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July 22, 1947.

Subject : Report relating to the investigation for names of
chief staff of Newspaper Company.

To: Prime minister.

From: Kikuma Kamakura, Representative director,
Shimotsuke Newspaper Co., Ltd.,
No. 51, Ikegamicho, Utsunomiya City.

Replying to your request of Cabinet order No. 419, we
report the above matter as the annexed documents enclosed.

The organization of Shimotsuke Newspaper's office.

(Rules relating to the allotment of the task.)

By the war damage on July 12, 1945, all documents recording our Company were burned down, we report the following from those we got by the verbal evidences of the staff of those days.

(a) The reason why there was not accurate organization.

Shimotsuke Newspaper Company, being oppressed from 1932 and 1933, by big Tokyo papers, issued only about 4,000 papers a day. To say nothing of its financial standing, the Company was almost on the verge of bankruptcy. Under the above circumstances, the organization of the Company was out of order, there was neither distinct organization nor rules relating to allotment of works. Even appointment and dismissal of Company's employees were put in practice without written document. Those who were in charge of editorial Dept., and accounting Dept., according to their division of work, were called the manager of editorial Dept., or accounting Dept, and the above fact was also recognized by the public.

(b) Abstract sense of organization and responsibility of employees of Shimotsuke Newspaper Company.

Strictly speaking, Mr. Naoshige Kawamura, the president of the company had the sole responsibility for the Company and all other employees were nothing but his assistant. There was, however, in abstract sense, some dimly class organization among employees as follows:-

The chief of editorial Dept., corresponds to Chief of Compilative Bureau, Editor-in-chief and editorial staff of organized Newspaper Company. He also had the position of manager of political, economical and social sections.

Chief of Accounting Dept., corresponds to the manager of Business Dept.

In those days, there was no regular manager of business dept., all employees were working under direct command of the president of the company, but we can say that Shimpai Tanabe, Chief of the Accounting Dept., was in charge of business Dept., in compliance with the president's will.

An annexed paper No. 2.

List of organization of Shimotsuke Newspaper Company.

(From July 7, 1936 to Dec. 7, 1941.)

President	} ----	Editorial Dept.	----	Chief editor.
		Business Dept.	} ----	Accounting Dept.
		Selling Dept.		
		General Affairs Dept.		
			Advertisement Dept.	

An Annexed Paper.

List of staffs of those newspapers amalgamated to Shimotsuke Newspaper Company.

Name of the Company:	Position:	Name:	Date: appointed on
Shimotsuke Nippo	President	Nanzan Hasegawa	Apr. 10, 1923.
Ditto.	Chief editor	Kinpa Oya.	ditto.
Yashu-Shimbun	President	Shuzen Sato.	March. 1, 1932.
Shimotsuke-Domei	President	Rennoshin Takeyama.	unknown
Ryomo-Shimbun	President	Shinjiro Okabe	Dec. 1, 1938.

Note. (a) The above newspapers went out of existence of their own accord and in the strict sense of the word, not to be said amalgamated with Shimotsuke Newspaper but for formality's sake, we report that they were united to our Company.

(b) The above papers published between 1000 and 2000 papers a day and were not worth to be mentioned. They were not much interested by the public, we regret to say that we cannot report the full information of them.

Date retired

Present address

Note.

Dec. 30, 1940

Lot. 2 of No. 686, Hanawada-
cho, Utsunomiya City.

Ditto.

No. 2, 1-chome, Hongokucho,
Onuo Ward, Tokyo.

Ditto.

No. 648, Wakamatsucho, Sano
City, Tochigi Prefecture.

1935

Unknown.

After the paper went out
of existence, went to
China and missing now.

Dec. 31, 1941

No. 2543, Tomoecho, Ashikaga
City, Tochigi Prefecture.

An annexed paper No. I.

List of leading staffs of Shimotsuke Newspaper Co.,

(From July 7, 1936 to Dec. 7, 1941.)

Name of the position,	Name:	Date,	Present position,	Address:
President as well as director	Naoshige Kawamura	From Oct. 15, 1924 to Oct. 31, 1942	An agency of life Ins. Co.,	No. 1805, Hanabusacho, Utsunomiya City.
Director	Ichisaburo Kube.	From Apr. 25 1912 to Aug. 24, 1941	Non-occupation	No. 7, Sanjomachi, Utsunomiya City.
Ditto	Tabei Saito.	From Oct. 25 1920 to Aug. 24, 1941	Ditto	No. 4, Miyajimacho, Utsunomiya City.
Ditto	Shusaku Kikkaji.	From Oct. 25 1920 to Aug. 24, 1941	Ditto	No. 12, Oaza-Shiozawa, Hosunimura, Shimotsuga County.
Ditto	Senjiro Okada	From Oct. 25 1924 to Aug. 24, 1941	Farmer	No. 230, Oaza-Higashi-misunuma, Misubashi-mura, Haga County.
Ditto	Jiro Kikuchi	From Oct. 25, 1920 to Aug. 24, 1941	Non-occupation	c/o Junichiro Hirayama, Oaza-Okamoto-Shinden, Furusato-mura, Kawachi County.
Ditto	Chuhei Kawamura	From Aug. 10 1941 to July 15, 1942	Ditto	No. 1805, Hanabusacho, Utsunomiya City.
Ditto	Toshiro Hoshi	From Aug. 10 1941 to July 15, 1942.	Ditto	No. 358, Hanawada-cho, Utsunomiya City.
Ditto	Takeshiro Fukushima	From Oct. 31, 1941	Director of the Company.	No. 459, Hanawada-cho, Utsunomiya City.

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Name of the position.	Name:	Date:	Present position,	Address:
Inspector	Mantaro Ogino	From Aug.25, 1902 to Aug.24, 1941	(Died.)	
Ditto	Kiyoshi Kenmoku	From Oct. 25, 1920 to Aug.24, 1941	Non-occupation.	No.641, Oaza-Ota, Kita-takanezawa-mura, Shioya County.
Ditto	Gorobei Tezuka	From Oct.25 1936 to Aug.24, 1941	ditto	No.3071, Denmachi, Utsunomiya City.
Ditto.	Tota Hoashi	From Aug.10, 1941 to July 15, 1942	Hotel keeper	No.6, Fujiwaramachi, Shioya County.
Chief of editorial Dept.	Riichi Sugawara	From Apr.1, 1935 to May,10, 1937	(Missing at Manchuria.)	
Ditto	Noboru Nakamura	From May 11 1938 to Aug.31, 1940	(Died.)	
Ditto	Shiro Takei	From Sept.1, 1940 to Dec.20, 1942.	Printing office	No.2875, Nishihara-cho, Utsunomiya City.
Chief of Accounting Dept.	Shimpei Tanabe	From Apr. 1 1936 to Dec.20 Marx 1941	Non-occupation	No.1400, Yojomachi, Utsunomiya City,
Chief of Selling Dept.	Shimpei Tanabe	From Oct. 1 1927 to May 31, 1942	Ditto	Ditto
Chief of Advertisement Dept.	Isamu Higashi-izumi	From May 1, 1921 to July 31, 1942	Manager of Jitsugetsusha.	No. 2224, Daikancho, Utsunomiya City.
Chief of General Affairs Dept.	Isamu Higashi-izumi	From May, 1, 1931 to Dec. 5, 1944	Ditto	Ditto.