

Riji YASUI: Member House of Peers; Director, Imperial Rule Assistance Association; Governor of Osaka Prefecture.

1890 Sept. Born Tokyo. Son of Juso Yasui. Married Ayako, daughter of Shuspei Uemura.

1916 Graduate Law College, Tokyo Imperial University; joined Home Office.

" Chief of archives section, Local Bureau. Chief of Public Peace Section, Police Bureau. Governor, Okayama Prefecture. Director, Labor Department, Social Bureau.

" Governor, Osaka Prefecture.

1937 June-Oct Education Minister in first Konoye Cabinet.

1938 Dec. Appointed Member House of Peers.

1940 July-Dec. Home Minister in second Konoye Cabinet.

1940 July-Sept Welfare Minister in second Konoye Cabinet.

1943 Director, IRAA.

1945 Apr. Governor of Osaka Prefecture and concurrently President of Regional Administrative Council.

Address: 775, 4-chome, Sendagaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo.

Personal friend of Prince Konoye and reportedly his closest confidante within the cabinet while Konoye was Premier. (156)

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INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

5 May 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. D. N. Sutton

SUBJECT : Members of the KOKUSAKU KENKYU KAI (National Policy Research Institute)

1. Attention is called to IPS Doc. No. 2302, reference book on the KOKUSAKU KENKYU KAI (National Policy Research Institute), which may be of interest to members of the Legal Staff in charge of Defense witnesses.

2. A rescanning of the book has revealed the following Defense witnesses as members of the society:

ANDO, Kisaburo; AOKI, Kazuo; ARITA, Hachiro; GODO, Takuo; HORIKIRI, Zenjiro; ISHIWATARI, Sotaro; IKAWA, Tadao; KANAMORI, Tokujiro; KISHI, Shinsuke; MATSUMURO, Koryo; MITARAI, Tatsuo; NAKASHIMA, Tetsuzo; NAKAMURA, Keinoshin; OKADA, Tadahiko; ONO, Takeshi; OWADA, Teiji; SAWADA, Renzo; TAKAGI, Rikuro; TSUGITA, Daizaburo; YASUI, Eiji; YOSHINO, Shinji; YUZAWA, Michio; KOMAI, Tokuzo.

3. Reference is made to File 250, Item 43 re Patriotic Societies which gives information about the KOKUSAKU KENKYU KAI as follows:

"Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai (KKK) existed as an organization to advise the Army, and to a lesser extent, the Government, on policy. Its activities were not publicized, so that it was almost a secret organization. Its members were mostly businessmen and politicians who were eager to have Army connections. It had considerable financial resources....."

"By 1938 or 1939, the KKK had become so important that it was felt that no Japanese Government could continue to function smoothly without its support and advice."

"The chief figure in the KKK is YATSUGI, Kazuo. He is a sinister man who, unlike other members of the KKK, is a rough and uneducated man. He originally began public life as a policeman. In early life, he is believed to have had some connection with left-wing organizations. Later he became a fanatical nationalist and developed close connections with the Army....."

"YOSHINO, Shinji, became Commerce Minister in the First KONOYE Cabinet; KAYA, former Foreign Minister; AOKI, and ISHIWATARI are all men who were brought close to the Army probably through the KKK. Former Home Minister YUZAWA, Michio, was a member and director of KKK."

W. H. Wagner
W. H. WAGNER
Scanning Unit

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SUBJECT: YASUI, Eiji

Director of IRAA, 1943.

From June to October, 1937, he served as Education Minister in the first KONOYE Cabinet. From July to Sept. 1940, he served as Welfare Minister in the second KONOYE Cabinet and from July to Dec. 1940 as Home Minister in the same Cabinet. In 1943 became Director of IRAA..

YASUI, Eiji

Request by: ARAKI, Sadao

Address: Kanagawa Prefecture

He is a former Minister of Education.

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YASUI, Eiji

Request by: Naoki, Sadao

address: Kanagawa prefecture

He is a former Minister of Education

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: YASUI, Eiji
STATUS: Commoner, TOKYO Prefecture.
BORN: 18 September 1890

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- 25 Oct 1915 Passed the higher civil service examination.
 12 May 1916 Finished the law course of the Law College, the Tokyo Imperial University.
 27 May 1916 Appointed clerk in Tokyo Prefectural Office; granted the 7th grade salary (TOKYO Prefectural Office).
 28 Jan 1918 Appointed commissioner in TOKYO Prefectural Office; Promoted to the 7th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
 24 Feb 1920 Granted the 10th grade salary (Home Ministry).
 11 Mar 1918 Received the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
 4 Sep 1918 Promoted to the 7th rank of the higher civil service (Home Ministry).
 25 Dec 1918 Granted the 8th grade salary (Home Ministry).
 30 Apr 1919 Granted the 7th grade salary (Home Ministry).
 14 Oct 1919 Appointed administrative official in the Palace Bureau.
 27 Dec 1920 On 10 Sept 1920 the government organization of the Home Ministry was partly revised; became administrative official of the Home Ministry; promoted to the 7th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
 14 Oct 1919 Granted the 7th grade salary (Home Ministry).
 30 Nov 1919 Granted the 6th grade salary (Home Ministry).
 16 Feb 1920 Promoted to the 6th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
 10 Mar 1920 Received the 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
 31 Jul 1920 Granted the 5th grade salary (Home Ministry).

- 25 Oct 1920 Appointed administrative official of the Air Bureau (Cabinet).
- 31 Mar 1921 Granted the 7th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 28 Jul 1921 Granted the 6th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 20 Feb 1922 Promoted to the 5th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- 10 Apr 1922 Received the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 1 Nov 1922 Appointed administrative official of the Social Welfare Bureau.
- Same date Received the 5th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet)
- Same date Granted the 6th grade salary.
Ordered to serve in the 1st Dept. (Home Ministry).
- 15 Dec 1922 Granted the 5th grade salary.
- 15 Dec 1923 Granted the 4th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 7 May 1924 Promoted to the 4th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- 18 Aug 1924 Relieved as administrative official of the Air Bureau (Cabinet).
- 15 Nov 1924 Received the 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 27 Dec 1924 Concurrently appointed administrative official of the Home Ministry; Received the 4th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Ordered to serve in the Minister's Secretariate" (Home Ministry).
- 31 Mar 1925 Granted the 3rd grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 1 Apr 1925 While AMAAKE, Keiji, Chief of the Labour Section of the Social Welfare Bureau was sent abroad on business, ordered to act for him (Home Ministry).
- 1 Oct 1925 Appointed Secretary of the Home Ministry (Home Ministry).

- Received the 4th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Appointed Chief of the Administrative Section of the Local Bureau;
- Granted the 3rd grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 27 Sep 1926 Promoted to the 3rd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- 21 Oct 1926 Concurrently appointed confidential secretary to the Home Minister;
- Received the 3rd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed Chief of the Archives and Documents Section of the Minister's Secretariate;
- Appointed Chief Official in charge of statistics and announcement in the Official Gazette (Home Ministry).
- 1 Nov 1926 Received the 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 30 Nov 1926 Granted the 2nd grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 30 Apr 1927 Relieved of concurrent duties (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed Chief of the Administrative Section of the Local Bureau.
- Relieved of the Chief Official in charge of Statistics and announcement in the Official Gazette (Home Ministry).
- 30 Sep 1927 Appointed Secretary to the Investigation Committee of the Population and Food Problem. (Cabinet.)
- 26 Dec 1928 Granted the 1st grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 5 Jul 1929 Appointed Administrative Official of the Home Ministry;
- Received the 2nd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed Chief of the Peace Preservation Sect. of the Police Bureau;
- Granted the 2nd grade salary (Home Ministry).

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- 1 Aug 1929 Received the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 13 Jun 1930 Decorated with the 4th Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure (Bureau of Decorations).
- 23 Jul 1930 Concurrently appointed Chief of the Political Campaigns and Elections Control Section, the Police Bureau (Home Ministry).
- 12 Feb 1931 Appointed government representative in 59th Diet for matters under jurisdiction of Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 2 Oct 1931 Appointed Governor of OKAYAMA Prefecture; Received the 2nd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Granted the 3rd grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 8 Oct 1931 Appointed member of First Health Insurance Investigation Committee in OKAYAMA in accordance with Article 106, paragraph 1, No. 1, of the Regulations relative to application of the Health Insurance Law (Home Ministry).
- 16 Oct 1931 Appointed Chairman of the First Investigation Committee (Health Insurance) in OKAYAMA (Cabinet).
- 18 Dec 1931 Appointed Section Chief in Social Welfare Bureau; Received the 2nd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed Chief of the Labour Section (Home Ministry).
- 23 Jan 1932 Appointed member of Board for the National Hygiene Investigation (Cabinet).
- 29 Jan 1932 Appointed member of the Third Health Insurance Investigation Committee, in accordance with Article 166, Paragraph 3, No. 1, of the Regulations relative to the application of the Health Insurance Law (Cabinet).
- 4 Feb 1932 Appointed member of the Labour Insurance Investigation Committee. (Cabinet.)
- 4 Mar 1932 Appointed Chief of the Local Bureau of Home Ministry; Received the 2nd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).

- 16 Mar 1932 Appointed Councillor of the Resources Bureau (Cabinet).
- 28 Mar 1932 Appointed Secretary of the International Sight-seeing Committee (Cabinet).
- 11 Apr 1932 Appointed member of the Labour Insurance Investigation Committee (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed member of the Third Health Insurance Investigation Committee in accordance with Article 106, Paragraph 3, No. 1, of the Regulations relative to the application of the Health Insurance Law (Cabinet).
- 12 Apr 1932 Appointed member of the Central Sanitary Society (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed member of the Board for the Investigation of National Hygiene (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed member of the National Parks Committee (Cabinet).
- 1 Jun 1932 Appointed government representative in the 62nd Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 25 Jun 1932 Appointed temporary member of the Shrine System Investigation Committee (Cabinet).
- 1 Jul 1932 Appointed secretary of the Education Investigation Committee (Cabinet).
- 14 Jul 1932 Appointed Secretary of the Law Investigation Committee (Cabinet).
- 16 Jul 1932 Appointed member of the City-Planning Central Committee (Cabinet).
- 22 Jul 1932 Appointed member of the Unemployment Committee (Cabinet).
- 22 Aug 1932 Appointed government representative in the 63rd Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 27 Dec 1932 Promoted to the 1st rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).

- 16 Jan 1933 Received the 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 19 Jan 1933 Appointed member of the Perpetual Lease Committee (Cabinet).
- 21 Jan 1933 Appointed government representative in the 64th Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 6 Feb 1933 Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure (Bureau of Decorations).
- 12 Aug 1933 Appointed member of the Public Works Council (Cabinet).
- 27 Dec 1933 Entrusted as member of the Farm-Villages Liabilities Investigation Committee (Cabinet).
- 28 Jan 1934 Appointed government representative in the 65th Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 29 Apr 1934 Decorated with the middle Cordon of the Rising Sun in recognition of services in the Incident from 1931-1934 (Bureau of Decorations).
- 26 Dec 1934 Appointed Secretary of the Investigation Committee for the Development of the TOHOKU District (Cabinet).
- 27 Dec 1934 Appointed government representative in the 66th Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 15 Jan 1935 Appointed Governor of OSAKA Prefecture;
Received the 1st rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Granted the 2nd grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 29 Jan 1935 Appointed member of the First Health Insurance Investigation Committee in OSAKA in accordance with Article 166, Paragraph 3, No. 1, of the Regulations relative to the application of the Health Insurance Law.
- 5 Feb 1935 Appointed Chairman of the First Health Insurance Investigation Committee in OSAKA (Cabinet).
- 8 Feb 1935 Appointed member of the Employment Committee in OSAKA District (Home Ministry)

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- 13 Feb 1935 Appointed Chairman of the Employment Committee in OSAKA District (Cabinet).
- 31 Mar 1937 Granted the 1st grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 4 Jun 1937 Appointed the Education Minister (Cabinet).
- 15 Jun 1937 Received the 3rd Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 5 Jul 1937 Decorated with the 2nd Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure (Bureau of Decorations).
- 22 Oct 1937 Relieved of present duties at own request (Cabinet).
- 29 Oct 1937 Received the 3rd Court Rank, Senior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- Same date As an act of grace by the Throne, raised one rank (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 10 Dec 1937 Appointed member of the Education Investigation Committee (Cabinet).

Translated
by K. SOMA
Checked by the original

Name: YASUI, Eiji 05.

Status: Commoner, TOKYO Prefecture

Born: 18 September 1890

25 Oct 1915 Passed the higher civil
service examination

12 May 1916 Finished the Law Course of
the Law College, the TOKYO
Imperial University

27 May " Appointed clerk in
Tokyo Prefectural Office,
Granted the 7th grade
salary (TOKYO Prefectural Office)

- 28 Jan 1918 Appointed commissioner of
TOKYO Prefectural Office;
Promoted to the 9th rank
of the higher civil service
(Cabinet)
- " " " Granted the 10th grade
salary (Home Ministry)
- 11 Mar " ^{Received}
~~Conferred~~ the 7th Court Rank,
Junior Grade (Imperial
Household Dept.)
- 4 Sep Granted the 9th grade
salary (Home Ministry)

25 Dec " - Granted the 8th grade
salary (Home Ministry)

30 Apr 1919. Granted the 7th grade
salary (Home Ministry)

14 Oct " - Appointed administrative
official ⁱⁿ of the Police
Bureau;

On 10 Sept 1920 the government
organization of the Home
Ministry was partly revised;
Became administrative
official of the Home Ministry;

Promoted to the 7th rank of
the higher civil service
(Cabinet)

14 Oct " Granted the 7th grade
salary (Home ministry)

30 Nov " Granted the 6th grade
salary (Home ministry)

16 Feb 1920 Promoted to the 6th rank of
the higher civil service
(Cabinet)

10 Mar " ~~Conferred~~^{Revised} the 7th Court
Rank, Senior Grade

(Imperial Household Dept.)

31 Jul " Granted the 5th grade salary (Home Ministry)

25 Oct " Appointed administrative official of the Air Bureau (Cabinet)

31 Mar 1921 Granted the 7th grade salary (Home Ministry)

28 Jul " Granted the 6th grade salary (Home Ministry).

20 Feb 1922 Promoted to the 5th rank of the higher civil service

(Cabinet)

10 Apr " ~~Conferred~~ ^{Received} the 6th Court Rank,
Junior Grade (Imperial
Household Dept.)

1 Nov " Appointed administrative
official of the Social Welfare
Bureau

" " " ~~Promoted~~ ^{Received} to the 5th rank of
the higher civil service.

(Cabinet)

" " " granted the 6th grade
salary

Ordered to serve in the
1st Dept. (Home Ministry)

15 Dec " Granted the 5th grade
salary

15 Dec 1923 Granted the 4th grade
salary (Home Ministry)

7 May 1924 Promoted to the 4th rank
of the higher civil service
(Cabinet)

18 Aug " Relieved ^{as} of the administra-
tive official of the Air
Bureau (Cabinet)

15 Nov " ~~Conferred~~ ^{Received} the 6th Court Rank,
Senior Grade (Imperial
Household Dept.)

27 Dec " Concurrently appointed
administrative official
of the Home Ministry;
~~Promoted~~ ^{Received} to the 4th rank of
the higher civil service
(Cabinet)

" " " Ordered to serve in the
Minister's Secretariate
(Home Ministry)

31. Mar 1925

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(Home ministry)

1 Apr 1925

While AMAAKE, Keiji, chief
of the Labour Sect. of the
Social Welfare Bureau
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on business,

ordered to act for him

(Home ministry)

1 Oct "

Appointed secretary of the

Home Ministry (Home Mini-

stry)

~~Promoted~~ ^{Received} to the 4th rank

of the higher civil service

(Cabinet)

" " " Appointed Chief of the
Administrative Sect. of
the Local Bureau;

granted the 3rd grade
salary (Home Ministry)

27 Sep 1926 Promoted to the 3rd rank
of the higher civil service
(Cabinet)

21 Oct " Concurrently appointed
confidential secretary
to the Home Minister;

~~Promoted~~ ^{Received} to the 3rd rank of
the higher civil service
(Cabinet)

" " " Appointed Chief of the
Archives and Document's
sect. of the Minister's
Secretariate;

Appointed chief official
in charge of statistics
and announcement in the Official
Gazette (Home Ministry)

1 Nov " ~~Conferred~~ ^{Received} the 5th Court Rank,

Junior Grade (Imperial
Household Dept.)

30 Nov. " Granted the 2nd grade
salary (Home Ministry)

30 Apr 1929 Relieved of concurrent
duties (Cabinet)

" " " Appointed Chief of the Ad-
ministrative Sect. of the
Local Bureau

Relieved of the Chief Official
in charge of statistics and
announcement in the Official

Gazette (Home Ministry)

30 Sep " Appointed secretary to the
Investigation Committee of
~~Problems of~~ ^{the} Population and
Foody ^{Problem.} (Cabinet)

26 Dec 1928 Granted the 1st grade
salary (Home Ministry).

5 Jul 1929 Appointed administrative
official of the Home
Ministry;

~~Promoted~~ ^{Promoted} to the 2nd rank
of the higher civil service

(Cabinet)

" " " Appointed Chief of the Peace
Preservation Sect. of the
Police Bureau;

Granted the 2nd grade
salary (Home Ministry)

1 Aug - ~~Conferred~~ ^{Received} the 5th Court Rank,
Senior Grade (Imperial
Household Dept.)

13 Jun 1930 Decorated with the 4th
Order of Merit with the
Order of the Sacred Treasure

(Bureau of Decorations)

23 Jul - Concurrently appointed
Chief of the ^{Political Campaigns and Elections} ~~Thought~~ ~~sect~~ of
Control Section
of the Police Bureau (Home Ministry)

12 Feb 1931 Appointed government repre-
sentative in ~~the~~ 59th Diet
for matters under ~~the~~ jurisdic-
tion of ~~the~~ Home Ministry
(Cabinet)

2 Oct - Appointed Governor of
OKAYAMA Prefecture;
^{Received}
~~Promoted~~ to the 2nd rank of

the higher civil service

(~~Home~~ ^{Cabinet} Ministry)

" " " granted the 3rd grade salary

(Home ministry)

8 Oct " Appointed member of the

Health Insurance
First Investigation

Committee of ~~the Health~~

~~Insurance~~ in OKAYAMA

in accordance with No. 1,

Article 106, paragraph 1, No. 1

~~Paragraph 1, Article 106~~

of the Regulations relative

to ~~the~~ application of the

Health Insurance Law

(Home Ministry)

16 Oct - Appointed Chairman of the
First Investigation Committee
~~of the~~ Health Insurance in
OKAYAMA (Cabinet)

18 Dec - Appointed ^{Section} Chief ~~of~~ ~~Dept.~~
~~of the~~ ⁱⁿ Social Welfare ~~Section~~
Bureau;

~~promoted~~ ^{Received} to the 2nd rank
of the higher civil service
(Cabinet)

- " " " Appointed Chief of the
Labour ~~Dept~~^{Section} (Home Ministry)
- 23 Jan 1932 Appointed member of ~~the~~
~~Board~~^{Board} for the Investigation^{Board}
~~of~~ National Hygiene (Cabinet)
- 29 Jan " Appointed member of the
Third Investigation Committee
~~of the~~ Health Insurance
in accordance with
Article 106, Paragraph 3, No 1
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106 of the Regulations
re^{la}~~sp~~ective to the application

of the Health Insurance Law
(Cabinet)

4 Feb " Appointed member of ~~the~~
Investigation Committee,
of the Labour Insurance
(Cabinet)

4 Mar " Appointed Chief of the
Local Bureau of ~~the~~ Home
Ministry;
~~Promoted~~ ^{Received} to the 2nd rank
of the higher civil service
(Cabinet)

16 Mar " Appointed councillor
of the Resources
Bureau (Cabinet)

28 Mar " - Appointed secretary of the
International Sight-seeing
Committee (Cabinet)

11 Apr " Appointed member of the
Investigation Committee
of the Labour Insurance
(Cabinet)

" " " Appointed member of
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the Third Investigation

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the Regulations ~~relative~~^{to}

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Health Insurance Law

(Cabinet)

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Central Sanitary Society

(Cabinet)

" " " Appointed member of the

Board for the

~~Board for the~~ Investigation

of National Hygiene ~~Board~~ (Cabinet)

" " " Appointed member of the
National Parks Committee
(Cabinet)

1 Jan " Appointed government repre-
sentative in the 62nd Diet
for matters under the jurisdic-
tion of the Home Ministry
(Cabinet)

25 Jun 1932 Appointed temporary mem-
ber of the Shrine System
Investigation Committee (Cabinet)

- 1 Jul " Appointed secretary of
the Educational ~~Investiga-~~ Investiga-
tion Committee (Cabinet)
- 14 Jul " Appointed secretary of the
Law Investigation Committee
(Cabinet)
- 16 Jul " Appointed member of the
City-Planning Central
Committee (Cabinet)
- 22 Jul " Appointed member of
the Unemployment Committee
(Cabinet)

- 22 Aug " Appointed government representative in the 63rd Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet)
- 27 Dec " Promoted to the 1st rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet)
- 16 Jan 1933 ^{Received} ~~Conferred~~ the 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)

- 19 Jan " Appointed member of the
Perpetual Lease Committee
(Cabinet)
- 21 Jan " Appointed government repre-
sentative in the 64th Diet
for matters under the juris-
diction of the Home Ministry
(Cabinet)
- 6 Feb " Decorated with the 3rd
Order of Merit with the
Order of the Sacred
Treasure (Bureau of Decorations)

12 Aug " Appointed member of the
Public Works Council (Cabinet)

27 Dec " Entrusted ^{as} ~~with~~ member of
the Investigation Committee
~~of the Incidence of~~
Farm-Villages ^{Subsidiaries} (Cabinet)

23 Jan 1934 Appointed government repre-
sentative in the 65th Diet
for matters under the juris-
diction of the Home Ministry
(Cabinet)

- 29 Apr " Decorated with the Middle
 Cordon of the Rising Sun
 in recognition of services
 in the ~~Disturbances~~^{Incident} from
 1931 - 1934 (Bureau of
 Decorations.)
- 26 Dec " Appointed secretary of
 the Investigation Committee
~~of the~~^{for the} Development of the
 TOHOKU District (Cabinet)
- 27 Dec " Appointed government
 representative in the 66th

Diet for matters under
the jurisdiction of the

Home Ministry (Cabinet)

15 Jan 1935 Appointed Governor of

OSAKA Prefecture;

~~Promoted~~ ^{Received} to the 1st rank
of the higher civil service

(Cabinet)

" " " Granted the 2nd grade

salary (Home Ministry)

29 Jan " Appointed member of the

^{Health Insurance}
First Investigation

~~Committee of the Health Insurance~~

in OSAKA in accordance with ~~Art.~~
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 Article 106, Paragraph 3, No 1, of the
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 (relative)

application of the Health

Insurance Law

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 Employment Committee in OSAKA
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- 31 Mar 1937 Granted the 1st grade
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- 4 Jun " Appointed the Education
Minister (Cabinet)
- 15 Jun " ~~Conferred~~ ^{Received} the 3rd Court
Rank, Junior Grade
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- 5 Jul " Decorated with the 2nd
Order of Merit with the Order

of the Sacred Treasure,
(Bureau of Decorations)

- 22 Oct. " Relieved of present duties
at own request (Cabinet)
- 29 Oct. " ~~Conferred~~ ^{Revised} the 3rd Court
Rank, Senior Grade
(Imperial Household
Dept.)
- " " " ~~By Special~~ ^{by the Honors,} Gracey raised
over rank (Imperial House-
hold Dept.)
- 10 Dec. " Appointed member of the

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Educational ~~Investiga-~~
tion Committee (Cabinet)

REPORT BY: John A. Curtis

12 Feb 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: YASUI, Eiji

Arika

Address: Kanagawa Prefecture

He was formerly Minister of Education.

File 447, serial 58: Request for interrogation.

File 287, serial 7: Attended meeting held in preparation for the trial of ABE, Genki.

Personal File 97, YASUI, Eiji.

No further information concerning the above is contained in the files.

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1 Mr. Newbill

YASUI, Eiji.

1890: Born

1915: Passed Higher Civil Service Examination.

1916: Finished law course in Tokyo Imperial University.

1918: Commissioner in Tokyo Prefectural Office.

1919: Administrative Official in the Palace Bureau.

1920: Administrative Official of the Home Ministry.

April 1925: Temporary Chief of Labour Section of Social Welfare Bureau during Chief's absence abroad.

Oct. 1925: Secretary of Home Ministry.

July 1929: Chief of the Peace Preservation Section of the Police Bureau.

Oct. 1931: Governor of Okayama Prefecture.

1932:) Government representative in the 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th and 66th Diet
) Sessions for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry.
1933:)
& 1934:)

1934: Decorated with the middle Cordon of the Rising Sun in recognition of services in the Incident from 1931-1934.

1935: Governor of Osaka Prefecture.

June 1937:

- Oct. 1937: Education Minister

Dec. 1937: Member Education Investigation Committee.

Dec. 1938: Appointed to House of Peers.

July 1940-Dec. 1940: Minister of Home Affairs and Welfare Minister.

Nov. 1940: Adviser to I.R.A.A.

Information from M.I.D. report states that he was a personal friend of Prince Konoye and his closest confidante within the Cabinet whilst Konoye was Premier.

Was purged as a member of the Board of Directors (Somu) of I.R.A.A.

The following exhibits refers to him:

Exh. 787A: Record of the Meeting of the Privy Council, Dec. 18th 1940. Meeting concerned entrance of Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia into Tripartite Pact. YASUI present as Home Minister.

He can also, as Education Minister from June to October 1937 be held responsible for Government policy between those dates and, as Home Minister from July to December 1940, for Government policy between these dates.

See File 97

YASUI, Ei ji

Request by: ARAKI, Sadao

Address: Kanagawa Prefecture

He is a former Minister of Education. (June - October 1937)

Home Minister & Welfare Minister July - Sept 1940
(Konoye Cabinet)

See Doc 2540

Purged as: -

Member of the Board of Directors (Somu)
of J.R.A.A.

See Exhibits ~~5~~, ~~861~~, ~~865~~ (1, 2, 4, 5),
787 A, ~~1317~~, ~~1317~~

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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SUBJECT: YASUI, Eiji

Director of IRAA, 1943.

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Personal friend of Prime Konoye and reportedly his closest confidante within the Cabinet whilst Konoye was Premier

(Source: "Jap Government Officials 1937-45 - C.S.S. Library)

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: YASUI, Eiji
 STATUS: Commoner, TOKYO Prefecture.
 BORN: 18 September 1890

- 25 Oct 1915 Passed the higher civil service examination.
- 12 May 1916 Finished the law course of the Law College, the Tokyo Imperial University.
- 27 May 1916 Appointed clerk in Tokyo Prefectural Office; granted the 7th grade salary (TOKYO Prefectural Office).
- 28 Jan 1918 Appointed commissioner in TOKYO Prefectural Office; Promoted to the 7th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
 Granted the 10th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 11 Mar 1918 Received the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 4 Sep 1918 Granted the 9th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 25 Dec 1918 Granted the 8th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 30 Apr 1919 Granted the 7th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 14 Oct 1919 Appointed administrative official in the Palace Bureau.
 On 10 Sept 1920 the government organization of the Home Ministry was partly revised; became administrative official of the Home Ministry; promoted to the 7th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- 14 Oct 1919 Granted the 7th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 30 Nov 1919 Granted the 6th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 16 Feb 1920 Promoted to the 6th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- 10 Mar 1920 Received the 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 31 Jul 1920 Granted the 5th grade salary (Home Ministry).

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- 25 Oct 1920 Appointed administrative official of the Air Bureau (Cabinet).
- 31 Mar 1921 Granted the 7th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 28 Jul 1921 Granted the 6th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 20 Feb 1922 Promoted to the 5th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- 10 Apr 1922 Received the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 1 Nov 1922 Appointed administrative official of the Social Welfare Bureau.
- Same date Received the 5th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet)
- Same date Granted the 6th grade salary.
- Ordered to serve in the 1st Dept. (Home Ministry).
- 15 Dec 1922 Granted the 5th grade salary.
- 15 Dec 1923 Granted the 4th grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 7 May 1924 Promoted to the 4th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- 18 Aug 1924 Relieved as administrative official of the Air Bureau (Cabinet).
- 15 Nov 1924 Received the 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 27 Dec 1924 Concurrently appointed administrative official of the Home Ministry; Received the 4th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Ordered to serve in the Minister's Secretariate" (Home Ministry).
- 31 Mar 1925 Granted the 3rd grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 1 Apr 1925 While AMAAKE, Keiji, Chief of the Labour Section of the Social Welfare Bureau was sent abroad on business, ordered to act for him (Home Ministry).
- 1 Oct 1925 Appointed Secretary of the Home Ministry (Home Ministry).

- Received the 4th rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Appointed Chief of the Administrative Section of the Local Bureau;
- Granted the 3rd grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 27 Sep 1926 Promoted to the 3rd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- 21 Oct 1926 Concurrently appointed confidential secretary to the Home Minister;
- Received the 3rd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed Chief of the Archives and Documents Section of the Minister's Secretariate;
- Appointed Chief Official in charge of statistics and announcement in the Official Gazette (Home Ministry).
- 1 Nov 1926 Received the 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 30 Nov 1926 Granted the 2nd grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 30 Apr 1927 Relieved of concurrent duties (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed Chief of the Administrative Section of the Local Bureau.
- Relieved of the Chief Official in charge of Statistics and announcement in the Official Gazette (Home Ministry).
- 30 Sep 1927 Appointed Secretary to the Investigation Committee of the Population and Food Problem. (Cabinet.)
- 26 Dec 1928 Granted the 1st grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 5 Jul 1929 Appointed Administrative Official of the Home Ministry;
- Received the 2nd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed Chief of the Peace Preservation Sect. of the Police Bureau;
- Granted the 2nd grade salary (Home Ministry).

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- 1 Aug 1929 Received the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 13 Jun 1930 Decorated with the 4th Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure (Bureau of Decorations).
- 23 Jul 1930 Concurrently appointed Chief of the Political Campaigns and Elections Control Section, the Police Bureau (Home Ministry).
- 12 Feb 1931 Appointed government representative in 59th Diet for matters under jurisdiction of Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 2 Oct 1931 Appointed Governor of OKAYAMA Prefecture; Received the 2nd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Granted the 3rd grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 8 Oct 1931 Appointed member of First Health Insurance Investigation Committee in OKAYAMA in accordance with Article 106, paragraph 1, No. 1, of the Regulations relative to application of the Health Insurance Law (Home Ministry).
- 16 Oct 1931 Appointed Chairman of the First Investigation Committee(Health Insurance) in OKAYAMA (Cabinet).
- 18 Dec 1931 Appointed Section Chief in Social Welfare Bureau; Received the 2nd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed Chief of the Labour Section (Home Ministry).
- 23 Jan 1932 Appointed member of Board for the National Hygiene Investigation (Cabinet).
- 29 Jan 1932 Appointed member of the Third Health Insurance Investigation Committee, in accordance with Article 166, Paragraph 3, No. 1, of the Regulations relative to the application of the Health Insurance Law (Cabinet).
- 4 Feb 1932 Appointed member of the Labour Insurance Investigation Committee. (Cabinet.)
- 4 Mar 1932 Appointed Chief of the Local Bureau of Home Ministry; Received the 2nd rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).

- 16 Mar 1932 Appointed Councillor of the Resources Bureau (Cabinet).
- 28 Mar 1932 Appointed Secretary of the International Sight-seeing Committee (Cabinet).
- 11 Apr 1932 Appointed member of the Labour Insurance Investigation Committee (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed member of the Third Health Insurance Investigation Committee in accordance with Article 106, Paragraph 3, No. 1, of the Regulations relative to the application of the Health Insurance Law (Cabinet).
- 12 Apr 1932 Appointed member of the Central Sanitary Society (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed member of the Board for the Investigation of National Hygiene (Cabinet).
- Same date Appointed member of the National Parks Committee (Cabinet).
- 1 Jun 1932 Appointed government representative in the 62nd Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 25 Jun 1932 Appointed temporary member of the Shrine System Investigation Committee (Cabinet).
- 1 Jul 1932 Appointed secretary of the Education Investigation Committee (Cabinet).
- 14 Jul 1932 Appointed Secretary of the Law Investigation Committee (Cabinet).
- 16 Jul 1932 Appointed member of the City-Planning Central Committee (Cabinet).
- 22 Jul 1932 Appointed member of the Unemployment Committee (Cabinet).
- 22 Aug 1932 Appointed government representative in the 63rd Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 27 Dec 1932 Promoted to the 1st rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).

- 16 Jan 1933 Received the 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 19 Jan 1933 Appointed member of the Perpetual Lease Committee (Cabinet).
- 21 Jan 1933 Appointed government representative in the 64th Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 6 Feb 1933 Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure (Bureau of Decorations).
- 12 Aug 1933 Appointed member of the Public Works Council (Cabinet).
- 27 Dec 1933 Entrusted as member of the Farm-Villages Liabilities Investigation Committee (Cabinet).
- 28 Jan 1934 Appointed government representative in the 65th Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 29 Apr 1934 Decorated with the middle Cordon of the Rising Sun in recognition of services in the Incident from 1931-1934 (Bureau of Decorations).
- 26 Dec 1934 Appointed Secretary of the Investigation Committee for the Development of the TOHOKU District (Cabinet).
- 27 Dec 1934 Appointed government representative in the 66th Diet for matters under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry (Cabinet).
- 15 Jan 1935 Appointed Governor of OSAKA Prefecture;
Received the 1st rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet).
- Same date Granted the 2nd grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 29 Jan 1935 Appointed member of the First Health Insurance Investigation Committee in OSAKA in accordance with Article 166, Paragraph 3, No. 1, of the Regulations relative to the application of the Health Insurance Law.
- 5 Feb 1935 Appointed Chairman of the First Health Insurance Investigation Committee in OSAKA (Cabinet).
- 8 Feb 1935 Appointed member of the Employment Committee in OSAKA District (Home Ministry)

- 13 Feb 1935 Appointed Chairman of the Employment Committee in OSAKA District (Cabinet).
- 31 Mar 1937 Granted the 1st grade salary (Home Ministry).
- 4 Jun 1937 Appointed the Education Minister (Cabinet).
- 15 Jun 1937 Received the 3rd Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 5 Jul 1937 Decorated with the 2nd Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure (Bureau of Decorations).
- 22 Oct 1937 Relieved of present duties at own request (Cabinet).
- 29 Oct 1937 Received the 3rd Court Rank, Senior Grade (Imperial Household Dept.)
- Same date As an act of grace by the Throne, raised one rank (Imperial Household Dept.)
- 10 Dec 1937 Appointed member of the Education Investigation Committee (Cabinet).

1940 Home Minister, 2nd Konoye Cabinet

YASUI, Eiji 安井 美二

Close friend of Prince Konoye, class mate in high school days, acted as go-between between Prince Konoye and political parties, in good relation with capitalistic Zaibatsu.

1937 Minister of Education, 1st Konoye Cabinet

1940 Home Minister, 2nd Konoye Cabinet

File No. 97

Report by : James Williamson
Special Agent, CIC

RE: YASUI, Eiji

Present: James Williamson, Interrogator
2nd Lt. E. Fleisher, Interpreter
YASUI, Eiji

Place: 103 Zushi, Yokosuka-shi

Date: 10 June 1946

Following are the more important positions held by YASUI, Eiji:
supplemented by the attached curriculum vitae.

Minister of Education; 4 June 1937 to 22 October 1937
Minister of Home Affairs: 22 July 1940 to 21 December 1940
Minister of Welfare: 22 July 1940 to 28 December 1940
Advisor (Permanent) IRAA, as of 25 November 1940

YASUI was questioned as to his knowledge of the Lukouchiso (Marco Polo Bridge) incident, and his relationship as Minister of Education at that time. YASUI denied any definite knowledge of the incident and claimed that the Japanese Central Government actually had very little information concerning this incident inasmuch as the military leaders of the China and Manchurian forces were responsible for the action taken then. YASUI claimed that he could not enlarge on this and would, or could, not name any individual as being responsible. YASUI denied that the Minister of Education at this time was responsible for, or handled any propaganda concerning the incident.

YASUI declared that HIROTA, Koki, Minister of Foreign Affairs during this period, opposed the expansion of the Manchurian incidents into China, and made attempts to stop it, but was unsuccessful because of the militaristic faction's control of the Central Government. YASUI was unable to provide any specific information to substantiate these claims, stating that it was his opinion.

When YASUI was questioned as to the responsibility of KAYA, Okinori, Finance Minister, for the passage of the greatly increased military budget in 1937, he claimed that it was generally believed by the members of the Cabinet at that time the increase was to be used to aid in negotiations for the settlement of the China Affairs, but, as later became apparent, it actually was used by the military for further expansion and aggression. YASUI added that the assassination of Finance Minister TAKAHASHI in the 2:26 incident was undoubtedly an influencing factor.

YASUI stated that SUGIYAMA, Gen. (deceased) was probably responsible for the continued operations and spending because of his position as War Minister, but could name no other individual, or individuals, in this light.

YASUI was questioned on his knowledge of the Tri-Partite Pact, and stated that he was present at the Cabinet conferences concerning this subject. YASUI declared that MATSUOKA, Yosuke, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, presented the proposal to the Cabinet members and urged its adoption on the basis that the pact would present a "united front" in the form of the Axis powers to counteract the "interference" of Great Britain and the United States in the negotiations for the settlement of the China Affairs.

YASUI could give no examples, or recall any statements made at the conferences by members of the Cabinet other than the fact MATSUOKA was questioned as to what effect such a pact would have on the relations with the United States and Great Britain, to which MATSUOKA answered, "negotiations will continue".

YASUI stated that it was apparent that MATSUOKA was very much interested in the adoption of the Pact, but could give no information as to what extent MATSUOKA had worked with SHIRATORI, Toshio or OSHIMA, Hiroshi to this end.

YASUI further stated that MATSUOKA, as Foreign Minister, was undoubtedly responsible for the "extremist policy" adopted by Japan in its expansion to the Southlands, and in the negotiations with French Indo-China and Thailand, but could give nothing in the way of evidentiary facts to substantiate this, adding only that MATSUOKA, by his extreme foreign policies, was directly responsible for the collapse of the KONOYE Cabinet.

In explanation of his connection with the ITRAA, YASUI stated that he was active within the association only because of his ministerial position, and because of the fact it was founded by KONOYE, who was then Prime Minister.

YASUI declared he severed relations with the association after its real purpose of forming a united front to combat the militaristic control of the Japanese Central Government had been destroyed by TOJO, Hideki and MUTO, Akira, who then used the association to consolidate and promote the militaristic factions, and further control of the government for the purposes of extending Japan's warlike attitude. YASUI, again, was unable to enlarge on these statements, claiming it was general knowledge, and as he saw it.

YASUI declared that he held his position of permanent advisor in name only, adopted a middle of the road policy, and avoided contact with the military whose policies he definitely opposed.

AGENT'S NOTE: YASUI reflected his training as a lawyer during the entire interview, speaking only in generalities and on matters of common knowledge, and was reluctant to elucidate on any matters of importance, and carefully avoided statements of direct fact. On this basis it is highly doubtful YASUI would be of value as a witness for the prosecution, furthermore YASUI's comparatively short tenure of office as a Cabinet Minister makes it highly likely that he does not have any definite knowledge of, or had any close contact with the balance of the defendants, other than those named in this report.

YASUI, Eiji

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class of Decoration</u>	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Recommending Ministry</u>
29 Apr. 1934	Intermediate Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Manchurian Incident	Home Ministry

YASUI

was present at a meeting of Japanese on Dec. 22, 1945 to discuss
defending ABE on the charge of his being a War Criminal.

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9 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Comyns-Carr; Mr. Brown; Mr. Sutton
FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief,
Investigative Division, IPS
SUBJECT : Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

DEPENDANT - ARAKI

The attached information has been taken from the compiled report prepared by MIS. The report was previously classified secret however this classification has been cancelled and at the present time does not carry any classification. It will be noted that much of this information has been furnished in curriculum vitae obtained from the Cabinet Secretariat's office.

WITNESS

YASUI, Eiji

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Info from MID report

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

Incl
(Described above)

E P M
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

5 May 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. D. N. Sutton

SUBJECT : Members of the KOKUSAKU KENKYU KAI (National Policy Research Institute)

1. Attention is called to IPS Doc. No. 2302, reference book on the KOKUSAKU KENKYU KAI (National Policy Research Institute), which may be of interest to members of the Legal Staff in charge of Defense witnesses.

2. A rescanning of the book has revealed the following Defense witnesses as members of the society:

ANDO, Kisaburo; AOKI, Kazuo; ARITA, Hachiro; GODO, Takuo; HORIKIRI, Zenjiro; ISHIWATARI, Sotaro; IKEDA, Tadao; KANAMORI, Tokujiro; KISHI, Shinsuke; MATSUMURO, Koryo; MITSURAI, Tatsuo; NAKASHIMA, Tetsuzo; NAKAMURA, Keinoshin; OKADA, Tadahiko; ONO, Takeshi; OWADA, Teiji; SAWADA, Renzo; TAKAGI, Rikuro; TSUGITA, Daizaburo; YASUI, Eiji; YOSHINO, Shinji; YUZAWA, Michio; KOMAI, Tokuzo.

3. Reference is made to File 250, Item 43 re Patriotic Societies which gives information about the KOKUSAKU KENKYU KAI as follows:

"Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai (KKK) existed as an organization to advise the Army, and to a lesser extent, the Government, on policy. Its activities were not publicized, so that it was almost a secret organization. Its members were mostly businessmen and politicians who were eager to have Army connections. It had considerable financial resources...."

"By 1938 or 1939, the KKK had become so important that it was felt that no Japanese Government could continue to function smoothly without its support and advice.

"The chief figure in the KKK is YATSUGI, Kazuo. He is a sinister man who, unlike other members of the KKK, is a rough and uneducated man. He originally began public life as a policeman. In early life, he is believed to have had some connection with left-wing organizations. Later he became a fanatical nationalist and developed close connections with the Army....."

"YOSHINO, Shinji, became Commerce Minister in the First KONOYE Cabinet; KAWA, former Foreign Minister; AOKI, and ISHIWATARI are all men who were brought close to the Army probably through the KKK. Former Home Minister YUZAWA, Michio, was a member and director of KKK."

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