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亞米加拿大 其他

對

荒木貞夫 其他

宣誓供述啓

供述者

西尾壽造

自分儀我國ニ行ハル方式ニ從ヒ先ツ別紙ノ通り宣誓ヲ爲シタル上
次ノ如ク供述致シマス

1787

一、私西尾壽造ハ元陸軍大將ヲ現在巢鴨拘留所ニ收容セラレアリ

二、私ハ昭和十四年九月支那派遣軍總司令部ノ編成セラル、ニ方リ其總司令

官ニ任命セラレ總參謀長板垣中將ト共ニ九月三十日南京ニ到着シ在支ノ

全陸軍部隊ハ十月一日ヲ以テ總司令官ノ指揮下ニ入リタリ但シ廣東方面ニ

在リシ南支軍ハ昭和十五年夏ノ頃總司令官ノ指揮下ヲ脱シ大本營直轄トナ

レリ、昭和十六年三月上旬私ハ軍事參議官ニ轉補セラレ畑大將ト交代シテ

東京ニ帰還シタリ

三、支那派遣軍ハ我が占據地域ヲ確保安定シ敵ノ戦力ヲ撃碎スル為各方面ニ

又復實施セラレタル支那軍ノ反攻企圖ヲ撃破シ執拗ナル遊撃ヲ掃蕩スル

ニ努ムルト共ニ中國領ノ南京政府組織ニ所要ノ援助ヲ與ヘ又重慶側ト連絡

シ我カ真意ヲ傳フルニ努ム南京重慶ノ合流ハ速ニ實現ノ見込ナク長期持

テ期待シ速ニ事ヲ解決セントスルヲ望ミ然ラ南京重慶ノ合流

久ノ態勢ニ於テ施策スベキ情勢ニ立到リタル為昭和十五年秋以降ハ更ニ我
カ占據地域ノ安定ヲ強化スルニ努力ヲ加ヘ、南京政府ノ實力向上政治者滲透
ニ協カスルコトトナリタリ。

四、南京政府即チ王兆銘氏ヲ首班トスル國民政府ノ成立ニ関シテハ當時我カ

占據地域ニ成立シアリシ各地ノ中国側政權ヲ汪兆銘氏ノ下ニ統一スルコト

ニ助カシ又日華新關係ノ調整ヲ準備スル為影佐少將ヲシテ中国側委員ト

降意ナキ協議諒解ヲ遂ゲシメタリ、本協議ハ近衛聲明ノ趣旨ニ準據シ中

央部ノ意圖ニ基キテ行ハレ昭和十四年末意見ノ一致ヲ見タリ。斯クシテ昭

和十五年三月南京政府成立ノ運ビトナリ阿部大使ノ派遣アリ、日華基本條

約ノ交渉締結ハ日華双方委員ノ間ニ協議諒解セル所ニ基キ阿部大使ト

南京政府トノ間ニ於テ行ハレタリ

五、重慶側トノ連絡ハ南京政府ノ成立前後ノ頃ヨリ香港ニ於テ鈴木中佐

ニ依リテ行ハレ日支ノ和平提携ニ関シ屢次意見ノ交換ヲ行ヒタリ、本連絡
ニ就テハ汪兆銘側トモ連絡シ検討スル所アリ汪兆銘氏ハ重慶側ニシテ若シ
飽クマテ汪氏ヲ排斥スル場合ニハ自ラ隱退シテ重慶ヲ迎フルニ吝ナラ
サルノ決意ヲモ表明シタリ、本連絡ハ昭和十五年八月頃マデ繼續シタルモ
重慶側ガ南京トノ合流ニ関シテ拒否ノ態度ヲ固持シ且最後の會談ノ
實行ヲ回避シタル為ニ爾後重慶トノ連絡ハ杜絶スルニ至リタリ

六右ノ如ク派遣軍ハ汪兆銘ノ和平解決日華ノ提携ニ最大ノ努カラ拂ヒタル
ガ特ニ板垣總參謀長ハ日支ノ間ニ恒久的親和提携ノ基礎ヲ確立センコ
トヲ念願シ公明ナル態度ヲ以テ之ガ處理ニアタリ不眠不休渾身ノ努カラ
捧ゲタリ

私ガ板垣將軍ト相知ルニ至リシハ私ガ関東軍參謀長タリシトキ即チ
昭和十年ノ初板垣將軍ガ関東軍參謀副長トナリ共ニ勤務スルコトトナ

リシ以來ノコトナリ板垣將軍ハ至誠温厚ニシテ寛容ノ徳ニ富ミ事ニ處
スルコト公明一己ノ私心ナキ人ナリ、私ガ關東軍及支那派遣軍ニ在任中
將軍ガ至誠ヲ感シテ私ヲ輔佐セラレタルコトニ就テハ深ク感銘ニ
堪ヘサル所ナリ。

以上

昭和二十二年（一九四七年）八月一日於東京

供述者

西尾壽造

右ハ當立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シマス

同日於同所

立會人

阪基洋吉



Banno, Junichi

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良心ニ從ヒ眞實ヲ述ベ何事ヲモ黙秘セズ又何事ヲモ附加セザルコトヲ
誓フ

署名捺印

西尾壽造

I M T F E

The United States of America et alii

VS.

ARAKI Sadao et alii

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent : NISHIO Toshizo

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.

1. I, NISHIO Toshizo, was formerly ^{an} General ^{and} ~~a full~~ ^{am} and now ~~I'm~~ ^{am} interred ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the SUGAMO prison.

2. I was appointed ~~the general commander~~ ^{commander-in-chief} ~~on the occasion of the organization of the China~~ ~~when the general headquarters of expeditionary troops~~ ~~Expeditionary Force~~ ~~General Headquarters in September 1939.~~ ~~in China had organized in September, 1939,~~ ~~the force was organized.~~

~~and~~ I arrived at Hanking with Lieutenant ~~General~~ ~~ITAGAKI~~ ^{its} Chief of ^{the} General Staff of ~~it~~

on the ~~30th~~ ³⁰ of September, and the whole

army in China ~~had become~~ ^{came} under my command

on ^{Oct. 1.} ~~the 1st~~ of October. However, ^{But} the army

stationed ^{around} ~~near~~ by Canton was ^{taken} ~~separated~~

from my command ^{by the} ~~about~~ summer of 1940 to

~~be~~ ^{be} placed under the command of ~~and they belonged directly to the Imperial~~

Headquarters. I was newly appointed a War

Councillor in the ^{early part} ~~beginning~~ of March, 1941

and I returned to Tokyo, exchanging ^{my} ~~the~~
post ~~for~~ ^{with} General HATA.

3. ^{The purpose of} ~~The~~ expedition ^{my force} to China was to secure
the occupied area and to break down the
obstinate guerilla ^{activities} and the Chinese ^{force} which
resisted ^{our} attacks ^{at} ~~at~~ various places. In
~~order~~, therefore, to
~~break~~
up the enemy's strength on the one hand,
and to give necessary assistance to the organization of the Nanking
government and also ~~to get in touch with~~ ^{to get in touch with} Chungking government
for the purpose of communicating our true intension to it on
the other, I intended to settle the incident by writing
as soon as possible giving some necessary
~~the two governments of Nanking and Chungking.~~
aids to the Nanking Government-organization
of the Republic of China; ~~taking connections~~
~~with Chungking side, making endeavors let~~
~~them understand our sincerity, and thus~~
I had expected a union of Nanking and
Chungking Governments. But, there ^{was} ~~were~~
~~between them quickly~~
little prospects about this matter and
of speedy ^{union} ~~unification~~ of the two governments

and I was compelled in consequence of the ~~circumstances~~ to ^{act,} ~~practice~~ ^{(in view,} ~~it in~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ attitude of a prolonged term, ~~it was~~ ^{therefore,} ~~we had become~~ ^{it was} decided, to cooperate with ^{the} Nanking Government for ^{promoting its} the political penetration and ^{increasing} the progress of ~~its~~ ^{and} its actual strength of it, adding ^{moreover} efforts, to securing the occupied area, ~~after the~~ ^{after the} autumn of 1940.

4. Concerning Nanking Government ~~or~~
As to the formation ^{of} the National Government headed by **WANG** Ching-wei, I ^{made it my policy to} ~~had~~ helped ^{which were} ~~formed~~ ^{completed} in our occupied area at that time ~~it~~ him to unite the Chinese authorities, ⁱⁿ various places under his control, ^{Furthermore} and I made Major-General KAGESA to consult with the Chinese commissioners for frank negotiations and understanding ^{for} in order to ~~prepare~~ the arrangements of a new Sino-Japanese relations.

This negotiation was ^{conducted} led ^{according to} ~~based upon~~ the purpose of ^{Premier} KONOYE's announcement and on the ^{basis} ground of ^{what} ~~the~~ central government, ^{wanted.} and we had an agreement of opinions at the end of 1939.

Thus, ~~there appeared an organization of~~ ^{the} ~~Government~~ ^{Nanking Government was finally organized.} in March, 1940, and ~~there~~ dispatched Ambassador ABE. The ~~conclusion~~ of negotiations

^{and} ~~of~~ the fundamental treaty between Japan and ~~the~~ ^{the} Republic of China was ^{concluded} performed by Ambassador

ABE and ^{the} Nanking Government based upon the ~~consulted~~ understanding ^{attained} ~~gained~~ ^{between} among ~~the~~ ^{the} Japanese commissioners of both Japan and China.

5. ^{communication} ~~The connection~~ with ^{the} Chungking Government was ^{conducted} ~~led~~ by Lieutenant-Colonel SUZUKI in Hongkong ^{at about the time of} ~~towards~~ ^{the} ~~completion~~ ^{formulation} of ^{the} Nanking Government, and ~~the~~ ^{the} opinions ~~discussed~~ ^{discussed}

were exchanged) ~~their opinions~~ so many times for peace and mutual cooperation between Japan and ~~the Republic of~~ ^{and consulted} China.

It was also ~~connected with~~ WANG In these connections government was also consulted and discussions were carried on with them.

WANG Ching-wei ~~had~~ ^{even} expressed his ~~decision~~ willingness ~~even to retire~~ that he will not hesitate to welcome

Chungking ~~and he will retire~~ if ~~in case of~~ Chungking ~~side~~ should insist on expelling him to the last.

Wang ~~to the end~~. This ^{communication} ~~connection~~ was kept up to about ~~had continued~~ towards August, 1940, as the

but Chungking side maintained firmly an attitude of refusing ^{the proposed} as for a union

with Hanking, and in consequence of the avoided the ~~further possible~~ occasion of avoidance ~~to practise~~ the ultimate

a final conference consultation, ~~the~~ connection with

Chungking was cut off thereafter.

b. As abovementioned, ^{our} the expeditionary force made ^{its} ~~every~~ ^{at most} endeavor ^{toward} a peaceful settlement decision of the Incident and for ~~the~~ cooperation between Japan and ~~Republic's~~ of China, ~~and above all,~~ Chief of the General Staff ITAGAKI was ^{in special} ~~praying for~~ ^{desirous} of the establishment ^{of} a foundation of everlasting friendly cooperation between Japan and China. ^{Accordingly} ~~and~~ he ^{worked} ~~dealt~~ with them with a fair and impartial attitude, and ~~he~~ made every endeavor with all his might forgetting food and sleep.

My first acquaintance with ~~I made acquaintance with~~ General

ITAGAKI ^(dates from the early part of 1935) ~~was~~ when I was ~~made~~ ^{since I was} Chief of ^{the} General Staff

of ^{the} Kwantung Army, ~~in~~ ^{or in} ~~the beginning of~~ ^{each part} (7.)
1935, ~~and~~ ^{when and} he served under me as
Vice-Chief

of ^{the} General Staff of ^{the} Kwantung Army, ~~and~~
~~ever since I had him with~~
he worked with me thereafter. General

ITAGAKI is a man of ^{sincerity,} ~~gentleness~~ ^{and} ~~kindness~~
^{and} ~~he~~ ^{very} ~~has~~ ^{generous.} ~~much~~ ^{of} ~~tolerance~~ ⁱⁿ ~~dealing~~

with affairs, ^{he is} ~~with~~ ^{open} and ^{unprejudiced},
~~mind~~ ~~and~~ ~~he~~ ~~has~~ ~~no~~ ~~self-interest~~

at all. I am very grateful ^{(to} ~~to~~ ^{him)} ~~and~~
~~shall never forget my gratitude for him~~ for

I am deeply impressed that the General had
all the assistance he ^{rendered} ~~has given~~ ^{me} in his
assisted me with his sincerity and his
sincere effort when I served in the
best during I was on my duty of

Kwantung Army and ~~of~~ the Expeditionary
Force
in China.

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On this 1st day of August, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT NISHIO Toshizo (seal)

I, BANNO Junkichi hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At the same place

Witness: (signed) BANNO Junkichi (seal)

OATH

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

NISHIO Toshizo (seal)