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CHUGOKU SHIMBUN

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TO:

FROM: Kaizo Sakai, staff member of the Limited
Partnership Chugoku Shimbun-sha, No.
1482--13, Hagoromo-cho, Hiroshima City

Re Management of the Limited
Partnership Chugoku Shimbun-sha

Sir:

I was an editorial staff member of the Geibi Shimbun-sha in Hiroshima during the period from June 20, 1937 to August 31, 1941 and an editorial staff member of the Kure Shimbun-sha during the period from September 1, 1941 to the war's end. And I herewith testify, with regard to the management of the Chugoku Shimbun-sha, as follows:

1. Vice-President Masafusa Yamamoto of the Chugoku Shimbunsha (then unlimited partnership) held half the number of shares of the company in his name and in his mother's name. In name and reality, he was a big share holder in the company. Furthermore, as the vice-president, he had much voice in the matter of management

and had more authority than the president,
exercising his power in making almost all
important decision.

I add that I have been an auditor of
K. K. Kure Shimbunsha since the end of 1942.

Sgd.: _____

(Translation)

TO:

FROM: Chiaki Ueno, staff member of the Chugoku
Shimbun-sha, Limited Partnership, No.37,
Rijo Dwelling Quarters, Motomachi, Hiro-
shima City

Subject: Statement Concerning Masafusa
Yamamoto to be Purged

Dated: October 15, 1947

Sir:

With regard to the above subject matter,
I hereby state as follows, on the basis of my infor-
mation obtained and memory during the period from
1926 to December, 1942 when my father (deceased) was
in the office of editor-in-chief and concurrently
managing director of the Limited Partnership Chugoku
Shimbun:

1. Masafusa Yamamoto played a vital role
as Vice-President of the Limited Partnership Chugoku
Shimbun-sha during the period falling under the purge
directive and occupied an important position and
executed all the important decisions in the matters
of management as well as in the editorial matters.

2. During the period from 1926 to December, 1942, my father (now deceased) in the capacity of editor in-chief and concurrently as managing director of the Limited Partnership Chugoku Shimbun, took charge of the editorial matters of the paper. My father told the family members that Vice-President Masafusa Yamamoto caused a hindrance in every important decision. This fact will testify to that Masafusa Yamamoto occupied an important position in the matters of management as well as in the editorial matters and had much voice in the above matters.

Sgd.: _____

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COMMENT

PRESS:

COMMUNIST CHIEF AGITATES EMPLOYEES FOLLOWING
FAILURE TO EXTRACT APOLOGY FROM HIROSHIMA-REI
NEWSPAPER

Because the Chief Editor ITOGAWA (伊藤川) would not make a public apology for reprinting an article which had appeared in Newsweek, the American news magazine, Chairman IWAURA (岩倉) (List: (L) AG-76) of the Communist Party paid a call on the workers union of the CHUGOKU SHIMBUN (中国新聞, Chugoku Newspaper) of which ITOGAWA is the Chief Editor, and agitated them to the point where they demanded that the company take proper measures to purge suspicious executives. The Communist Chairman even threatened to take the case of the Chugoku Newspaper to the Allied Council for review if he didn't get an apology. There he said the position of the paper would be so imperiled that all the employees would probably lose their jobs. The paper's employees were so agitated by the Communist's speech that they immediately presented two (2) sets of demands for the immediate removal of those persons who might come within the scope of purge directives, and further indicated they would act independently if the company refused to comply with the reasonable demands. So far nothing has developed from either side, but the incident is being watched with great interest by the entire prefecture.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION, GENERAL STAFF
ALLIED TRANSLATOR AND INTERPRETER SECTION

NOTE: Translation requested by CIS, GHQ.

Received ATIS: 15 May 47.

TRANSLATION IN FULL

TO : CIS.

FROM: An Ex-Superior Private. (No name.)
HIROSHIMA Ken, HIROSHIMA Shi, FUKUSHIMA Cho.

DATE: 12 Apr 47.

I appreciate your efforts in governing JAPAN.

During the war, the former Army Captain KAGEYAMA, Minoru 陰山 稔
of HIROSHIMA Ken, AKI Gun, FUCHU Machi, was tyrannical, and he mis-
appropriated Army supplies by taking them home. He was a typical example
of an unscrupulous militarist who was abetted by his subordinates. It is
a known fact that his subordinates tortured American PsW of an American
Consolidated aircraft which crashed at SAIKI Gun, YAWATA Mura. He was
also president of the FUCHU Machi chapter of the Reservists Association.
Today, furthermore, it is outrageous that he should be the editor in chief
of the Chugoku Newspaper as well as its director.

The general public opinion holds that it is meaningless when a person
who should be included in the public officials purge list, is not listed.

The above-mentioned facts could be verified by 800 members of the
Hiroshima City Home Defense Corps, who were his subordinates at that time,
and it can also be verified by the citizens of FUCHU Machi.

I request that this matter be investigated.

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HIROSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
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19 December 1947

SUBJECT: Administration of the Purge - Suspected Evasion

TO : Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers
APO 500

1. Reference is paragraph 3, Operational Directive Number 25/1, dated 8 December 1947.
2. Information has been received by this headquarters that KAGEYAMA MINORU, chief editor of the Chugoku Shimbun in Hiroshima, submitted false information in the preparation of his Personal History Statement in violation of purge directives.
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Name of Company
The Chugoku Shinbun Sha

Position	Name	Date of Assumption Resignation	Present Profession	Present Address	Remarks
President	Jitsuichi Yamamoto ✓	Shows 8nen April 10th Shows 21nen Jan. 31st		Osaki, Fuchu-machi, Aki-gun, Hiroshima-ken	
Vice- President	Massafusa Yamamoto ✓	Shows 8nen May 5th Shows 21nen Jan. 31st	Director of Chugoku Shi- nbun Sha Ltd	Kusatsu-machi, Hiroshima City	
Chief Editor	Kunikichi Nakamachi ✓	Taisho 9nen Jan. Shows 17nen Sept.		Gejo-mura, Nakaonuma- gun, Niigata-ken	
Managing Editor	Takaji Uyeno	Before Jap-Chinese Incidence. Died on Shows 17nen Dec. 7th			All records were peri- shed by the fire caused by the A-bomb.
Head of Make-up Section and Somu	Shuzo Kosako	Ditto. Shows 15nen Oct. 5th			Died on Aug. 6th '45 by the A-bomb.
Head of Made-up Section and Kanji	Minoru Kageyama	Shows 12nen Feb. 5th Shows 13nen Nov. 28th	Chief Editor and Director	Fuchu-machi, Aki-gun Hiroshima-ken	Served in Army most of the period.
Head of Made-up Section and Cul- ture Section	Katsuichi Fujisaka	Shows 15nen Oct. 5th Shows 16nen July 8th	Assis. Mana- ging Editor	Hakurakuen, Itsukaichi- machi, Saiki-gun, Hiroshima-ken	
Head of Make-up Section	Katsuichi Fujisaka	Shows 15nen July 8th Shows 20nen March 1st	Ditto		Released from the Head of Culture Section.
Head of Make-up Section	Haruo Oshita	Shows 15nen Oct. 5th Shows 20nen June 8th	Head of Research Section	Eidan Jyutaku, Moto-machi, Hiroshima City.	
Head of Local Sec. and Somu	Gisaburo Fujita	Before Jap-Chinese Incidence. Shows 15nen.	Unknown		Resigned in Shows 15nen. Date is, unknown.
Head of Local Sec.	Katsume Yasuda	Shows 15nen. Shows 15nen.	A Mem. of Pub. Sec.	Naka-machi, Hakoshima, Hiroshima City.	
Head of Local Sec.	Isaji Fujii	Shows 15nen Shows 20nen Aug. 6th			All records were peri- shed by fire caused by A-bomb on Aug. 6th '45 and he was killed.
Head of Social Sec.	Shuzo Kosako	Before Jap-Chinese Incidence			Ditto
Head of Social Sec.	Tadashi Hirozane	Shows 14nen March 1st Shows 16nen July 8th			Ditto
Ditto	Taro Goami	Shows 14nen March 1st Shows 16nen Sept. 12th	Head of Hatsu- kaichi Branch Office	Hatsukaichi-machi, Hiroshima-ken.	

Head of Economic Section	Kanji Matsuura	Showa 15nen Oct. 5th Newly established. Shows 17nen Nov. 10th		Hatsukaichi-machi, Hiroshima-ken. Resigned from office.
Head of Political Sec.	Takuji Ueno	Before Jap-Chinese Incidence. Shows 17nen July 8th		Dead.
Ditto	Tadashi Hirozane	Shows 16nen July 8th		Died on Aug. 6th '45.
Head of Inf. Sec.	Itsuro Okada	Showa 16nen July 8th Newly established. Shows 18nen Sept. 7th		Nukushina-mura, Aki-gun Hiroshima-ken
Head of Proof Sec.	Kango Masuda	Before Jap-Chinese Incidence.		Dead
Head of Military Section	Taro Gosmi	Showa 15nen Oct. 5th Newly established. Shows 18nen Sep. 12th	Head of Hatsukaichi Branch Office.	Hatsukaichi-machi, Saiki-gun, Hiroshima-ken. Died on Aug. 6th '45
Head of Sports Section	Iseji Sasaki	Shows 14nen Mar. 1st		
Head of School Sec.	Katsuchi Fujisaka	Showa 14nen Mar. 1st Vacant before this Shows 15nen Oct. 5th	Assis. Managing Editor.	Rakurakuen, Itsukaichi-machi, Saiki-gun, Hiroshima-ken.
Head of Enterprise Sec.	Ichiro Nagao	Showa 15nen Oct. 5th Newly Established Shows 20nen Dec. 21st	Vice-President Geibi Shimbun-sha, Hiroshima.	Resigned after Aug. 6th 1945.
Head of Photo-Section	Chuichi Fujita	Showa 12nen July 1st Shows 18nen Oct. 5th	Representative Director and head of Supply Section.	Hinode-machi, Danbara, Hiroshima City.
Head of Short-Hand Sec.	Yasuo Yamamoto	Before Jap-Chinese Incidence.	Head of Communicating Sec.	Naka-machi, Danbara, Hiroshima City.

The Chart of Construction of

CHUGOKU SHIMBUN SHAI

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