Def. Doc. 1924 ERRATA SHEET Page 2: 2nd paragraph, line 6; the following is to be inserted after "general", "and conducting investigations, the National Resources Bureau was established and put under the jurisdiction of the local Minister. The business of the National Resources Bureau was divided into three groups: --- (1) to conduct investigations necessary for the control of national resources; (2) to frame plans for the controlled application of national resources and preparation of control laws etc. relative thereto; (3) matters concerning a domestic establishment relative to the above, for instance, measures for complementing the shortage of national resources. The meaning of the last mentioned "matters concerning a demestic establishment" was to frame some specific plans which were deemed necessary for an increase of the national strength, and refer them to the Ministry concerned, recommending their materialization. However, as the National Resources Bureau was a minor bureau attached to the Cabinet without any specific authority over any Ministry, the Ministry would not do anything more than merely listen to the plan for its information in case such was referred thereto /by the Bureau. Thus, nothing could be accomplished in this line except a partial standardization of industrial technical terms then used in Japan. On the other hand, the investigations of the national resources made gradual progress after passage of the National Resources Investigation Law in 1929,

Def. Doc. 1924 Page 2 continued: About the plan for the control of national resources, the representatives of the Army, Navy" etc. 4th paragraph, the last line; "the Planning Board" should be read as "the Planning Bureau". Page 3: 1st paragraph, 2nd line, and 2nd paragraph, 3rd line; "the Planning Board" should be read as "the Planning Bureau". Page 4: 4th paragraph, 5th and 6th lines are to be stricken out wholly; 7th line is also stricken out through "or of", and make the sentence start anew as "The duty of the Planning Board was to", by inserting "was".

Doc. No. 1924 INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST THE UNIT D STATES OF AMERICA, et al. ARAKI, Sadao, et al. SWORN DEPOSITION DEPONENT: Uemura, Kogoro 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, Uemura, Kegoro, immediately after being graduated from the Law College of the Imperial University in 1918, entered the service of the Comm ree Bureau of the Agriculture and Commerce Ministry, and successively filled the posts of factory superviser, commissioner of the Patent Bureau and private secretary of the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce. In 1925, When the Commerce and Industry Ministry was separated from the Agriculture and Commerce Ministry, I was attached to the Engineering Bureau, and concurrently held the posts of commissioner and secretary of Commerce and Industry. In 1925 I went abroad to Europe and America to inwestigate the industrial conditions there and returned in In 1927, when the Bureau of National Resources was established in the Cabinet, I was attached thereto and occupied the post of Chief of the Research and Investigation Section. Later I was promoted to Chief of the General Affairs Section, and then to Chief of the Executive Department. In October, 1937, when the Planning Board was created, I was appointed Chief of the Research and Investigation Der rtment, and in July, 1938, became the Chief of the Industry Department. In 1939, when the structure of the Planning Board was reformed, I became the Chief of the 4th Section of the Planning Board with industrial affairs in its charge. In January, 1940. I became the Vicedirector of the Planning Board, and resigned on August 13, 1940. Circumstances connected with the Establishment of the Planning Board. It was made clear by various inquiries and reports that, in view of the experiences in World War I, every European and Americ an country is striving

For this purpose the Cabinet Investigation Bureau was established. This was in May, 1935, that is, during the Okada Cabinet. After this Investigation Bureau was set up, matters concerning the political and economic measures which the National Resources Bureau was unable to carry out came in estence under the jurisiction of this Bureau. However, this Investigation Bureau was reformed into the Planning Board in May, 1937.

As soon as the North China Incident broke out in July, 2937, the general public felt uneasy about the prospect, and the tendency to import cotton, etc in speculation became to take its own course there might arise a rem rkable heretofore, and the maintenance of exchange rate might become difficult. Fear increased. Therefore the Finance for each respective item to regulate the import and made them regulate the imports upon drafting the import plan. More and more, and the government keenly felt the necessity all departments, in order to cope with this situation.

\* Def Doc. 1924 A proposal to establish a larger scale office by merging ike existing Planning Board and the National Resources Bureau was brought forward. In so far as the expoutive officials of the then Mational Resource Dureau were concerned, they simply oursidered that by simply increasing the passonnel of the bureau the needs would be met. However, the two offices were merged in accordance with the government's views and in October, 1937 the Planning Board was established . Firmotions of the Planning Board. The pers of the Planning Board were essentially the same as those of the National Resources Bureau and Planning Board combined for the reason that the Flanning Board was instituted to the merger of those two offices as stated above. Its major powers were to plan out the matters concerning the development and application of the synthetic national strength as the premier's swall, to investigate any reports that the premier would tonder all matters that were presented by each ministry: to state opinions at cabinet conferences upon such reports and matters; and to regulate and unify all the critairs of each ministry in regard to certain matters. However, the Planning Board was, to the end the premier's staff, and it had no authority to give orders to the various ministers or to enforce anything. Furthermore, it had also no function-whatsoever to execute such. The national policies were all decided at cabinet conferences and, consequently, every ministry brought it in operation according to its jurisdiction. The Commodities Mobilization Plan. The first Plan taken in hand by the Planning Board was to take charge of the affairs related to the import plan that had been previously handled by the committee of the committee of the Fin ace Ministry, and the Board had to draw up a synthetic commodities mobilization plan, inclusive of such matters as concerned with the import plan. 'In proportion to the progress of the China Incident, there was a accelerated increase in demands for cor odities, and the regulation of supply and demand based upon a defilite plan, became ebeniusely necessary from the viewpoint of a shortage of exonange capital as well as of commodities. Insrefore as soon as the Planning Board was ostablished it, first of all used the former surveys and plans as a bases and drew up a synthetic plan by adjusting such demands as presented by the Army, Navy and other ministries, This was so-called commodities mobilization plan. Though this commodities mobilization plan was drawn up since 1937 in was ememory rough and imperfect, for its oraming ap vas undertaken in the later part of 1937 and morevour, it was specially drawn up as an emergency measure taken for the China Incident. It was from 1938 that it looked somewhat like a plan set in order.

D.D. 1924 THE PLAN FOR EXPANDING THEPRODUCTION POTENTIAL The establishment of the plan for expanding the production potential was another important task assigned to the Planning Board among the matters concerning commedities. Thisplann's expanding the production notential was taken up later than that for the mobilization of materials, At that time, the need of military expansion was strongly advocated as an unavoidablemeasure to cope with the prolongation and extension of the China Incident, and the aggravation of the international situation. Primarily, however, the development of our basic industries wasmarkedly lagging behind the world Powers', so thenecessity of all out development of national resources, by means of expansion of the basic industries, was acutely felt by all. It was July of the 13th year of Shows (1938) when I was made the Chief of the Industrial Section that I first occupied myselfwith the plan for expanding of the production potential it that the draft of each industry place under each planning schene was almost completed. These drafts had been under study since the time of the Thanning Bureau and I we told that the Industrial Sectionwas continuing these studies. When I took the post of the Chief of the Industrial Sorting and that the five-year plan for Manchukuo had already been begun in the 12th year (1937). As it was considered necessary to get up a year plan in Japantoo, we at last came to establish the plan based upon the synthetic readjustment of the draftsalreadycompiled, At first we modeled ours also along the lines of a fiveyear plan. But as wehad to drafts collectiv plan in coordination with that of Manchukuo and in order to makeboth terminal periods correspond so that we could start our second plan together with Manchukuo, we had in our case to adopt a four-year plan. On the other hand, this point wasmostappropriate in view of the rapidly changing economic conditions of the wine, It was in January of the 14th year of Showa (1939) that the cabinet positively decided on the matter, so that only three months remained of the 13th fiscal year, Accordingly the plan became substantially three year one. Not everything was to be embraced by the plan, of course, It was intended as stated before, to establish a second plan afterthe expiration of the first. I believe that this plan wasnatursily studied fully by the War Ministry but I know absolutely nothing of any such thing as a War Ministry Five-Year Armaments Production Plan of 25 of the or or the duty of the Planning Board to adjust the d mands of the song and Navy Departments, as well as those of other Departments. Candidly speaking the primarly reason why the Planning Board established the plan forthe expension of the productive potential was to aspire to a well balanced development of the industries of our country. So the Planning Board has always endeavored its atmost to secure the materials allocated for the expansion of productive potention. However, on account of increasing demand forwar rate tals caused by the extention of Oklina Inchient, the allocations of demat vial sforthe expansion of capacity meductive potents were not carried cas spected by the Planning Board, So the planner the expansion of the productiv potential did not progress as it was planned. what we call the fixed year for planning, the fiscal year is adopted s amatter of commse. In view of its relation to the budget and the yearly materrai mobilization plan, etc. Therefore, the last year of the four-year plan of the productive notenthals forthe expansion ammended in the month of April, of the 15th year of Shows (1944) and finds: on the last day of Warch of the 17th year of Chome (1942). I should think that this plan was adequatelystudied at the Army Department. But I have no notion at all of the existence of a fivevear plan forManufacture of the warmaterials of the WarMinistry datedJune23, 1937 (the12th year of Showa), nor that of a five-year planfor the Important Inastries, datedMay 29, of the same year, both of which are now being brought in issue at the Tokyo Military Tribunal forthe Far East.

## THINATIONAL MOBILIZATION LAW

One of the important items with which the Planning Board was concerned was the National Mobilization Law. The National Mobilization Law was prescribed at a cabinet council meeting on 9 November 1937, after the outbreak of the China Incident, was suprested by the 73rd Sassion, and was brought into force on and after 5 May 1938.

Mr. Taki, Masao, President of the Planning Board at that time, was ordered by the Prime Minister Kenoe, after the decision of the cabinet meeting regarding its establishment, to the effect that the Planning Board should devise
the National Mobilization Law cooperating with other departments, and take
charge of its drafting after frequent negotiations with the other departments con
cernéd. The bill thus drafted was further approved formally by the cabinet council meeting, and was presented to the Diet under the joint signatures of each
Minister, according to my recollection.

As a law regarding the general mobilization at the time, the Ammunition IndustriesMobilination Low massed in 1918 wasstill valid. It included the provisions applicable to a considerably wide scope to the mining industry and to communications. Thus, in order to correspond with the development of the China Incident, this Ammunition Industries Mobilization Law was applied for the time being, under LawNo. 33 dated 10September, 1937, and there was further establishedan Imperial decree, based upon the same law, which is called the Industry and Business Control Ordinance on 25 Ceptember to control some munition works. Besides, in the 73rd session of the Imperial Diet at that time, a great number of extraordinary measures was chactedand but into effect, such as remedial ones for the future change of conditions anticipated with the occurrence of the China Incident. The China Incident, however, expanded more and more until it was clearly indicated that it would be prolonged. International relations too became so serious as to bring about an unforeseen state of affairs. In order to take complete action to cope with such a situation, the Ammunition Industries Mobilization Law enacted some 20 years previously, and the separate temporary measures were by no means sufficient. Besides, Japan was backward in preparation for national mobilization as compared with other countries. So, it was decided to enact speedily the National Mobilization Law.

Available at that time were the laws and regulations of Europeanand American countries during the time of World War I, such as Britain's uniform National Defence Law, and subsequent legislation, such as Italy's and Czechoo Slovakia's National Mobilization Law, and the U. S. National Mobilization Law Bill (Bill 5,539, introduced by the Lower Housein the 74th Session of Congress, in 1935, and then under the consideration of the Upper House,) to which we referred for our drafting of the Mobilization Law. I remember that Dzecho-Slovakia's Mobilization Law and also the U. S. Mobilization Law Bill were so perfect as to furnish us with much information.

The National Mobilization Law of Japan thus enactedwent into effect in May, 1938, and the Munitions Industry Mobilization Law was abolished at the same time.

Later on, in conformity to this National Mobilization Law wereissued a number of Imperial Ordinances which were proposed and executed by each of the competent ministries, but the Planning Board, as previously stated, has absolutely no authority to execute the policies of the government.

Witness: (signed) Uda, Masao (Seal)

10 Def. Doc.# 1924 OATH In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing. UEMURA, Kogoro (Seal)