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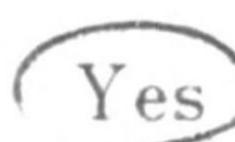
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PART III - POLITICAL

w1. Disarmament and Demilitarization

General Staff, other high military and naval officials of the Japanese Government, leaders of ultra-nationalist and militarist organizations and other important exponents of militarism and aggression will be taken into custody and held for future disposition. Persons who have been active exponents of militarism and militant nationalism will be removed and excluded from public office and from any other position of public or substantial private responsibility. Ultra-nationalistic or militaristic social, political, professional and commercial societies and institutions will be dissolved and prohibited.

"The restoration, even in a disguised form, of any anti-democratic and militaristic activity shall be prevented, particularly on the part of former Japanese career military and naval officers, Gendarmerie, and former members of dissolved militaristic, ultra-nationalistic and other anti-democratic organizations.

"Militaristic, ultra-nationalistic and anti-democratic doctrines and practices, including para-military training, shall be eliminated from the educational system. Former career military and naval officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned, and all other exponents of militaristic, ultra-nationalistic and anti-democratic doctrines and practices shall be excluded from supervisory and teaching positions."

PART IV - ECCHOHIC

"2. Promotion of Democratic Forces

To this end it shall be the policy of the Supreme Commander:

A. To prohibit the retention in important positions in the economic field of individuals who because of their past associations or for other reasons cannot be trusted to direct Japanese economic effort solely towards peaceful and democratic ends; and

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*11. All military and para-military organizations in Japan, including ex-officers' organizations, together with their affiliates and the clubs which were used for making propaganda for militarism and ultra-nationalism should be dissolved and their revival or establishment in any form, including a disguised form, should be prohibited. The application of this paragraph should extend also to various associations created under the guise of production associations, such as cooperative societies for joint cultivation of land, for fishing, and others, which are composed wholly or substantially of ex-officers of the Army and Navy and gendarmerie and headed by their former military commanders. This paragraph should apply also to any other associations composed wholly or substantially of ex-officers of the Japanese Army and Navy and gendarmerie, ostensibly created for legitimate purposes, but which are, in reality, disguised forms of military or paramilitary organizations, or which have some other disguised subversive purposes.

tarism persons who have at one time fallen within any of the following categories should not be nominated or employed in the government service, public office, or educational institutions except as they may be necessary in performing duties essential to the demobilisation of repatriated military and naval personnel.

- a. Generals, Admirals, and all other senior officers, and all career officers of the Army, Navy, and gendarmerie;
- b. Other officers of the Army, Navy and gendarmerie, including members of the reserve, if their employment would harm the cause of peace and security; and
- g. Officials of ex-officers' and other military and paramilitary associations and of bodies closely associated with the armed forces.

The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers may authorize the nomination or employment of a person coming within categories a and c if his record shows that he has been an opponent of Japanese expansionism and totalitarianism. FEG-045/6

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*12. No person who is subject to the purge directive of 4 January 1946, or to subsequent purge directives, should be allowed to hold office in a trade union. All persons who were directly connected in the past in a responsible capacity with the obstruction or repression of trade union organization or activity should be prehibited from employment as union officials, in labor agencies or as mediators, conciliators, or arbitrators. All persons who held offices in government-sponsored or controlled trade unions should be subject to screening before being allowed to take office again.

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*13. No member should hold office in a cooperative if (1) he is engaged in activities which are likely substantially to compete with the activities of the cooperative, or (2) he is subject to the purge directive of January 4, 1946, or subject to subsequent purge directives by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers."

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PURGE POLICY IN JAPAN

U. S. Statement

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ENCLOSURE "A"

U. S. STATEMENT ON PURGE POLICY

The U.S. Government has advised the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan that paragraphs 5b. 23 and 40 of the United States "Basic Initial Post-Surrender Directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers for the Occupation and Control of Japan", in which there are set forth certain details regarding the implementation of a purge program, are rescinded, and that those parts of the Far Eastern Commission "Basic Post-Surrender Policy for Japan" having to do with the purge, and other pertinent FRC policy decisions, are the only directives to SCAP in force regarding a purge program. The United States "Basic Initial Post-Surrender Directive" was circulated as FRC-Ol5 to Members of the Commission on March 11, 1946, for their information

ENCLOSURE "B"

DEFECTIVE TO SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS FOR THE OCCUPATION AND CONTROL OF JAPAN (FEC-015)

Paragraph 5 b

will persons be allowed to hold public office or any other positions of responsibility or influence in public or important private enterprise who have been active exponents of militant nationalism and aggression, who have been influential members of any Japanese ultra-nationalistic, terroristic or secret patriotic osicety, its agencies or affiliates, who have been influential in the activities of the other organizations enumerated in paragraph 5 g° below, or who manifest hostility to the objectives of the military occupation.

Paragraph 23

23. You will prohibit the retention in or selection for positions of important responsibility or influence in industry, finance, commerce, or agriculture of all persons who have been active exponents of militant nationalism and aggression, of these who have actively participated in the

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General Part) of this directive, and of any who do not direct future Japanese economic effort solely towards peaceful ends. (In the absence of evidence, satisfactory to you, to the contrary, you will assume that any persons who have held key positions of high responsibility since 1937, in industry, finance, commerce or agriculture have been active exponents of militant nationalism and aggression.)

Paragraph 40

40. You will remove and exclude from positions of important responsibility or influence in all public and private financial institutions, agencies or organizations all persons who have been active exponents of militant nationalism and aggression or who have actively participated in the organizations enumerated in paragraph 7* of this directive. It may be generally assumed in absence of evidence to the contrary that any persons who have held key positions in any such institutions, agencies, or organizations are active exponents of militant nationalism and aggression. You will also prevent the retention in or selection for places of importance in the financial field of individuals who do not direct future financial effort solely towards peaceful ends.

^{*}See Appendix

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APPENDIX

PROVISIONS OF U. S. BASIC INITIAL POST-SURRENDER DIRECTIVE TO SCAP (FEG-015) TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE IN ENCLOSURE "B"

Paragraph 5 g

5 g. Throughout Japan you will assure the dissolution of the Political Association of Great Japan, the Imperial Rule Assistance Association (Taisei Yokusankai), the Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society (Taisei Seijikai), their affiliates and agencies or any successor organisations, and all Japanese ultra-nationalistic, terroristic and secret patriotic societies and their agencies and affiliates.

Paragraph 7

7. Arrest and Interment of Japanese Personnel

- 4. The following will be arrested as rapidly as practicable and held as suspected war criminals, pending further instructions concerning their disposition:
- (1) All members of the Supreme Military Council, the Board of Field Marshals and Fleet Admirals, the Imperial General Headquarters, and the Army and Navy General Staffs:
- (2) All commissioned officers of the Gendarmerie (Esmpei), and all officers of the Army and Navy who have been important exponents of militant nationalism and aggression.
- (3) All key members of ultra-nationalistic, terroristic and secret patriotic societies; and
- (4) All persons who you have reason to believe are war criminals or whose names or descriptions are contained in lists of suspected war criminals which have been or may be furnished to you.
- b. All persons who have played an active and dominant governmental, economic, financial or other significant part in the formulation or execution of Japan's program of aggression and all high officials of the Political Association of Great Japan, the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, the Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society and their agencies and affiliates or successor organizations will be interned pending further disposition. You may intern other civilians as necessary for the achievement of your mission.
- Q. You may, however, for a brief period of time, utilize the closely supervised services of these persons within the categories enumerated in subparagraphs 7 g (1) and (2) above, who are absolutely required by you to insure the demobilization of the Japanese armed forces.

Appendix Cont. You will receive further instructions concerning your responsibility with relation to war criminals, including those who have committed crimes against peace and crimes against humanity. 2. No differentiation shall be made or special consideration be accorded to civilian or military personnel arrested as war criminals either as to manner of arrest or conditions of detention, upon the basis of wealth, or political, industrial, or other rank or position. I. All nationals of countries except Japan with which any of the United Nations are or have been at war in World War II (Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Rumania, and Thailand) will be identified and registered and may be intermed or their activities curtailed as may be necessary under the circumstances. Diplomatic and consular officials of such countries will be taken into protective custody and held for further disposition. Property, real and personal, owned or controlled by persons who have been detained or arrested under the provisions of paragraph 7 will be taken under your control pending directions as to its eventual disposition. Appendix FEG-331 - END