

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

YAMAGUCHI SADAO, et al

- Defendants -

A F F I D A V I T

TANAKA RYŪKICHI

Having first duly sworn an oath as on the attached sheet, in accordance with the procedure prevailing in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

I state chiefly about relations between General Umezu and the Pacific War, as follows:

1. Tokyo never consulted with the Commander-in-Chief of the Kwantung Army nor gave him advance information about the plan or decision for starting the Pacific War.

2. Staff Officer of the Kwantung Army Takei told me as follows when he came up to Tokyo on business in November 1941:

"General Umezu, being told that the negotiations with the United States have come to a very critical condition, is in serious anxiety. He is of the opinion that a war with the United States should absolutely be avoided under any conditions."

Though this was only General Umezu's private opinion, and not an expression of official opinion, I learned by this that General Umezu did not favor starting a Pacific war.

OATH

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

Tanaka Ryūkichi (seal)

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On this 8th day of May, 1947

At Tokyo

Deponent: Tanaka Ryūkichi

I, Ikeda Sumihisa, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: Ikeda Sumihisa (seal)

Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Nishi Haruhiko (seal)