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The Personal History of Prince KONOYE.

- Oct. 12, 1891 : Born at Iida-machi, Kojimachi-ku, Tokyo.
Oct. 20, " : His mother Nobuko died.
Nov. 21, 1892 : His stepmother Sadako came into the family.
Moved to the mansion at 7-Chome; Kojimachi, Kojimachi-ku.
Moved to the official residence of the President of the House of Peers.
Entered Taimei Primary School.
Entered the Peers' School, primary course.
His grandfather, Tadahiro died, removed to the mansion at 7-chome Kojimachi, Kojimachi-ku.
Removed to the official residence of the President of the House of Peers.
1902 : Removed to the new mansion at Shimo-ochiai, Toyotama-gun, Tokyo-fu. Made a trip to Aizu and Sendai.
1903 : Made a trip to the Kwansai district.
Jan. 2, 1904 : His father Atsumaro died.
Ordered to succeed to the peer's title.
Travelled the Koshu and Shinshu districts.
1905 : Travelled through the Kwansai and Senyo districts.
1906 : Made a trip to Hokkaido.

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The Personal History of Prince KONOYE (cont'd).

- 1907 : Climbed Mt. Fuji.
1909 : Finished the Middle School Course of the Peers' School.
1909 : Entered the First Higher School, enrolling in the First Department, Otsu Section.
1910 : Made a trip to Korea.
Oct. 2, 1911 : Invested with the junior grade of the 5th court rank.
1912 : Graduated from the First Higher School.
" : Attended the funeral ceremony of the Emperor Meiji.
" : Entered the Tokyo Imperial University, Literary Dept.
" : Transferred to the Kyoto Imperial University, Law Department.
Feb. 1, 1913 : Promoted to the senior grade of the 5th court rank.
" 9, " : Married Chiyoko, second daughter of Viscount Takenori Mori.
April 3, 1915 : The first son Fusitaka was born in the mansion at Yoshidayama, Kyoto.
Nov. 10, " : Attended the coronation ceremony of the Emperor Taisho.
Received the Taisho Coronation Commemoration Medal.
Oct. 12, 1916 : Appointed a member of the House of Peers.
Nov. " : The first daughter Akiko was born in the Yoshidayama mansion, Kyoto.
Nov. 20, " : Raised to the junior grade of the 4th court rank.
June, " : Left Kyoto and moved into the new mansion at Shimocchiai, Tokyo.
" : Graduated from the Kyoto Imperial University, Law Department.
June 12, " : Attended for the first time the 40th session of the Imperial Diet.
Feb. 7, 1918 : Appointed the chairman of the law drafting committee concerning the disposition of the old Korean currency.
March, 4, " : Appointed the chairman of the law drafting committee concerning private schools and other public benefit organizations.
1918 : Appointed a part-time official of the Home Ministry.

The Personal History of Prince KONOYE (cont'd).

- June 23, 1918 : The third daughter Haruko was born.
1918 : Sold out the family treasures.
- Dec. " : Ordered to be an entourage member of Marquis Kimimochi Saionji during the latter's official trip to Europe.
- Jan. 1919 : Embarked at Kobe on the S.S. Tamba-Maru.
" " : Appointed a suite member of the Japanese Peace Delegation.
" " : Arrived at Paris.
- May 20-23, " : Attended the 5th Commercial Conference of the International Parliamentary Members held at Brussels, Belgium.
" : Travelled through the Rhine district.
" : Went to England.
" : Crossed to the United States.
- Nov. " : Returned to Japan.
- Feb. 1920 : Lived in Kamakura for a change of air to recover health.
- Nov. 30, " : Promoted to the senior grade of the 4th Court Rank.
- Feb. 9, 1921 : Appointed the chairman of law drafting committee on the bill on juvenile crimes and another bill (the 44th session of the Diet).
- March 17, " : Appointed the chairman of the law drafting on the bill for the revision of the municipal system, and on nine other bills.
- July 22, " : Appointed a committee member of the Special Educational Administration Investigation Society.
- Sept. 2, " : Appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Japan Youngmen's Hall.
- March 2, 1922 : Appointed Vice-President of the Toa Dobun Kai.
- May 10, " : Michitaka the second son was born.
- Oct. 6, " : Joined the Kenkyu Kai of the House of Peers.
- Feb. 24, 1923 : Appointed chairman of the law drafting committee on bills pertaining to the floating of national bonds in connection with the administrative readjustment and limitation and readjustment of armament (the 46th session of the Diet).

The Personal History of Prince KONOYE (cont'd).

- March 7, 1923 : Appointed chairman of the law drafting committee on the bill pertaining to Pensions, and another bill.
- Sept. 4, " : Owing to the great earthquake in the Kwantō district, went to Karuizawa in refuge. Having been afflicted with Pleurisy, he remained there for recuperation.
- Oct. 12, " : Moved to Kyoto for further recuperation.
- Jan. 1924 : Removed to Okitsu, Shizuoka Prefecture for further recuperation.
- June " : Recovered health and returned to Tokyo.
- June 10, " : Appointed a member of the standing committee of the Kenkyū Kai.
- July 22, " : Appointed Counsellor of the Peerage Bureau.
- Sept. 20, " : Appointed president of the Indo-China Society.
- Dec. 27, " : Appointed the chairman of the Committee of the Whole House (the 50th session of the Diet) (Held this post continuously from the 51st to the 59th session of the Diet)
- Mar. 12, 1925 : Appointed the chairman of the committee for revision of the House of Peers Regulations, and also two other bills (the 50th Diet session).
- Dec. 15, " : Promoted to the junior grade of the 3rd Court Rank.
- Mar. 16, 1926 : Appointed chairman of the law drafting committee on the bill pertaining to the rights and duties of royal families (the 51st diet session).
- June 8, " : Appointed a member of the Educational Council.
- July 7, " : Appointed a lord-in-waiting of the Musk Hall.
- Nov. 24, " : Resigned as standing committeeman of the Kenkyū Kai and appointed advisor of the Kenkyū Kai.
- Dec. 22, " : Decorated with the Grande Croix, Dragon de L'Annan of Franco.
- March 22, 1927 : Allowed to wear the Vatican decoration Grande Croix, Saint Gregoire.
- Nov. 12, " : Left the Kenkyū Kai.
- Dec. " : Organized the Kayokai.
- Dec. 20, " : Appointed president of the Japan-Thai Society.

The Personal History of Prince KONOYE (cont'd).

- Dec. 30, 1927 : Appointed the Chief Commissioner of the
Coronation.
Nov. 1928 : Attended the Coronation Ceremony.
Dec. 28, " : Decorated with the Second Order of Merit
and the Order of the Double Rays of the
Rising Sun.

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Personal History of Prince Konoye.

Oct. 12, 1891. Birth-day.

His father Atsumaro, mother Nobuko.

Nobuko was the daughter of Yoshiyasu Maeda, the lord of Kanazawa Clan. Prince Atsumaro married her March 3, 1875. Soon after it, April 18, he started on his journey to Austria to study. Thus, the two had not see each other for six years. He came home Sept. 12, 1890, and Fumimaro was born the next year, Oct. 12, 1891. Unfortunately, she suffered from puerperal fever and died on the 20th of the same month. Among his verses of recollections, there is the following:-

My eyes water just to glance at the
smiling face
Of my baby who knows not that his mother
is gone forever.

On Nov. 21, 1892, Prince Atsumaro married his second wife, whose name was Sadako, a younger sister of his late wife, and thus one younger sister Takeko, and three younger brothers Hidemaro, Naomaro and Tadamaro were born.

Month /blank/ day /blank/ 1894: Father /blank/

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Personal History of Prince Konoye (cont'd).

From the primary school days to graduation from the university.
Marriage.
Appointment as a member of the House of Peers.
Birth of Fumitaka, Keiko, Haruko, and Michitaka.
Marriage - Keiko and Haruko.

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- Oct. 2, 1911 - Invested with the junior grade of the 5th court rank.
- 1912 - Death of Emperor Meiji.
- " - Emperor Taisho's accession to the throne; his era being named "Taisho".
- Nov. 1, 1913 - Raised to the senior grade of the 5th court rank.
- Nov. 10, 1915 - Received a memorial medal of the Emperor Taisho's coronation ceremony.
- Nov. 20, 1916 - Raised to the junior grade of the 4th court rank.
- Feb. 7, 1918 - Appointed chairman of the committee to draft bills concerning disposition of the old Korean currency. (40th session of the Diet.)
- March 4, 1918 - Appointed chairman of the committee to draft bills pertaining to the use of land for private schools and other public corporation. (the same as above)
- May 20-23, 1919 - Attended the 5th International Parliamentary Commercial Conference. /Dai Gokai Bankoku Giin Shoji Kaigi/
Sailed from Yokohama for the above purpose on /blank/
- Nov. 30, 1920 - Raised to the senior grade of the 4th court rank.
- Feb. 9, 1921 - Appointed chairman of the committee to draft bills pertaining to juvenile /crime/ and another subject (the 44th session of the Diet).
- Mar. 17, 1921 - Appointed chairman of the committee to draft bill on the revision of the municipal system and on nine other subjects. (The same as above.)
- July 22, 1921 - Appointed committee member of the Special Educational Administration Investigating Committee.
- Sept. 2, 1921 - Appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Japanese Youngmen's Assn. Hall.

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 Personal History of Prince Konoye (cont'd).

- March 2, 1922 - Appointed Vice-President of Toa Dobun Kai.
- May 10, 1922 - Michitaka
- Oct. 6, 1922 - Joined the Kenkyukai /T.N. Study group/.
- Feb. 24, 1923 - Appointed chairman of the committee to draft bills pertaining to the floating of national bonds in connection with administrative readjustment and limitation and readjustment of armament. (the 46th session of the Diet)
- Mar. 7, 1923 - Appointed chairman of the committee to draft bills pertaining to ^{Revision} and one other subject. (the same as above)
- June 10, 1924 - Appointed standing committee man of Kenkyu-kai.
- July 22, 1924 - ~~Appointed~~ Counsellor of the bureau of Peerage and Heraldry.
- Sept. 20, 1924 - Appointed President of Indo-China Kyokai /^{French}India-~~India~~ China Society/
- Dec. 27, 1924 - Appointed chairman of the committee of the whole (the 50th session of the Diet).
 (Continued to hold this chairmanship ten times beginning with the 50th session till the 59th session.)
- March 12, 1925 - Appointed chairman of the committee to draft bills pertaining to the revision of some articles in the regulations of the House of Peers and two other subjects.
- Dec. 15, 1925 - Raised to the junior grade of the 3rd court rank.
- March 16, 1926 - Appointed Chairman of the committee for drafting bills concerning the rights and duties of the royal families. (the 51st session of the Diet)
- June 8, 1926 - Ordered to be a committee member of the Cultural Investigation Commission.
- July 7, 1926 - Ordered to be a lord-in-waiting of the Musk Hall.
- Nov. 24, 1926 - Resigned as standing committee man of Kenkyu-Kai.
- " " " - Appointed Advisor of Kenkyu-Kai.
- Dec. 22, " - Decorated with the French Decoration Grande Croix, Dragon de L'Annam.
- D. c. 25, " - Death of Emperor Taisho.
- " " " - The present Emperor's accession to the throne; era named, "Showa".

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- Dec. 30, 1926 - Appointed chief Commissioner of the Coronation ceremony.
- March 22, 1927 - Decorated with the Vatican decoration, Grande Croix, Saint Gregoire.
- Question to reform the House of Peers /written in the margin in red pencil/.
- Nov. 12, 1927 - Retired as Advisor of Kenkyu-Kai.
- Nov. " " - Left Kenkyukai.
- Dec. 20, " - Appointed president of Japan-Siam Association.
- Dec. 28, 1928 - Decorated with the Second Order of Merit and the Order of the Double Rays of the Rising Sun.
- March 6, 1929 - Appointed president of the Society for the Commemoration of the 1000th Anniversary of the Death of Emperor Daigo.
- Sept. 28, 1929 - Decorated with the Italian decoration, Grande Croix, Couronne.
- Jan. 15, 1930 - Appointed president of the Japanese Language Society.
- Apr. 4, 1930 - Appointed Vice-President of the Cancer Research Association.
- Apr. 21, " - Appointed member of the committee to investigate and reform the election system for the members of the House of Representatives.
- Jan. 16, 1931 - Appointed Vice-Chairman of the House of Peers.
- May 1, " - Received the Metropolis Reconstruction Commemoration Meda.
- July 2, " - Decorated with the Siamese decoration, Grande Croix, Couronne.
- Dec. 28, " - Raised to the senior grade of the 3rd Court Rank
- June 9, 1933 - Appointed chairman of the House of Peers.
- (June 7, 1937 - Retired from the above position and formed the First Konoye Cabinet.)
- Apr. 9, 1934 - Decorated with the first rank of Merit and the order of the Sacred Treasure.
- Apr. 11, 1934 - Appointed president of the Society for the Promotion of International Culture. /Kokusai Bunka Shinko Kai/
- March 16, 1935 - Appointed Chairman of the Board of Councillors of the Peers' School.

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- Dec., 1935 - Appointed president of the International Students' Society.
- July 15, 1936 - Appointed Vice-president of the Parliamentary System Investigation Society.
- Sept. 25, " - Appointed president of the Japan Broadcasting Association.
- Sept. 30, 1936 - Appointed president of the Dengyo Taishi /a Buddhist priest over 1,000 years ago/ Admiration Society. /Dengyo Taishi Hosen Kai/
- Nov. 17, " - Appointed president of Katori-Kashima Shrine Admiration Society. /Katori-Kashima Jingu Hosen Kai./
- Nov. 22, " - Appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Japanese Maritime Society.
- Dec. 19, " - Appointed President of the Toa Dobun Kai.
- June, 1937 - Organized the First Konoye Cabinet.

Organization of the Cabinet and the Anti-Communism Agreement.
April - Reorganization, resignation, being granted the privilege of the previous post.
The Lukouchio Incident aggravates and develops into the China Incident.

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- Aug. 12, 1937 - Appointed president of the Emperor Komei Esteeming Society /Komei Tenno Hoshi Kai/
- Sept. 15, 1937 - Appointed president of the Japan Science Promotion Society /Nippon Gakujutsu Shinko Kai./
- Apr. 25, 1938 - Decorated with the Manchukuo decoration, the First Order of Merit, the Grand Cord~~on~~ of the Dragon Rays. /Ryuko Dai Ryu-sho/
- May 1, " - Appointed president the Omi Shrine Adoration Society. /Omi Jingu Hosan Kai./
- Sept. 1, " - Appointed president of the East Asia Survey Institute. /Toa Kenkyu Sho/
- Nov. 4, 1938 - Decorated with the Italian decoration, Grande Croix St. Maurice et Lascelles.

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- Nov. 15, 1938 - Appointed president of Yomei Library Foundation.
- Dec. 6, " - Decorated with the German decoration, Gross Kreuz Adler.
- Dec. 24, " - Appointed president of the South Seas Association.
- Jan. 12, 1939 - Appointed president of the Royal Family Advisory Council.
- Jan. 16, " - Raised to the junior grade of the 2nd Court Rank.

President of the Privy Council.

(_____ year _____ month _____ day : organized the Cabinet for the second time.)

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- May 19, 1939 - Decorated with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun. (The First Order of Merit.)
- July (early part) 1939 - Appointed president of Manyo Botanical Garden (Nara).
- Oct. 9, " - Appointed president of Dojin Kai Foundation.
- Dec. 15, " - Appointed president of the Society for the Commemoration of the 2600 anniversary of the founding of the Empire.
- Dec. 27, " - Decorated with the Thailand decoration, Grand Croix, L'Elephant Blanc.

(Necessary to refer to the article, "Descending from Karuizawa.") /Written in red pencil/

- July 17, 1940 - In the evening, an Imperial order to organize a new cabinet was received. First, the candidates for the ministers of the War (TOJO), the Navy (YOSHIDA) and the Foreign Affairs (MATSUOKA) were decided. After a free exchange of views was held

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by Konoye and the aforementioned three ministers regarding the fundamental attitude of the new cabinet, they went on selecting the other cabinet members. It was finished on the 23rd, and the roster of cabinet members was given to the Emperor. In the evening of the same day, the ceremony of installation by the Emperor was held, and thus the Second Konoye Cabinet was organized. The members were as follows:-

Prime Minister - Prince KONOYE Fumimaro.
Foreign Affairs Minister &
Overseas Affairs Minister - MATSUOKA Yosuke
Home Affairs Min. &
Welfare Minister - YASUI Eiji
Finance " - KAWADA Retsu
Army " - TOJO Hideki
Navy " - YOSHIDA Zengo
Justice " - KAZAMI Akira
Education " - HASHIDA Kunihiko
Agriculture &
Forestry Minister - ISHIGURO Tadaatsu
Commerce & Industry
Min. - KOBAYASHI Ichizo
Communication &
Railway Minister - MURATA Shozo
Minister without portfolio &
Chairman of the Cabinet Planning
Board - HOSHINO Naoki.

Organization of the second cabinet. A new footing.
Conclusion of German-Japanese Agreement.
Magistrate for the celebration commemorating the 2600th
Anniversary of the founding of the Empire.
Established councillor system for the cabinet.
Reorganization of the cabinet.
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Aug. 10, 1940 - Haruko (~~his~~^{her} second daughter), Morisada HOSOKAWA's wife, died. Morisada is Moritatsu HOSOKAWA's heir. Previous to this, the political situation of the country had grown tense.

On leaving my mountain resort in Karuizawa, where I had been staying, on July 16, I picked some white mountain lilies of the plateau and returned to Tokyo. I took them to Mrs. Haruko HOSOKAWA, who had been sick in bed, and consoled her. Being fully occupied with political responsibilities even after the organization of the cabinet as well as during the period of organization, I had no time to go and see my daughter and, at last, she has died. Imagine how I feel. It is very natural that, upon my retirement from the cabinet, I copied the Hannya Shin Kyo Sutra myself and offered it to the Cinerarium of Nanzenji temple in Kyoto, which is the temple /to which/ the Hosokawa family belongs, and thus I spent my /period of/ grief.

Aug. 15, 1940 - Received the commemoration medal commemorating the 26 centennial of the founding of the Empire.

Sept. 6, " - Decorated with the Hungarian decoration, Premiere Classe de Merite Hongroise.

June 27, 1941 - Appointed president of the South Seas Association.

July 21, " - Decorated with the Siamese decoration, Special Order of the White Elephant.

Russo-Japanese Non-Agression Pact.

Retirement from his 2nd Cabinet.

Organization of his 3rd Cabinet.

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Negotiation between Japan and the United States.

Retirement from his 3rd Cabinet.

Allowed to retain the privileges of his previous post.

Organization of the TOJO-Cabinet and the outbreak of the Great East Asia War. (Same as above)

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- /Blank/month, /blank/day, 1942 - Entered Otsuki Surgery of the Imperial University Hospital, and was operated on my piles from which I had long been suffering.
- /Blank/month, /blank/day, /blank/ year - Left the hospital for the time being.
- Feb. 15, 1943 - Appointed president of the Advisory Council of the Koyasan Temple.
- Feb. 16, " - Appointed president of Tokiwa Shrine Adoration Society.
- /Blank/month, /blank/ day, /blank/year - Entered the Otsuki Surgery of the Imperial University Hospital for a final treatment on my piles. My progress following the operation was satisfactory and I left the Hospital - day, Jan. 1944.
- March 15, 1944 - Gave books to the national primary school and the town library in Karuizawa and was awarded a certificate of merit according to the Regulation of Merit and Reward.
- June, 1944 - Decorated with a Rumanian decoration.
- June, - President of Kyoto Hosho Kai.
Emperor Chokei's 600th Anniversary.

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