

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao et al

Sworn Deposition

Deponent ; -- MATSUI, Iwane

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

Early in January 1938, when I was Commander of the Central China Area Army at Shanghai, I sent a message, through Messrs. OKADA, Hisashi and LI Tseh-i, to SUNG Tse-wen, the head of the Chinese financial clique, urging him to make efforts to bring about a peace movement between China and Japan.

SUNG Tse-wen was brother-in-law to Mr. CHIANG Kai-shek. The SUNG Clique and the CHIANG Regime, closely united with each other, formed the backbone of the Kuomintang.

I returned to Japan in February of the same year. In May I gave speeches on the Great East Asia Principle at various places including Nagoya. In these speeches I said:

"While we must on one hand ask the Chinese to reflect on their past attitude, we must on the other hand be ready to make sacrifices in keeping China to reconstruct herself. We must not, however, demand anything in return for such services. It would be senseless to occupy China by force. We must not harbor any territorial economical or political ambition." Thus, I was devoting myself in a movement for improving the Sino-Japanese friendship as well as restoring peace in East Asia. (DD#2501)

In those days I never advised the central army authorities that we should not deal with CHIANG Kai-shek.

On this 27 day of Jan. 1948

At To Kyo

DEPONENT: MATSUI, Iwane (seal)

I, ITO, Kiyoshi, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness..

On the same date

At To Kyo

Witness: /S/ ITO, Kiyoshi (seal)

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OATH

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

/S/ MATSUI, Iwane(seal)

極東國際軍事裁判所

亞米利加合衆國 其他

對

荒木貞夫 其他

宣誓供述書

係述者 松井石根

自分儀我國ニ行ハルル方式ニ從ヒ先ツ別紙ノ通り宣誓ヲ爲シタル上次ノ如ク供述致シマス

私は昭和十三年一月初め頃、上海に於て中支那方面軍司令官在任中、岡田向氏、李澤一氏等を介して、中國財閥の巨頭宋子文氏に對して日華和平促進運動の爲めに奮起を促しました。

宋子文氏は蔣介石とは義兄弟の關係でも、而して宋財閥と蔣政權とは表裏一体となつて中國の國民黨の中心勢力を形成して居りました。

私は同年二月歸國して、五月名古屋其他に於て、大亞細亞主義の講演をして、日本は中國に對して、反省を求むると共に中國の復興を支援する爲めに犠牲を拂ふべきである、併し犠牲の報酬を求めてはならぬ、武力によつて中國の領土を占領しても何にもならぬ、領土的經濟的政治的野心を抱いてはならぬ、と述べて只管日華の親善、東洋の平和を促進する運動をして居りました。(辯護側文書第二五〇一號)

私は決して其の頃、軍の中央部に對して蔣介石を相手にする勿れと進言したことはありません。

昭和二十三年（一九四八年）一月廿七日 於

供述者 松井 石根

右ハ當立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シマス

同日 於

立會人 伊藤 清

宣

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