

Curriculum Vitae

Name: OKURA Kinmochi

Social Status: A Peer of Tokyo Prefecture. (Baron)

Court rank: Junior Grade of the 5th Court rank

Born: 22 July 1882

- 1904 Jul. 11 Finished the Civil Engineering Course of the Engineering Department of the Tokyo Imperial University.
- " Sept. 3 Went to America at his own expenses to study railways.
- " Oct. 6 Entered the Missouri Pacific Railway Company and engaged in the survey and construction of railways.
Missouri Pacific
Railway Co.
- 1906 Jan. 28 Left the said Company and entered the Tidewater Railway Co. and engaged in planning of railways and track main tenance. Tide water Railway Co.
- 1907 Aug. 20 Left the afore-mentioned Company and entered the Virginia Bridge Company to engage in detailing of bridges and other steel buildings. Virginua Bridge Co.
- 1908 Apr. 3 Returned to Japan.
- 1908 Dec. 25 Employed as a Government employee. Railway Board
- " " Given a monthly pay of ¥ 50. "
- " " Ordered to serve in the Central. "
- " " Railway Superintendent Bureau.
- " " Ordered to serve at the Business Section. Central Railway Super-
intendent's Bureau
- 1909 Feb. 19 Ordered to serve in the Shinbashi Traffic Office. "
- " " Appointed assistant master of Shizuoka Station. "
- " June 3 Ordered to serve in the Nagano Traffic Office. "
- " " Appointed assistant master of Nagano Station. "
- 1909 Dec. 28 Appointed engineer of the Railway Board.
Conferred the 7th rank of the higher civil service.
Cabinet

1909 Dec. 28	Granted the 10th pay grade. Ordered to serve in the Central Railway Superintendent Bureau.	Cabinet Railway Board
1910 Apr. 1	The salary regulations for the higher civil service were revised.	
" Dec. 28	Raised to the 9th pay grade.	Cabinet
1911 Sept. 20	Ordered to succeed to the peerage- Baron.	Cabinet
" Dec. 25	Granted the 8th pay grade.	Cabinet
1912 July 10	Promoted to the 6th rank of the higher civil service.	
1912 Dec. 25	Granted the 7th pay grade.	Cabinet
1913 Jan. 23	Appointed chief of the SHINBASHI Traffic Office, the Central Railway Superintendent Bureau.	Railway Board
" Feb. 2	The organization of the Railway Board was partially revised - he became chief of the SHINBASHI Traffic Office, of Tokyo Railway Superintendent Bureau.	
" July 22	Granted the 6th pay grade.	Cabinet
1914 Dec. 23	Promoted to the 5th rank of the higher civil service. Granted the 5th pay grade.	"
1915 June 22	Relieved as chief of the SHINBASHI Traffic Office of Tokyo Railway Superintendent Bureau.	Railway Board
" June 23	The Regulations for the Railway Board were partially revised. Ordered to serve in the Central District Railway Superintendent Bureau.	
" Nov. 30	Promoted to the senior grade of the 5th Court rank.	
" Nov. 7	Granted a sum of 300 yen in recognition of his service in the 1914-15 Incident.	
" Nov. 10	Given a Coronation medal.	Cabinet
1916 Dec. 18	Granted the 4th pay grade.	
1917 Feb. 2	Ordered to make an official tour to China.	Cabinet
" "	Concurrently ordered to serve in the Traffic Bureau.	Railway Board.
" Sept. 20	Returned to Japan.	

1917 Sept. 21 Ordered to serve in the Freight Section of the
Traffic Bureau. Railway Board

Dec. 15 Appointed chief of the Freight Section of the
Traffic Bureau. "

Dec. 27 Promoted to the 4th rank of the higher civil service.
Cabinet
Granted the 3rd pay grade.

1918 Oct. 8 Appointed chief of the Traffic Section of the
Western District Railway Superintendent Bureau.
Railway Board

Dec. 26 Granted the 2nd pay grade. Cabinet

1919 May 1 Appointed chief of the KOBE Railway Superintendent
Bureau (sic) and chief of the Traffic Section.
Appointed chief of the Traffic Section of the KOBE
Railway Superintendent Bureau.

July 3 Placed on the retired list in accordance with No. 4
of Paragraph 1 of Article XI of the Civil Service
Limitation Ordinance.

1920 May 15 His post was abolished because of the abolishment
of the Regulations for the Railway Board.

Nov. 1 Decorated with the 5th Order of Merit with the Order
of the Sacred Treasure and granted a sum of 900 yen
in recognition of his service during the 1915-20
Incident.

1921 Dec. 23 Appointed director of the South Manchurian Railway
Company. His term of office expired on Dec. 22, 1925.

1922 Dec. 11 Promoted to the junior grade of the 4th Court rank.

1925 Dec. 23 Appointed Director of the South Manchurian Railway Co.
Cabinet

1927 Sep. 17 Relieved as Director of the South Manchurian Railway
Co. at his own request. "

1929 Oct. 10 Appointed Director of the South Manchurian Railway Co.
Overseas Affairs
Ministry

1931 July 15 Relieved as Director of the South Manchurian Railway
Co. at his own request. "

1930 Dec. 15 Conferred the senior grade of the 4th Court rank.

1932 July 10 Elected member of the House of Peers.

1933 May 17 Appointed member of the Railway Fares and Rates
Council. Cabinet

July 20 Decorated with the 4th Order of Merit with the
Order of the Sacred Treasure.

1935 June 1 Appointed member of the Overseas Colonization
Committee. Cabinet

Sept. 18 Appointed on the Expert Committee of the Cabinet Investigation
Bureau. Cabinet

1935 Sep. 23 Appointed member of the Railway Fares and Rates
Council. "

1934 Apr. 29 Decorated with the Minor Cordon of the Order of the
Rising Sun in recognition of his service during the
1931-34 Incident.

1936 Sep. 9 Appointed member of the Committee for Automobile
Manufacture. "

1937 May 14 His post as member of the Expert Committee of the
Cabinet Investigation Bureau was abolished by
Imperial Ordinance No. 192 of 1937.

1937 July 1 Appointed Councillor of the Planning Board. Cabinet

" " Appointed member of the Central Economic Conference.
This was abolished by Imperial Ordinance No. 85
of 1938.

" Oct. 1 Appointed member of the Committee for Iron Manufacturing
Industries. Cabinet

" Oct. 14 Appointed member of the Temporary Electric Power
Investigation Committee. "
It was abolished by Imperial Ordinance No. 365 of 1938.

1937 Oct. 25 The post of Councillor of the Planning Board was
abolished by Imperial Ordinance No. 605 of 1937.

" Nov. 27 Appointed member of the Gold Committee. Cabinet

" Dec. 10 Appointed member of the Education Council. Cabinet

1938 Feb. 19 Appointed member of the Planning Council. "

" May 25 Appointed member of the Electric Power Council. "

" Aug. 3 Appointed member of the Committee to adjust Traffic
Works. "

1938 Aug. 27 Appointed member of the Committee to investigate the measures to meet with the situation of the Government-General of Korea. Cabinet

" Sept. 10 Appointed member of the Electric Communication Committee. "

" Dec. 13 Appointed member of the Railway Fares and Rates Council. "

1939 July 12 Appointed member of the Committee to investigate the Main Railway Lines. The membership was abolished in accordance with Imperial Ordinance No. 519 of Aug. 7, 1940. "

" " 20 Appointed member of the Education Council. "

" " 10 Elected member of the House of Peers. (Baron)

" Aug. 2 Appointed member of the - Oversea Colonization Investigation Committee. "

" " 3 Appointed member of the Temporary Manchurian Colonists Council. "

1939 Dec. 28 Promoted to the junior grade of the 3rd Court rank.

1941 May 6 Appointed member of the Railway Fares and Rates Council. "

" July 5 Appointed member of the Electric Power Council.

" Aug. 9 Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

" Oct. 24 Appointed member of the - Oversea Colonization Investigation Committee.

" " 25 Appointed member of the committee to adjust Traffic Works.

1942 Dec. 28 Appointed member of the Scientific Technique Council.

1943 June 21 Commissioned to serve in the Information Bureau. Ordered to serve in the Investigation Room of the Information Bureau Director's Secretariate.

" June 24 Appointed member of the Mining Industry Appraisal Committee. Cabinet

1944 Jan. 14 Appointed member of the Railway Fares and Rates Council. The membership was abolished in accordance with Imperial Ordinance No. 299 of June 3, 1946.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

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ŌKURA KIMMOCHI

harmless

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Having first duly sworn an oath as on the attached sheet, in accordance with the procedure prevailing in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

1. I have been a member of the House of Peers for many years and since 1937 have been managing director of the Kokusaku Kenkyūkai (Society for Study of the National Policy). This society was an organization of purely private nature, maintained by membership fees and contributions from official and private sources. A detailed account of the nature and operations of the Society having been given to the Tribunal by the witness Tatsugi (Exhibit No. 678), I refrain from repeating it here, and shall state only the following facts in explanation of the relation of Mr. Tōgō Shigenori to the Society.

2. Membership in the Society was open to all, and withdrawal from membership also was quite free and voluntary. Accordingly there used to be continual change in the membership, and those members who did not belong to some committee of the Society were (with the exception of a few interested who sometimes expressed their opinions at some meeting or other) so little connected with the activities of the Society that the only benefit they derived from being members was that they were sometimes invited to the lecture-meetings which the Society held in compensation for the fees paid, and received the periodicals published by the Society. Many of the members failed to pay their membership fees, but so long as they did not express the desire to withdraw from the Society they were treated as members and received the periodical publications of the Society. But in no circumstances were the major, special, publications of the Society, such as those introduced as evidence by the prosecution (Exhibits Nos. 684 and 685) ever distributed to ordinary members.

3. Mr. Tōgō joined the Society, if I remember right, in 1942 after he had resigned his post of foreign minister. He was of course only an ordinary member, having never had any connection with any of the committees nor in any way participated in the management of the Society, as an officer or director. I did at one time approach him with the suggestion that he become a member of the Executive Committee, but he rejected the suggestion. Moreover, so far as I remember, he did not attend any of the meetings held by the Society, and I do not even remember whether he paid membership fees. To speak honestly, he was a half-hearted and uncoöperative member.

4. About December 1941 I called on Mr. Nishi, then the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, with whom I had long been acquainted, and asked for a contribution of ¥20,000 from the Foreign Ministry, explaining to him that the Society was soliciting contributions for the purpose of undertaking the study of various wartime problems. The Society received the money from the Foreign Ministry some two or three months later. At the time of the making of the above request, the concrete program of study of the Society had not yet been decided, and my explanation to the Vice-Minister naturally was sketchy and rather vague as to particulars. I submitted no written program in connection with the request for a contribution. It may be added that I have never seen Mr. Tōgō on any business concerning this or any other contribution to the Society.

On this 25th day of October, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT ŌKURA Kimmochi (seal)

I, Shichida Motoharu, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: Shichida Motoharu (Seal)

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In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth, withholding nothing and adding nothing.

Ōkura Kimmochi (seal)

Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the Defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Nishi Haruhiko

Tokyo
15 November 1947