

11 December 1945

CASE NO. 208

RE : ISHIHARA, Koichiro

STATUS: Pending.

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

On 4 Dec. 1945, CIS files reflect the following information on personnel indicted as War Criminals and ordered apprehended 3 Dec. 45:

"Head of the Ishihara South Seas Industries. For many years he has been an active propagandist for Japanese southward expansion where his own industrial interests would profit by Japanese advance. He is a member of the so-called New Zaibatsu which has been particularly close to the Army and Navy. He was director of the extremely nationalist MEIRIN KAI (Society for the Clarification of Morality). He was a supporter of ultra-nationalistic organizations in Osaka where his business was centered. One of his proteges was MUTO Teiichi, journalist, vice-president of the Osaka JiJi, later director of the Hochi Shimbun, organ of propaganda for the Army. MUTO was chief of the press bureau of the IRAA, and in his numerous pamphlets acted as a press agent for ISHIHARA. ISHIHARA himself wrote a book justifying Japanese aggression, colonial policy, and totalitarian controls. As a man with a direct interest in southward expansion ISHIHARA pushed for it as hard as he could, both by propaganda and lavish endowment of militaristic journalism and political pressure. He is notorious as one of the most aggressive of business leaders who felt he had a stake in Japanese expansion southward, and did his utmost to accomplish it.

"He should be apprehended for his ultra-nationalistic associations and the use of his economic influence during the war."

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