

WAR DEPARTMENT

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original notes taken by
Comdr B. R. Carr in the
interrogation of Rear Admiral
Chikao Yamamoto

Chikao

Personal Evaluation of Rear Adm. YAMAMOTO

It is my belief that very little of value could be obtained from subject although he was one of the most cooperative of the officers I interviewed. He seems really not to have been admitted into any of the plans for the Pearl Harbor attack or to have participated in any way in the planning for it.

His English is excellent. The interview data submitted with his name which indicated a number of years in Germany proved immediately to be deal with a different YAMAMOTO.

The Admiral Yamamoto is deeply interested in the possible political ^{developments} ~~repercussions~~ this winter will bring. He believes that food (or, put more bluntly, hunger) will be the strongest of the 33 parties competing for public attention this winter. Many of the parties will die this coming year, for they are largely personal organs or bids for power. The Japanese people live in mortal fear of the arrival of the Chinese and almost immortal fear of the Russians. They are happy it is we, not ~~they~~, ^{the Russians or Chinese,} who have the atomic bomb.

Fenzel Carr

INTERROGATION OF REAR ADMIRAL CHIKAO YAMAMOTO,

Date and Time - 28 November 1945, app. 0930-1200 (with an interruption lasting about an hour and a half)

Place - Room 303, NYK Bldg, Tokyo, Japan

Present - Commander Deizer R. Carr USNR Interrogator
 [Interrogation conducted in Japanese and English]
 Rear Admiral ~~Chikao~~ Chikao Yamamoto, I.J.N.

Name - ~~Chikao~~ YAMAMOTO, Chikao

Q Your English is quite good. Did you spend some time in England or the United States?

A Yes, I was assistant naval Attaché in ~~Washington~~ ^{America} in 1924-25. Capt. Kiyoshi HASEGAWA and Capt. Isoroku YAMAMOTO were my two bosses.

Q When did you graduate from the Naval Academy?

A ~~Taisho~~ Seventh year of Taisho [1918].

Q What was your rank at the outbreak of war?

A Captain.

Q What was your post?

A I was Head of the First Section [Ikkachō] of the General Affairs Division [Sōmubu] of the Bureau of

Aéronautics.

Q What was the function of the First Section?

A The general administration of the Bureau of Aéronautics.

Q What part did the Bureau of Aéronautics have in the Pearl Harbor attack or plans for it?

A No part at all. We did not even hear about it [the proposed attack on Pearl Harbor].

Q When did you first hear of the Pearl Harbor attack?

A By radio news at about 0600, 8 December.

Q Didn't the Bureau of Aéronautics have any connection with the naval air planning?

A Only so far as procurement and supply of planes and training of naval aviators ~~was~~ were concerned.

Q When did you greatly expand your naval air procurement program?

A In April 1942.

Q But what about pre-war expansion?

A I entered the Bureau of Aéronautics in August 1941 and do not know about prior expansion.

Q Who in the Bureau of Aéronautics knew about the proposed opening of hostilities?

A The Head of the General Affairs Division [Sōmubuchō] might have known.

Q Has he ever told you whether he knew?