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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Bound, handwritten book entitled "MEMOIRS" by late Consul ASAHI, Isoshi.

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Archives Section of Foreign Ministry

PERSONS IMPLICATED:

TOGO, Shigenori

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE:

Relations with the U.S.; - Preparations for war

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

This document, handwritten "MEMOIRS" by the late Consul ASAHI, Isoshi, is in the nature of a personal chronological listing of the dates and names of events and important documents relating to foreign affairs, arranged in the manner of an index, with no details of policy or comments given.

The following items, summarized, have been scanned. Item 10 (not included here), entitled in the index to document as "Memoir of Foreign Minister TOGO", has been translated and consists of a listing of events and dates during TOGO's period as Foreign Minister.

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Item 1: List of Events Relating to the Immediate Causes of the GREATER EAST ASIA WAR

Persons implicated: ABE, Nobuyuki; YONAI, Mitsumasa; KONOYE, Fumimaro; TOJO, Hideki; YOSHIDA, Zengo; ARITA, Hachiro

Summary: List of events and dates are given, from 21 Sept. 1939 of ABE cabinet to 17 Nov. 1941 of TOJO cabinet. Significant notations are given below:

ABE cabinet

19 Oct. 1939 Important speech by Ambassador GREW about JAP.-AMERICAN relationship adjustment.

4 Dec. 1939 Government confers with heads of 5 political parties about the disposal of CHINA Affair.
Second JAP.-AMERICAN talk at TOKYO.

6 Jan. 1940 Navy Minister YOSHIDA tells Premier ABE that Navy is opposed to dissolution of Parliament.

YONAI cabinet 16 Jan. 1940 - 15 July 1941

30 Mar. 1940 Government announces assistance to the New Regime in CHINA.

15 Apr. 1940 Foreign Minister ARITA announces BRITAIN and AMERICA should not assist N.E.I., JAPAN does not want change of status quo.

28 May 1940 Government sets up 4-Minister (Premier, Foreign, Army, Navy) Council for disposal of the CHINA Affair and policy towards EUROPE.

3 June 1940 Foreign Minister ARITA emphatically says at dinner given by Pacific Institute that JAPAN has a grave interest in all economic changes in N.E.I.

18 June 1940 MEIRIN-KAI Association recommends occupation of F.I.C. to Navy Minister.

29 June Foreign Minister ARITA broadcasts about the international situation and the position of JAPAN, and explains the establishment of the new order of EAST ASIA (later objected to by the Army).

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The 2nd KONOYE cabinet, 19 July 1940

19 July 1940 KONOYE Fumimaro confers with MATSUOKA, Yosuke; TOJO, Hideki; and YOSHIDA, Zengo, who are to form the nucleus of the new cabinet, and, after complete agreement among the four, decides to form the Cabinet.

27 July 1940 General Headquarters-Government Liaison Conference held, complete agreement of political and strategical requirements. Foreign spies arrested all over the country.

19 Sept. 1940 Conference held in the Imperial presence regarding grave affairs of state.

23 Sept. 1940 Peaceful advance of JAP. troops into F.I.C. begun.

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13 ^{Nov} Oct. 1940 Conference held in the Imperial presence about matters re CHINA Affair.

1 Mar. 1941 Chief of Information Department of TAIWAN Army TANAKA announces, in case CHINESE troops enter BURMA under ANGLO-CHINESE secret treaty, both troops will be crushed.

13 May 1941 JAP. Minister to CHINA, HONDA, Kumataro, announces at KYOTO that peace talk with CHUNGKING is useless.

27 May 1941 Section Chief, Information Department, Navy Division, General Headquarters, Captain HIRAIDE broadcasts NAVY's conviction that those who challenge JAPAN will be crushed.

30 May 1941 MATSUOKA announces JAPAN's southward advance is peaceful, but, in case peaceful policy becomes impossible, the situation will be reconsidered.

17 June 1941 WANG Ching-Wei arrives in TOKYO.

2 July 1941 Meeting in the Imperial Presence on important national policy.

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The 3rd KONOYE cabinet

28 July 1941 Landing of JAP. troops in south F.I.C. begun.

TOJO cabinet

5 Oct. 1941 Ambassador KURUSU to be dispatched to the U.S.A.

17 Nov. 1941 3 principles of diplomacy elucidated by TOJO at the extraordinary session of the Diet.

8 Dec. 1941 Imperial Rescript on Declaration of War on AMERICA and BRITAIN promulgated, 11:40 A.M.

Ambassador NOMURA and KURUSU deliver JAP. reply to AMERICA, 4:07 A.M.

Declaration of War made public, 2:30 P.M.

Item 6: Index of unnumbered documents.

3 May 1941 proceedings at Government-General Headquarters Liaison Conference (to be transmitted to HITLER and MUSSOLINI in confidence).

3 May 1941 Report to the Throne in private.

29 May 1941 Contents of Government-General Headquarters Round-Table Talk.

31 May 1941 Report to the Throne in private.

18 Oct. 1941 Contents of Government-General Headquarters Liaison Conferences, held daily after the formation of TOJO cabinet.

1 Dec. 1941 Proceedings at the Meeting in the Imperial Presence. Opening of hostilities against AMERICA and BRITAIN decided.

Item 7: Index of Unnumbered Documents.

26 Sept. 1941 Personal letter of KONOYE to WANG (sent by Major-General KAGESA).

7 Oct. 1941 Letter of WANG to KONOYE (sent by Minister HIDAKA).

Proceedings at the meetings in the Imperial Presence:

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Proceedings at the Meeting in the Imperial Presence:
6 Sept., 10 A.M., 5 Nov., 1 Dec.

Report to the Throne in private: night of 3 May (Foreign Minister MATSUOKA), 31 May, 4 Sept. 1:30 P.M.

Proceedings at Liaison Conferences: 17 April - night, 21 April, 23 April, 3 May, 29 May, 10 July, 12 July, 3 Sept., 13 Sept., 18 Oct., and every day after this date.

14 Oct 1941, noon - Talk between Chief of American Bureau TERAZAKI and Minister WAKASUGI through international telephone (secret language used).

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朝日領事専用ヨリノ抜萃

東郷外務大臣就任當時ヨリ南戦ニ至ル日誌

(秘書官室)

一〇、二八(土)

四〇〇 親任式

五〇〇 初閣議

六三〇一七、三〇 外務大臣事務引継

一〇、二二(火)

九四五

オット大使ト会見

(後記者会見)

一〇、二三(木)

一〇〇〇 閣議

二〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

一〇、二五(土)

二〇〇

連絡会議(宮中)

一〇、二七(月)

二、三〇

オット大使ト会見

二〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

一〇、二八(火)

一〇〇〇

閣議

二〇〇一七、〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

一〇、二九(水)

一〇〇〇

クレーギー大使ト会見

一〇〇一前二〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

一〇、三〇(木)

九〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

(大臣八二、ヨリ出席)

一〇、三一(金)

二〇〇 内奏

三〇〇—八〇〇 外交団接見

二〇〇 閣議

三〇〇—七〇〇 外交団接見

八〇〇 総理官邸

九〇〇 連絡会議 (宮中)

伊勢神宮参拝出發

旅行ヨリ歸京

九〇〇 閣議

一〇〇〇 樞密院本會議

一〇、三〇〇—一三〇〇 御前會議

一、三〇〇—三二〇 (續行)

(末栖大使出發)

後五三〇 オット大使ト會見

一〇〇〇 グルー大使ト會見

九三〇 興豆院會議

一〇〇〇 閣議

五〇〇 クレーギー大使ト會見

一〇〇〇 樞密院本會議

一、三〇〇—三三〇 連絡會議 (宮中)

一〇〇〇 連絡會議 (宮中)

二〇〇 臨時閣議

五〇〇 アンリー大使ト會見

五三〇 スメターニン大使ト會見

二、六(木)
二、一〇(月)
二、二二(火)

二、二二(水)

二、二二(木)

二二四(金)

八五。 興亜院会議

九〇。 閣議

〇五二 葉山へ(内奏)

二二五(土)

一〇〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

二二六(日)

臨時議会開院式

二二七(月)

外交方針演説

二二八(火)

一〇〇〇 閣議(院内)

二二九(水)

二二〇 連絡会議(総理官邸)

二三〇(木)

三〇〇 スターミン大使ト会見

一〇三〇 連絡会議(総理官邸)

二三一(金)

五〇〇 内奏

臨時議会開院式

二三二(土)

一三〇 樞密院(平員会一防共)

一〇〇〇 樞密院本会議

一三〇〇 オット大使ト会見

二三四(月)

二〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

四〇〇 スターミン大使ト会見

八三〇 地方長官会議

二三五(火)

四三〇 グルー大使ト会見

九三〇 総理ト会見

二二六(水)

一〇〇〇 閣議

五〇〇 法王便節来訪

一〇〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

四三〇一五 内奏

二二七(木)

一〇〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

二二八(金)

二〇〇 中華民國大使信任狀捧呈
九四五 総理ト会見

一〇〇〇 閣議

二二〇一 内奏

二〇〇 スターニン大使ト会見

二二九(土)

九三〇一 重臣ト懇談(宮中)

御陪食—三〇〇 終了

三二〇一 連絡会議(宮中)

二三〇(日)

二〇〇 オフト大使ト会見

一三〇〇 インテリ大使ト会見

二三一(月)

九〇〇 臨時閣議

二〇〇一 御前会議

五〇〇 スターニン大使ト会見

七〇〇 総理ト会見

二三二(火)

一〇〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

二三三(水)

一〇〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

二三四(木)

九二〇一 東亞經濟懇談会

一〇〇〇一 樞密院ニ於ケル説明

二〇〇一 連絡会議(宮中)

四三〇一 内奏

二三五(金)

二〇〇一 閣議

四一五 参謀次長軍令部次長来訪

六〇〇 クレーギー大使ト会見

一三六(土)

九〇〇 オット大使ト会見

一〇〇〇—一三〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

三〇〇—六〇〇 連絡会議(宮中)

六三〇 スメターニシ大使ト会見

五三〇 内奏

一三七(日)
一三八(月)

(前)〇三〇 米大使来訪

(前)二〇〇 総理ト会見

(前)二三〇—三三〇 内奏

七〇〇 臨時閣議(大臣米英大使ト会見
為出席セス)

七三〇 米大使ト会見

八〇〇 英大使ト会見

八三〇—九三〇 樞密院(本員会)

一〇四五—一二〇五 樞密院本会議

直閣議—一二〇〇 閣議終了

一三〇〇 翼賛会協力会議

三三〇 詔書奉讀式

四三〇—六〇〇 独伊満華大使来訪

九三〇 奉告祭(宮中)

一一三〇—一二〇〇 閣議

一三〇〇 オット大使ト会見

一三五〇 オット大使ト会見

一三九(火)

Diary, from the time Foreign Minister TOGO assumed his
Office to the Outbreak of War.

(Secretarial Chamber)

Oct. 18 (Sat.)

4:00 Ceremony of Installation by His Majesty.
5:00 First Cabinet Meeting.
6:30 - 7:30 Taking over the duties of Foreign Minister.
(Later, interview with the newspaper men)

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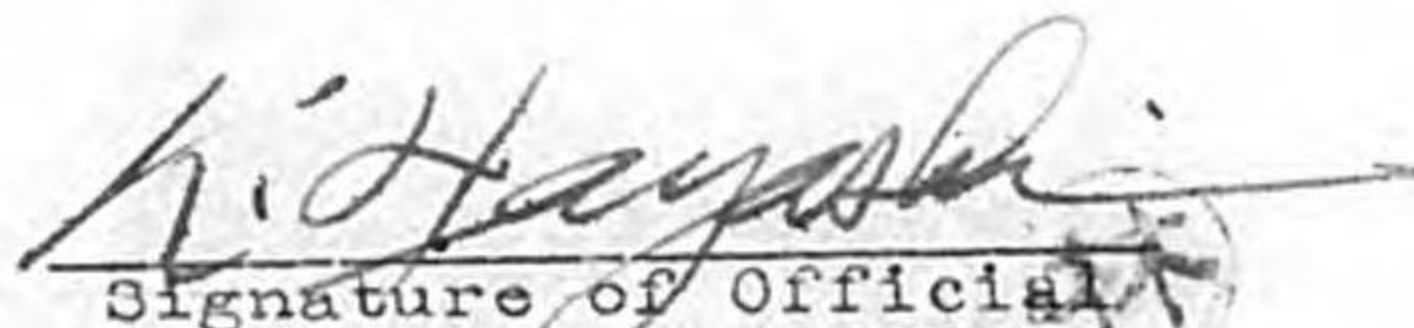
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Signed at Tokyo on this 15th day of December, 1947


Signature of Official
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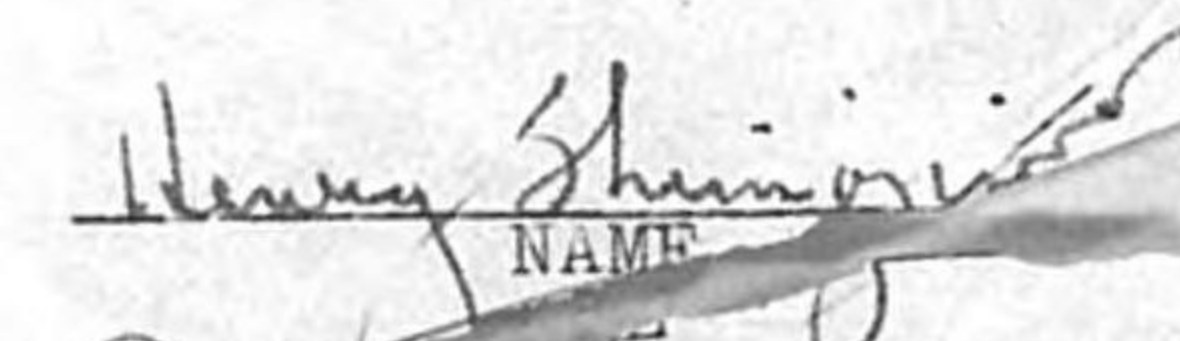
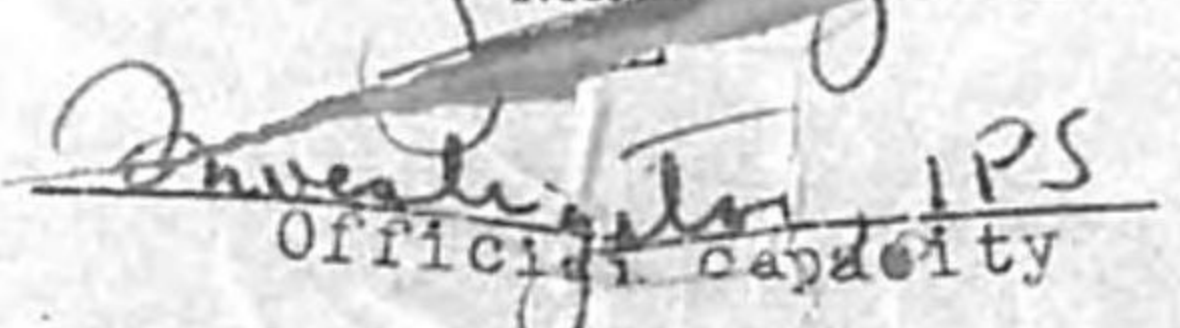
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Recent Activities of the late ASAHI Isoshi

(from the files of Personnel Section, Foreign Ministry)

- April 30, 1938 Appointed Consul to be stationed at Calcutta. (Nominal appointment and actually attached to the 2nd Section, Board of Trade, Foreign Office)
- Feb. 25, 1943 Appointed Civilian administrator of the Military Government in the occupied area of Singapore and attached to the headquarters.
- July 19 1943 Appointed Consul to be stationed at Vladvostock. (nominal appointment, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~)
- Nov. 1, 1943 Temporary assignment, 3rd Section, Research Bureau Foreign Office.
- Feb. 15, 1944 Assigned to the 1st Section, Research Bureau, Foreign Ministry.
- Aug. 30, 1945 Resigned at own request.
- Oct. 15, 1945 Deceased.

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RECEIVED OF ARCHIVES SECTION, FOREIGN MINISTRY, ONE VOLUME

of DOCUMENT ENTITLED. "MEMOIRS" by THE LATE CONSUL ASAHI, ISOSHI.

12 September 1947.

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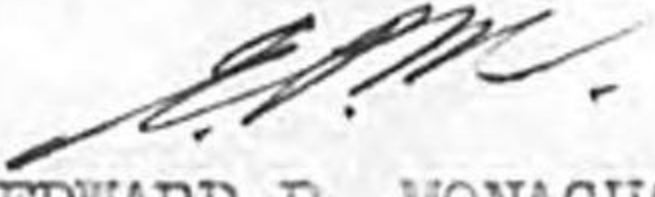
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Chief, Document Division, IPS.
(Attention: Lt. Ohberg, Asst. Chief)

FROM: Edward P. Monaghan,
Chief, Investigative Division, IPS.

SUBJECT: "MEMOIRS", by the Late Consul ASAHI, Isoshi

Attached is the "MEMOIRS" of the Late Consul ASAHI, Isoshi which was obtained from the Archives Section of the Foreign Office.

Your Scanning Unit has made a quick scansion of the contents of this document which is attached and, having reviewed the Index, it is suggested that Items 1, 5, 6 and 7 be scanned and that a complete translation of Item 10 be made. The suggestion as to the last named item is made at the request of Mr. Laverge to whom the defendant TOGO is assigned.


EDWARD P. MONAGHAN,
Chief, Investigative Division,
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Attachments as described.

CC: Mr. Tavenner
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INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

Doc. No. 3162 Date 19 September 1947

ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Bound, handwritten book entitled, "MEMOIRS" by late Consul ASAHI, ISOSHI

Date: 1939-1941 Original (X) Copy () Language: Japanese

Has it been translated? Yes () No (X)
Has it been photostated? Yes () No (X)

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable)

IPS Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL:

Archives Section of Foreign Ministry

PERSONS IMPLICATED:

TOGO, Shigenori; [unclear]

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE:

Relations with the U.S.; Preparations for war;

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

This document, handwritten "MEMOIRS" by the late Consul ASAHI, ISOSHI, is in the nature of a personal, ^{chronological} listing of the dates and names of events and important documents, ^{relating to foreign affairs,} arranged in the manner of an index, with no details of policy or comments given.

Analyst: E. G. Garden

Doc. No. 3162

The following items, summarized ~~below~~, have been scanned. Item 10 (not ~~included here~~ ^{included here}), entitled in the index to document as "Memories of Foreign Minister TOGO," has been translated and consists of a listing of events and dates during TOGO's period as Foreign Minister.

Item 1: List of Events Relating to the Immediate Causes of the GREATER EAST ASIA WAR

Persons Implicated: ABE, Nobuyuki; YONAI, Mitsumasa;

KONOYE, Fumimaro; TOJO, Hideki; YOSHIDA, Zengo
ARITA, Hachiro;
~~ARITA, Hachiro~~

Summary: List of events and dates ^{as given, from} ~~beginning~~ ^{to} 21 Sept. 1939 of ABE cabinet ~~to~~ 17 Nov. 1941 of TOJO cabinet.

Significant notations ~~are~~ are given below:

ABE Cabinet

(see attached notes, pp. 1-7, and copy only starred (*) items)

~~ABE~~

~~Item 5~~: ~~Index of Documents~~

~~Persons Implicated~~ - ~~None~~

~~Summary~~: ~~Item contents~~ (see p. 8, attached notes & copy material in brackets)

Item 6 : Index of ~~Unnumbered~~ Unnumbered Documents

Persons Implicated : ~~TOJO, Hideki; TOGO, Shigenori~~ TOJO, Hideki; TOGO, Shigenori
+ other responsible Cabinet members, ~~3 MAY 1941~~ Dec. 1941
may be some

Summary : Following notations are ~~included~~

~~to be noted~~ Significance :

(see p. 8 & copy material in brackets).

Item 7 : Index of Unnumbered Documents

Persons Implicated : KONOYE, Aumimaro; MATSUOKA, Yosuke;
TOJO, Hideki; TOGO, Shigenori (other responsible cabinet member)

Summary : Following ~~dates~~ ^{items} and events are listed, including dates of Liaison Conferences :

(see pp. 9 - 10 & copy material in brackets)

Memoirs by the late Consul ASAHI. H. ITOH

This document only gives dates and names of events.

It gives neither details nor comments.

(1) List of Events relating to the Immediate Causes of the GREATER EAST ASIA War.

● ABE Cabinet

21 Sept. 1939. WAN Chin-wei declares the establishment of the new Central government.

25 Sept. 1939. NOMURA, Kichisaburo appointed Foreign Minister.

18 Oct. 1939. British authorities in TIENTSIN hands over anti-JAP. elements to JAP. authorities.

● * 19 Oct. 1939. Important speech by Ambassador GREW about JAP.-AMERICAN Relationship adjustment.

4 Nov. 1939. JAP.-AMERICAN talk at TOKYO begun.

* 4 Dec. 1939. Government confers with heads of 5 political parties about the disposal of CHINA affair.

Second JAP.-AME. talk at TOKYO.

* 6 Jan. 1940. Navy minister YOSHIDA tells Premier ABE that Navy is opposed to dissolution of Parliament.

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8 Jan. 1940 War Minister HATA tells Premier ABE that the Army is desiring the Premier will take proper steps about the change of Cabinet.

14 Jan. 1940 ABE Cabinet resigns en bloc.

[YONAI Cabinet, 16 Jan. 1940 - 15 July 1941]

16 Jan. 1940 YONAI Cabinet formed, ARITA, Hachiro appointed Foreign Minister.

21 Jan. 1940 S.S. ASAMAMARU Affair breaks out, anti-BRITISH sentiments boil up. JAMES YOUNG, Oriental manager of International News of AMERICA arrested for violation of Military Penal Law.

* 30 Mar. 1940 Government announces assistance to the New Regime of CHINA.

* 15 Apr. 1940 Foreign Minister ARITA announces BRITAIN & AMERICA should not assist N.E. I., JAPAN does not want change of status quo.

* 28 May 1940 Government sets up 4-Minister (Premier, Foreign, Army, Navy) Council for disposal of the CHINA Affair and policy towards EUROPE.

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* 3 June 1940 Foreign Minister ARITA emphatically says at dinner given by Pacific Institute that JAPAN has a grave interest in all economic changes in N. E. A.

* 18 June 1940 MEIRIN-KAI Association recommends occupation of F. I. C. to Navy Ministers.

20 June "Parliamentary Members' Federation for Fighting Out the Holy War" passes a resolution for diplomatic reorientation.

Social Mass Party hands a note of demand for diplomatic reorientation to Premier, Army & Navy Ministers.

* 29 June Foreign Minister ARITA broadcasts about the international situation and the position of JAPAN, and explains the establishment of the new order of EAST ASIA (later objected to by the Army)

16 July 1940 YOKAI Cabinet resigns en bloc.

The 2nd. KONOE Cabinet, 19 July 1940

- * 19 July 1940 KONOE Fumimaro confers with MATSUOKA, Yosuke, TOJO, Hideki, and YOSHIDA, Zengo, who are to form the nucleus of the new Cabinet, and, after complete agreement among the four, decides to form the Cabinet.
- 22 July 1940 2nd KONOE Cabinet born, MATSUOKA, Yosuke appointed Foreign Minister, concurrently Overseas Minister.
- * 27 July 1940 General Headquarters-Government Liaison Conference held, complete agreement of political & strategical requirements. Foreign spies arrested all over the country.
- 1 Aug. 1940 Fundamental National Policy and Line of diplomacy as decided by 2nd KONOE Cabinet made public.
- 13 Aug. 1940 ITO, Nobufumi appointed Chief of Cabinet Information Department.
- * 19 Sept. 1940 Conference held in the Imperial presence regarding grave affairs of state.

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CITIZENSHIP

- 1940
- * 23 Sept. Peaceful advance of JAP. troops into F. I. C. begun.
 - 27 Sept. 1940 Tri-Partite Pact signed.
 - * 13 Oct. 1940 Conference held in the Imperial presence about matters re: CHINA Affairs.
 - 30 Nov. 1940 Treaty re Fundamental Relations between JAPAN & CHINA, and JAPAN-MANCHUKOU-CHINA Joint Declaration signed.
 - * 1 Mar. 1941 Chief of Information Department of TAIWAN Army TANAKA announces, in case CHINESE troops enter BURMA under ANGLO-CHINESE secret treaty, both troops will be crushed.
 - 13 Apr. 1941 SOVIET-JAP. Neutrality Treaty concluded.
 - 30 Apr. 1941 Conference begun between JAPAN & MANCHUKOU on one hand, & GERMAN Economic Mission, on the other.
 - 6 May 1941 JAP.-F. I. C. Economic Agreement signed.
 - * 13 May 1941 JAP. minister to CHINA, HONDA, Kumataro, announces at KYOTO that peace talk with CHUNGKING is useless.

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- * 27 May 1941 Section Chief, Information Department, Navy Division, General Headquarters, Captain HIRAIDE broadcasts NAVY's conviction that those who challenge JAPAN will be crushed.
- * 30 May, 1941 MATSUOKA announces JAPAN's southward advance is peaceful, but, in case peaceful policy becomes impossible, the situation will be reconsidered.
- * 17 June 1941 WAN Chin-wei arrives in TOKYO.
- 25 June 1941 Premier TOJO addresses Munitions Industry Administration saying that JAPAN now stands at the crossroads which may lead either to life or death.
- * 2 July 1941 Meeting in the Imperial Presence on important national policy.
- 16 July 1941 2nd KONOE Cabinet resigns en bloc.

The 3rd KONOE Cabinet

18 July 1941 Cabinet born, TOYODA, Teijiro appointed Foreign minister

25 July 1941 JAP.-F.I.C. Joint Defence Agreement comes into being.

* 28 July 1941 Landing of JAP. Troops in south F. I. C. begun.

11 Aug. 1941 Imperial Fleet enters SAIGON.

16 Oct. 1941 KONOE Cabinet resigns en bloc.

17 Oct. 1941 TOJO Hideki ordered to form the new Cabinet.

TOJO Cabinet

18 Oct. 1941 TOJO Cabinet born, TOGO, Shigenori appointed Foreign minister.

* 5 Nov. 1941 Ambassador KURUSU to be dispatched to the U. S. A.

* 17 Nov. 1941 3 principles of diplomacy elucidated by TOGO at the extraordinary session of the Diet.

* 8 Dec. 1941 Imperial Rescript on Declaration on AMERICA & BRITAIN promulgated, 11:40 a.m.

Ambassadors NOMURA & KURUSU deliver

JAP. reply to AMERICA, 4:07 a.m.

Declaration of War made public, 2:30 p.m.

Item 5: Index of Documents

[This item consists chiefly of figures, such as 4-19-171, which the scanner takes to mean 19 Apr. telegram number 171;] but, as there is no comment, the scanner cannot say anything for certain.

Item 6: Index of ^{unnumbered} Documents with ~~no numbers~~

3 May 1941 Proceedings ^{at} Government-General Headquarters Liaison Conference (to be transmitted to HITLER & MUSSOLINI in confidence).

3 May 1941 Report to the Throne in private.

29 May 1941 Contents of Government-General Headquarters Round-Table Talk.

31 May 1941 Report to the Throne in Private.

18 Oct. 1941 Contents of Government-General Headquarters Liaison Conferences, held daily after the formation of TOJO Cabinet.

1 Dec. 1941 Proceedings at the meeting in the Imperial Presence. Opening of hostilities against AMERICA & BRITAIN decided.

Item (7): ^{unnumbered} Index of Documents ~~with No Numbers~~

26 Sept. 1941 Personal letter of KONOE to WAN (sent by Major-General KAGESA)

7 Oct. 1941 Letter of WAN to KONOE (sent by minister HIDAKA)

Proceedings at the meetings in the Imperial Presence:

6 Sept, 10 a.m.

5 Nov.

1 Dec.

Report to the Throne in Private

night of 3 May (Foreign Minister MATSUOKA)

31 May

4 Sept. 1:30 p.m.

Proceedings at Liaison Conferences:

- 17 Apr. night
- 21 Apr.
- 23 Apr.
- 3 May
- 29 May
- 10 July
- 12 July
- 3 Sept.
- 13 Sept.
- 18 Oct.

Every day after this date.

14 Oct 1941, noon Talk between Chief of American
 Bureau TERAZAKI + Minister WAKASUGI
 through international telephone (secret
 language used)

no record of conversation given in book

" MEMOIRS "

by the Late Consul ASAHI, Isoshi

date 4 Oct. ,44

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NOTE

This document is a sort of chronological table of events mainly related to the foreign affairs but no opinions and policies appear

The earliest date is 21 Aug. '39 when the ABE cabinet was organized.

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19 Oct. '39

Ambassador Grew made an important speech concerning the adjustment of American Japanese relations.

27 Oct.

Decision was made to hold the American Japanese negotiation in Tokyo in order to adjust the relations between the two nations

4 Nov. '39

The negotiation was started.

30 Nov.

The Soviet and Finnish War was broken out.

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16 April, '41

A protest was made by the Chungking Government to the Soviet concerning the Russo Japanese neutral pact.

22 April.

Foreign Minister MATSUOKA returned from the trip to Europe.

from Memoire of Foreign Minister TOGO

18 Oct. '41

The ceremony of installation by His Majesty was held at 4 pm

The first cabinet meeting at 5 pm.

took over the duty of Foreign Minister
from 6.30 - 7.30 pm.

(later received newspapermen)

- 21 Oct. Met Ambassador Otto at 9.45 AM
Cabinet meeting at 10. AM.
- 23 Oct. At 2 pm had a liaison conference
at the Imperial Palace.
- 24 Oct. Cabinet meeting at 10. AM.
Liaison Conference at 2 pm
- 25 Oct. Liaison Conference at 9 AM.
- 27 Oct. Met Ambassador Otto 11.30 AM.
Liaison Conference at 2.00 pm
- 28 Oct. Cabinet meeting at 10. AM
Liaison Conference from 2 to 7 pm.
- 29 Oct. ^{Ambassador}
Met Cregie at 10. AM.
Liaison Conference from 1 to 2 p.m.
- 30 Oct. ^{Minister attended from 11 AM}
Liaison Conference at 9. AM
(Ministers attended from 11 AM)

2 July 1941.

Meeting in the Imperial presence ^{held}
Decision of important national policies to
cope with the present international situa-
tion.

Foreign Minister MATSUOKA announces
the talk that the Empire is looking
into the trends of matters in regard to
the world situation around the German-
Russian War.

The Russian Chief of intelligence
Bureau announces that their policies
toward Japan does not alter since
that time of MATSUOKA's visit to
Russia.