Supreme Court on

8 Feb. 1937; transferred to and took the post of

~~a~~ Vice-Minister of Justice on 27 Dec. 1937; was

transferred to and took the post of the Public, Procurator-

General on 17 Jan. 1940; was appointed the Minister

of Justice (in the Third KONOYE Cabinet) on 25 July,

1941 and remained in the same office in the TŌJŌ

Cabinet ^{which was formed} ~~at its organization~~ on 18 Oct. 1941; was

relieved of the ^{post} ~~office~~ ^{my} at request, and retired from the

official ^{life} ~~life~~ on 22 July, 1944.

15 ANS. I recollect that in accordance with the rules of

the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, ~~the~~ ministers

were naturally ~~commissioned~~ ^{made} its advisers. The advisers

did not ~~interfere~~ ^{participate}, in principle, in ~~its~~ ^{the} business. I was

relieved of ~~the position~~ ^{as} of advisor ~~at the same time~~ when

I was ~~dismissed~~ ^{relieved as} the Minister of Justice. The advisor

was ~~a nominal~~ ^{in name only} existence. As ~~for~~ ^{to} whether or not I

~~was a~~ ^{was a} member of the Imperial Rule Assistance Political

Society, I do not remember ~~well~~ ^{clearly}. I ~~did not~~ ^{have never} attended

any kind of meetings.

I ~~had nothing to do~~ ^{was not connected} with the Political Association

of Great Japan.

I did not do any editing ~~of~~ ^{for} branches of

the organizations, associations, or special activities.

/ T.N. The translation of the second sentence of the question is incorrect. Consequently the answer must be considered accordingly. The second sentence of the question is translated as follows: "Report also any editing of special activities, and of all branches of organizations and associations mentioned above." /

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checked by G. J. T.

6.

16 question / T. N. /

The translated question is inaccurate.
The answer must be considered accordingly.

The translated question reads as follows:

"State whether or not you were a member
of parties, unions, associations, Bros. Co. societies,
academies of associations, political ~~academies~~ ^{societies} (societies),
military societies, patriotic societies, doctors'
societies, cultural societies, honorary societies,
athletic societies. State the above
regardless of whether or not they are
secret."

Furthermore the last sentence of the
original question has not been translated
at all.

translated by M. Yanai 17

16 Answer 0 I ~~had been~~ ^{was a} the president of the
Judicial Protection Society. This is ~~a party~~ ^{an organization}
whose object is to protect and ~~revive~~ ^{rehabilitate} ~~miserable~~ ^{unfor-}
~~tunate~~)

Ex-convicts released from prisons. ^{When} ~~During~~

I was the Minister of Justice, I held the
post of the president in accordance with
the rules of the society.

0 I ~~had once been~~ ^{was a} the president of the
Criminal Affairs Society.
~~prison society.~~ This is ~~a party~~ ^{an organization} whose

object is to study the improvement of prisons,
e.t.c. ^{when} ~~during~~ it was the Minister of Justice

I held the post of ~~the~~ president in accordance with the rules of the society.

o I ~~had~~ ^{was} once ~~been~~ a councillor of ^{the} NYUKOEN.

This ~~is an organization~~ ^{is an organization} ~~is a party~~ whose object is to receive ~~receive~~ ^{destitute} and protect ~~poor~~ dependents of ~~prisoners under~~ ^{persons under prison sentences.} ~~penal servitude~~

o I ~~had~~ ^{was} ~~been~~ an honorary member of the Judicial Association. This is organized by judges, public prosecutors, clerks etc, and ~~is the party~~ whose object is to cultivate mutual friendship.

° I remember that I was an honorary
advisor of the Imperial Lawyers' Association,
and of the Japanese Lawyers' Society.

° I ~~had~~ ^{was} once been ~~the~~ ^{an} advisor of the

Nippon ^{MISOGI} ~~CHIGIRI~~ KAI. ^{T.N.} (Japanese Purification Society)

~~This is a party of cultivation.~~ This is an organization for spiritual training. The

President of this ~~association~~ ^{Society} was KIICHIRO

HIRANUMA.

° I had been the director of YUWA HOKO

KAI ^(Association of) ~~(Public service and mutual conciliation)~~ This is a

party whose object is to improve and

and conciliate the special villages of ^{the} BUI HEISHA
 (T.M. ~~a~~ league to erase prejudice against the special caste.) The
 (~~Leveling League~~). ~~I am not sure whether~~
 may be an error in
 this name of the ~~party~~ ^{organization} is right or not.

KIICHIRO HIRANUMA was ~~the~~ ^{its} President of
 the party

o I ~~had been~~ ^{was a} the director of the ~~Association~~ ^{Spiritual}
 (Training)
 Association. This is the party ^{an association} whose object
 is to ~~cultivate~~ ^{spiritually train the} working youths.

KIICHIRO HIRANUMA was the president of
 this ~~party~~ ^{association}.

o I ~~had been~~ ^{was a} the director of MUKYUKAI

and ^{of} TOYO BUNKA ~~KAGAKU KAI~~ ^{OGAKKAI} (~~Culture and~~

~~chemistry association~~) ~~Both associations~~ The aim of both of

these societies

~~are parties whose objects are to~~ ^{is} plan ~~cultivate~~

the development ^{and} of the study of Japanese Confucianism.

~~Confucianists~~ KIICHIRO HIRANUMA was

the president of the both of these organizations.

o I ~~had been~~ ^{was a} the director of ^{the} SAKAMOTO HOKOKAI.

The object of this organization

~~This is the party whose object is to help~~

poor students ^{by supplying} ~~with~~ school expenses.

~~(association for the foundation of state)~~

o I had been a member of KOKU HONSHA.

This is an ideological organization whose guiding

~~This is a party whose guiding spirit~~ spirit is one of impartiality and which

is against
~~the~~ ~~neutral~~ and sound thought excluding
the both extreme right and left. This organization
was founded
established by KIICHIRO HIRANUMA. ~~The~~ It

party published a magazine titled "KOKUHON"
with an idea of using "ideologies to fight ideologies".
~~with a purpose of~~ ~~by thought against thought,~~

But after Mr. HIRANUMA became important
in the political circles, the KOKUHONSHA dissolved
~~in 1936~~ believe in 1936,
for the fear that there might happen a
night arise against it.
misunderstanding with ~~KOKUHONSHA~~

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17. Question: /T.N./

T.N.

The translated question is inaccurate. The answer must be considered accordingly. The translated question reads as follows:

" Has any member of your family held ^{position} ~~the place~~ mentioned above; or offices related to it? ~~Or the position~~ Or ^{is} ~~was~~ there any direct or indirect authorities ~~claimant~~ among them? If so, give his name and present address, his relationship to you, and description of the ^{position} ~~office~~ he ^{held} ~~attended~~ and of the nature of duty."

17. Answer: ^{None} ~~Not~~ applicable.

18. Question: /T.N./

The translated question is incorrect. The answer must be considered accordingly. The translated question reads as follows:

" List ~~about the~~ contributions (money, land) which you ^{have} made, voluntarily or secretly, to any of the ^{associations} ~~unions~~ concerned, ^{excluding} in addition to regular membership dues. Besides, have you (made?) people or your seniors contribute, voluntarily or compulsorily?

18. Answer. ^{None} ~~Not applicable.~~

19. Question: ~~T.N.T.~~

~~T.N.~~

The translated question is inaccurate.

The answer must be considered accordingly.

The translated question reads as follows.

"Have you ever been given any ranks
grade, ~~metals~~ ^{medals}, testimonials or honors
by unions listed above? If so,

list the reason why you ~~have been~~ ^{were} given the

honors, and the dates in details."

19. Answer.

None

~~Not applicable.~~

20. Question.

The translated question is inaccurate.

The answer must be considered accordingly.

The translated question reads as follows.

"With the exception of ^{the} answers you have given in those you have

answered B and C (14, 15, - 19), have you

ever ^{been connected} had the relation with any ^{organization's} ~~society~~

^{with} concerned military, police (constable),

peace-enforcement ~~law-protection~~, public peace ~~protection~~ or

criminal affairs since 1 January 1932?

List the names of the ^{above} associations you

and ~~concerned in~~ the dates, ~~above mentioned~~

~~and~~ State ^{also} the highest rank ^{achieved,} the date

you received it and the ^{nature of duties,} ~~type of your service.~~

20. Answer

None.
~~Not applicable.~~

21 Question /T.N.I.

The translated question is inaccurate.
The answer must be considered accordingly.
The translated question reads as follows.

"If you made speeches or edited
at the request of associations, ~~concerned~~
~~compilation or speech~~, give their names.

(names of ^{publication} ~~representatives~~ and editors, and
the number in audience)

you made)
If ~~no~~ speeches or publications, ~~write~~ ^{state this}
fact. ~~at~~
they were.)

21. answer I remember that ^{every} ~~each~~ ^{Minister} made speeches concerning their ^{work} ~~business~~ ^{work}, when ~~respectively~~ ^{work} at the ~~opening of the~~ general assembly of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association ~~are held~~ (as the Minister of Justice) in TOKYO. And I remember that ~~it~~

I made a 15 ^{minutes} ~~minutes~~ speech about judicial

affairs. I ^{do not} think I did ~~not~~ make any other speeches or ^{did any editing} ~~compile~~ anything other than this.

Translated by Ishii

22. Question. / T.N. /

The translated question is inaccurate. The answer must be considered accordingly. The translated question reads as follows:

" With the exception of the answer given ^{in No.} ~~to~~ 21, list ~~any combination of~~ groups with which you were connected and ~~any~~ ^{duties as} custodian and director

~~for which you worked~~ in your duty since Jan. 1,

1932, in Japan or outside of Japan. Names of

the union, nature of your service, dates.

22. Answer.

~~Not~~ ^{None} applicable.

The ~~my~~ official career, ^{listed} in this personal history is written ^{based upon} ~~in accordance~~ with documents, but ^{all} other items were all ^{written} ~~mentioned~~ based on my memory. Please understand the above said matters.

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~~UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC~~

昭和二十三年六月九日

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履歷書

問 10 住居地。

答 東京都杉並區荻窪三丁目百三番地。

問 11 身分証明ノ様式ト番号ノ。

答 無し。

問 12 會見者ガ捉レルトキノ例、其ニ同時ニ其ノ譯、犯罪ヲ
オカレタユトガアルカ。

答 無し。

問 13 會見者ノ現在迄ノ最高階級。

答 司法大臣。

問 14 會見者ノ業務ノ年代記録。會見者ガ昭和七年一月日
ヨリ現在マテノ職務ヲ記入セヨ。

前記記入ノ時民主カ軍現ノ役目其レヲ記入ノ時ハ會見者
ノ地位モ忘リスニ記入セヨ。

答 昭和六年九月八日名古屋地方裁判所検事正職ニ
補セラレ奉職。昭和九年四月二日東京地方裁判所

検事正職ニ轉補セラレ奉職。昭和十年四月八日司法省刑
事局長ニ轉官ニ奉職。昭和十二年二月八日大審院

検事ニ轉官ニ奉職。昭和十三年十二月二十七日司法次官
ニ轉官ニ奉職。昭和十五年一月七日検事總長ニ

轉官ニ奉職。昭和十六年七月二十五日司法大臣ニ任
（第三次近衛内閣）昭和十六年十月十八日東條内閣ノ

司法大臣トシテ留任シ昭和十九年七月二十二日依
本官ノ免セラレ官界ヨリ退ク。

問 15 會見者ガ翼賛會、公會及ビ地方會、東京七都府會
及ビ大日本政治會ノ會員及ビ創之者組織者ヲ

アッタラ記入セヨ。且外各團體支部、組合及ビ特別ノ

事務ノ編輯ヲシテ事ヲ記入セヨ。

○大政翼賛會、會則ニ依リ大臣ハ當然顧問ヲ委嘱セリ

レタリト記臆ス。顧問ハ事務ニ関共セサル建前ナリキ。

○司法大臣ノ免官ト同時、顧問ノ委嘱ヲ解カレタリ。

○顧問ハ名義上ノ。翼賛政以會、會員タリレバ

否ヤ判然タル記臆ナシ。會儀等、出席レタルコトハナシ。

○大日本政以會ニ關係ナシ。

○團體支部、組合及ビ特別ノ事務ノ編輯ヲシタ事

無し。

○門16黨、組合、協會、兄弟商會、會、學會、協會、學會、

政治ノ學會、軍ノ學會、愛國學會、博士ノ學會、

教養ノ學會、名譽ノ學會、軍部ノ學會等ノ會

員ヲアツカ記入セヨ。何事モ前記會が秘密ヲモ明記

セヨ。

○司法保護協會ノ會長ヲ勤メタルコトアリ。司法保護協會ハ

監獄ヨリ釋放セラレタル不幸ナル前科者ノ保護更ニ目的

トスル團體ナリ。司法大臣在職中、會則ニ依リテ會長

ヲ勤メタリ。

○刑務協會ノ總裁ヲ勤メタルコトアリ。刑務協會ハ監獄

ノ改善若シテ研究ノ目的トスル團體ナリ。司法大臣在職

中、會則ニ依リテ總裁ヲ勤メタリ。

○乳香園ノ評議員ヲ勤メタルコトアリ。乳香園ハ監獄

於テ受刑中者家族ニシテ生活ニ自由ナル者ニ場合ニテ

收容保護スルニテ目的トスル團體ナリ。

○法曹會ノ名譽會員ナリ。法曹會ハ判事、檢察、書記

等ノ組織セルモノニテ現駐駐和ヲ因ルニテ目的トスル團體

ナリ。

○帝國辯護士會、日本辯護士協會ノ名譽顧問ナリト記臆ス。

○日本護會顧問ナリトナリ。修養ノ團體ナリ。會長モ名譽顧問ナリトモ

○融和奉公会ノ理事ヲリットアリ。融和奉公会ハ水平社ノ特殊部落ノ改善融和ヲ目的トスル団体ナリ。會長ヲ誤リルヤモ知レズ。平治騷一郎ハ會長トシテ団体ナリ。

○修養園ノ理事ヲリットアリ。修養園ハ勤労青少年ノ修養ヲ目的トスル団体ナリ。會長ハ平治騷一郎トシテナリ。

○無窮会及東洋文化研究会ハ日中僑界ノ研究促進ヲ目的トシテ団体ナリ。而シテ會長モ平治騷一郎トシテ會長ナリ。

○坂中報効会ノ理事ヲリットアリ。坂中報効会ハ學費ノ欠乏見舞等ノ慈善資力ヲ目的トスル団体ナリ。

○國本社ノ會員クドレトアリ。國本社ハ極右極左ヲ排斥シ中正穩健ノ思想ヲ指導シ精神トスル思想的団体ニシテ平治騷一郎氏ノ創立者トナリ。思想ハ思想ヲ以テスル趣旨ニテ國本社トシテ雑誌ヲ復刊シテリットアリシガ平治氏ハ政界ニ重キヲナスニ至ルヤ國本社ニ對シテ誤解アリトシテ屢シ昭知トシテ思フ國本社ヲ解散セリ。

○會見者ノ家族中前記ノ劇及ビソレニ關レシモ職務ニタスサツヨリ又其地位及ビ直接權利者又リ間接權利者ガ居ラス。居ラスハ氏名現住所續柄勤務先名後柄ヲ記入セヨ。

問 會費外寄附(金或土地)ヲ自發的ニカ又ハ内諾ニ各肉係組合ニ渡シヨリ記入セヨ。其外國民カニカ上長カニ自發的或ハ強制的ニ寄附シタカ。

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答無し

問 19 會見者、前記關係組合カラ階級、位、勲章、

賞状又ハ名譽ヲ授ヘラレタコトガアルカ。若シアツテ名譽
ヲ与ヘラレタル理由年月日ヲ詳細ニ記テカヨ。

答無し。

問 20 會見者ガB.C.I.ノ若クハ例外トシテ會見者ガ昭和七年

一月一日カラ軍關係、警備隊(巡查)法典、公安刑
事會ニ關係シタルニトカレカ。

前記年月日關係會ノ名又關係中、最高階級
其レ受ケル年月日役目。

答無し。

問 21 昭和七年一月一日カラ會見者ガ編輯(代名ト編輯者名)

連説(聴耳者人員)關係會カラタマレテ演説及ヒ
編輯ソシタル事具ノ會ヲ記セヨ。

若シ演説及ヒ編輯(場合ハ具ナリ)記セヨ。
答 大政翼賛會ガ東京ニ於テ總會ヲ開キシトキ全部

大臣ガ出席シ各所管事務ニ関シテ講演シタル事
ト記臆ス。自分ハ司持大臣トシテ司持事務ヲ十五分位演

問 22 會見者、シテ若クハ例外トシテ昭和七年一月一日ヨリ

職務トシテソレガ日本國內又ハ國外ヲ團結監督監督者
及ヒ支配人組合名役目、年月日

答無し

本復歴書中官歴ハ書類ニ基キ記述シタモ他ノ事項ハ總シテ
記臆シ基キ記述シタルモノナラズ御テ承賜リタシ。