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Purge Directives and Precedents - Category B

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FEC 778-078

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FAR EAST COMMISSION

Category B

Reference: FEC 017/21

Paragraph 13

"For the purpose of prevention of the revival of Japanese militarism persons who have at one time fallen within any of the following categories should not be nominated or employed in the Government service, public office, or educational institutions except as they may be necessary in performing duties essential to the demobilization of repatriated military and naval personnel.

a. Generals, admirals, and all other senior officers and all career officers of the Army, Navy and Gendarmerie.

b. Other officers of the Army, Navy and Gendarmerie, including members of the reserve, if there employment would harm the cause of peace and security.

... "

Reference: FEC 014/9

Part III

"High officials of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and General Staff, other high military and naval officials of the Japanese Government, leaders of ultra-nationalist and militarist organizations and other important exponents of militarism and aggression will be taken into custody and held for future disposition. Persons who have been active exponents of militarism and militant nationalism will be removed and excluded from public office and from any other position of public or substantial private responsibility. ...

Reference: 014/9 (Cont'd.)

> " ... Former career military and naval officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned, and all other exponents of militaristic, ultra-nationalistic and anti-democratic doctrines and practices shall be excluded from supervisory and teaching positions."
> ...

Reference: FEC 045/6

Paragraph 12.

> "No person who is subject to the purge directive of 4 Jan 46, or to subsequent purge directives, should be allowed to hold office in a trade union. ..."

Reference: FEC 277-20

Paragraph 13.

> "No member should hold office in a cooperative if (1) he is engaged in activities which are likely substantially to compete with the activities of the cooperative, or (2) he is subject to the purge directive of January 4, 1946 or subject to subsequent purge directives by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers."

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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Category B

Reference: J.C.S. 1380/15

Paragraph 5 b.

> Except as indicated in paragraph 7 c below, in no circumstances will persons be allowed to hold public office or any other positions of responsibility or influence in public or important private enterprise who have been active exponents of militant nationalism and aggression, ...

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Category B

Reference: SCAPIN 550

Paragraph 2.

... the Imperial Japanese Government is hereby ordered to remove from public office and exclude from government service all persons who have been:

a. Active exponents of militaristic nationalism and aggression. ... as those terms are defined in Appendix A to this directive.

Appendix A, Paragraph B.

Career military and naval personnel; special police and officials of the war ministries.

Any person who has at any time held any of the following positions:

1. Member of:
   Board of Fleet Admirals and Field Marshals
   Supreme Military Council
   Imperial General Headquarters
   Army and Navy General Staffs
   Supreme Council for Direction of the War

2. Commissioned officer in the Imperial Japanese Regular Army or Navy or in the Special Volunteer Reserve.

3. Commissioned or non-commissioned officer, enlisted man or civilian employee who served in or with the Military Police (Kempei-Tai) or Naval police, the TOKOMU KIKAN, KAIGUN TOKUMU BU, or other special or secret intelligence or military or naval police organizations.

Appendix A, Paragraph B. (Cont'd.)

4. Ministry of War (unless appointed since 2 September 1945)
   Minister
   Permanent Vice-Minister
   Parliamentary Vice-Minister
   Parliamentary Councillor
   Chief Secretary

   All civilian officials of the civil service rank of Chokunin, or above, or who occupy positions normally held by persons of such rank.

5. Ministry of the Navy (unless appointed since 2 September 1945)
   Minister
   Permanent Vice-Minister
   Parliamentary Vice-Minister
   Parliamentary Councillor
   Chief Secretary

   All civilian officials of the civil service rank of Chokunin, or above, or who occupy positions normally held by persons of such rank.

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GOVERNMENT SECTION

Category B

Reference: Checknote Government Section to C/S, Subject: Status of Ex-Temporary Kempei Tai under SCAPIN 550, dated 26 Jul 46.

Paragraph 2

"the following is the opinion of G2/CIS on this matter: 'temporary KEMPEI were ordinary line and service soldiers who were pressed into service to maintain order and discipline for the period of ten days to two weeks immediately following the surrender." For purposes of SCAPIN 550 they are not deemed members of KEMPEI TAI. Paragraph 3, Government Section concurs in the above opinion of G2/CIS.

Reference: Letter to General Whitney from Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, dated 23 October 1950 (approved verbally be General Whitney 24 October 1950)

Paragraph 2, and first sentence of Paragraph 3

Specifically reference is made to the officers of the army and navy who did not attend any military school or receive any military training before 8 December 1941; that is to say, those who received military training for the first time after that date and subsequently were commissioned as regular officers. Technically classified as career officers they were made subject to SCAPIN 550.

If the Government's reading of the memorandum is correct, the intention of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in issuing it was to disqualify and exclude from public offices persons who in some way shared responsibility for the mistaken policies of the old regime, and, if this is so, young mem of the category mentioned above do not fall within its purview.

GOVERNMENT SECTION

Reference: Letter to Major J.P.Napier from Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, Subject: Request for Reinstatement of Reserve Officers, dated 16 September 1950 (approved by General Whitney 23 September 1950)

The reserve officers on the attached roster were purged erroneously. Their appeals for special remission have been examined and decided on as those of rescission by the Public Office Qualifications Appeal Board, as the result of close investigations into their statements of appeal, questionnaires, testimonies, and certificates. The fact is established that they have never been career officers or special volunteer officers, and accordingly, that they were not purgeable under any existing directive or implementation thereof.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that you would be good enough to review the decisions on these cases and approve them as soon as practicable.

JG

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

Category B

Reference: Imperial Ordinance No. 1 of 1947

Article I.

Removal and exclusion from public service of undesirable personnel in pursuance of the Memorandum of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers dated 4 January 1946 on the removal and exclusion of undesirable personnel from public office (including extension of scope and criteria of screening as supplemented thereafter in the form of additional interpretations of the Memorandum: called the Memorandum hereafter) shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Article II.

The term "public service" as used in this Ordinance shall mean and include positions of members of National Diet, personnel of the national government entity, assembly members and personnel of the local public organizations (including To, Do, Fu, Ken, Shi, Ku, Machi, Mura and Cho-Son Kumiai), and positions of specific personnel of specific companies, associations, mass communication media and other organization, and shall be classified into the principal public office and the ordinary public office.

The "principal public office" and the "ordinary public office" shall be defined by the Prime Minister.

Article IV.

The designation of a person as a person who falls under the Memorandum, in respect to a person in public office or a person who desires to hold public office, shall be effected, according to classification of public offices laid down by the Prime Minister, by the Prime Minister or by the Prefectural Governor in accordance with the result of examination by the Public Office Qualifications Examination Committee.

Article IV. (Cont'd.)

The Prime Minister or Prefectural Governor may, in respect to a person other than those prescribed in the preceding paragraph who is regarded to fall clearly under the provisions of the Memorandum, designated him as a person who falls under the Memorandum, in accordance with the result of the examination by the Public Office Qualifications Examination Committee as prescribed by the Prime Minister.

Reference: Cabinet and Home Affairs Ministry Ordinance No. 1 of 1947

Article 1.

The criteria under which any person will be designated as a person who falls under the Memorandum in accordance with the provisions of Articles III and IV of the Imperial Ordinance No. 1 of 1947 (called the Ordinance hereafter) are defined in Appendix 1.

Appendix I, Introductory Paragraph

The criteria, as mentioned in Article 1 of this Ordinance, under which any persons are to be designated as persons who fall under the provisions of the Memorandum are as follows:

Paragraph II.

Career military and naval personnel:-Special police and officials of the war ministries.
Any person who has at any time held any of the following positions:

1. Member of:
   Board of Fleet Admirals and Field marshals, Supreme Military Council, Imperial General Headquarters, Army and Navy General Staffs, Supreme Council for Direction of the war.
2. Commissioned officer in the Regular Army:
   Any person who was commissioned active service officer (including official of the officer rank under the former system) under the regular appointment provisions of Rikugun Hoju Rei

Appendix I., Paragraph II. (Cont'd.)

(the Army Replacement Regulations) or Rikugun Hoju Jorei or other old similar ordinances and regulations and who thereafter served on active service under Rikugun Bukan Fukueki Rei (the Army Officers Service Ordinance), Rikugun Gunjin Fukueki Rei (the Army soldiers Service Ordinance), Rikugun Fukueki Jorei (the Army Service Regulations) or other old similar ordinance and regulations.

3. Army Special Volunteer Reserve Officer:
Any person who, having finished the courses of Kambu Kohosei (reserve officer's cadet), Soju Kohosei (reserve pilot's cadet) etc., was appointed Reserve Service Officer (Yobieki Shoko), and who volunteered to serve on active service under the Imperial Ordinance No. 731 of 1939.

4. Commissioned officer in the Regular Navy.
Any person who was commissioned active service officer or active service special duty officer (Geneki Tokumu Shikan) under the regular Appointment provisions (including former Imperial Ordinances No. 500 of 1942 and No. 146 of 1944) of Kaigun Bukan Ninyorei (the Naval Officers Appointment Ordinance), Kaigun Koto Bukan Hoju Jorei (the Naval Officers Replacement Regulations), Kaigun Koto Bukan Ninyo Jorei (the Naval Officers Appointment Regulations) or other old similar ordinances or regulations, and who served thereafter on active list under Kaigun Bukan Fukueki Rei (the Naval Officers Service Ordinance), Kaigun Tokumn Shikan Fikueki Rei (the Naval Special Duty Officers Service Ordinance), Kaigun Koto Bukan Junshikan Fukueki Rei (the Naval Officers Warrant Officers Service Ordinance) or other old similar ordinances and regulations.

5. Naval Special Volunteer Reserve Officer.
a. Any reserve officer who after having been called up, was transferred to active service upon his application under Kaigun Bukan Ninyo to Tokurei (the Special Regulations for the Appointment of Naval Officers from Naval Reserve and other Matters) or Imperial Ordinance No. 173 of 1934.
b. Any officer or special duty officer on reserve list who, after having been called up, volunteered for active service under the provisions of Article 2 of the Kaigun Bukan Fikuoki Rinji Tokurei (The Naval Officers Service Provisional Special Ordinance).

6. Commissioned or non-commissioned officer, enlisted man or civilian employee who served in or with the Military Police (Kempei Tai), the Tokumn Kikan, Kaigun Tokumu Bu or other special or secret intelligence or military or naval police organizations.

Appendix I., Paragraph II. (Cont'd.)

7. Ministry of War (unless appointed since September 2, 1945):
   Minister
   Permanent Vice-Minister
   Parliamentary Vice-Minister
   Parliamentary Councillor
   Chief Secretary (Kokyu Fukukan)
   Any civilian official of the Civil Service Rank of Chokunin or above, or who occupied a position normally held by a person of such rank.
8. Ministry of the Navy (unless appointed since September 2, 1945):
   Minister
   Permanent Vice-Minister
   Parliamentary Vice-Minister
   Parliamentary Councillor
   Chief Secretary (Kokyu Fukukan)
   Any civilian official of the Civil Service Rank of Chokunin or above, or who occupied a position normally held by a person of such rank.

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PUBLIC OFFICE QUALIFICATION SECTION

Category B

Reference: Memorandum from Chief, Supervision Section, Prime Minister's Office, Subject: Precedents of Unpurge, dated 8 May 1950

The scope of persons of Category B unpurged by the former Central Screening Committee, the Appeal Board and the Supervision Section, ... is as follows:

1. Categorically unpurgeable
   a. Reserve officers
   b. Officers from two-year active service(graduates of technical (non-military) colleges, commissioned for two years, but extended)
   c. Officers from civilians: (commissioned from Army or Navy civilians)
2. Precedents of unpurge established in December 1947 by the Central Screening Committee.
   a. Officers commissioned after 8 December 1941 having graduated from universities or colleges other than those of Army or Navy ones. None was a "combatting officer". They were doctors, technicians, veterinarians, dentists, pharmacists, pay-masters, etc.
   b. Officers from 25th and 26th "Shoi-Kohosei" (cadets)(only army). ...
   c. Surgeons or Military Police who retired from the active service prior to 1920 and their term of service was not long enough to receive the ordinary pension.
   d. Military musicians (commissioned officers)
   e. Military Police after 15 August 1945 (so-called "temporary Kempei's")
3. Precedents of unpurge established in March 1948 by the Central Screening Committee.
   a. Assistant Military Police whose job was only chores other than proper work of Military Police ....
   b. Officers commissioned after the war.
4. Precedent of unpurge established in May 1948 by the former Appeal Board.
   a. Manchurian regular officer ...(subject person was a pharmacist)

5. Precedent of unpurge established in July 1948 by the Supervision Section.
   a. An officer who became blind in the Russo-Japanese War and since then for about 40 years taught the many blind by establishing a school for the blind.(Shibanai Kaizo)
6. Precedent of unpurge established in November 1948 by the Supervision Section.
   a. Officers commissioned just before the end of the war and could not know their commission on account of communications difficulties, because they were "marooned" on the spot, and were not treated as commissioned officers by the time of their repatriation.

AB

PUBLIC OFFICE QUALIFICATION APPEAL BOARD

Category B

Reference: Number and Examples of Appellants Granted Special Remission Classified by Categories and Standards of Examination followed by the Appeal Board

Paragraph 1.

Reinstate the Chokunin Rank officials of the Army and Navy who were Councillors and Parliamentary Vice Ministers; who were transferred to the status of civil officials of the Army and Navy so that they might be promoted to the Chokunin rank; who held the status of civil officials of the Chokunin rank due to the honorary promotion, for an extremely short period; and those whose personalities and thoughts were exceedingly favorable.

Reference: Number of Appellants Granted Special Remission Classified by Categories and Standards of Examination Followed by the Appeal Board

Reinstate: Reserve officers; officers who were ordered to duty for two years and "extended"; officers who were transferred from civil officials to military officials; officers in each Department of the Army Service who are graduates of colleges to higher institutions and who were commissioned on or after 8 December 1941; musical officers; officers of Medical and other Departments who were deactivated in or before 1920; those who were commissioned as Sub-Lieutenants after being Sub-Lieutenant candidates who were of the 25th Class or of the 26th Class; those who were commissioned after the termination of hostilities; officers in each Department of the Manchukuo Armed Service; temporary Military Policemen, Military Policement prior to 1920; Assistant Military Policemen; Military Policemen who entered an institution for education, shortly, before the end of hostilities, but required education as Military Policemen had not been completed; officers commissioned just before the end of hostilities and could not know their commission on account of communication difficulties

Reference: Standards of Examination Followed By Appeal Board

Paragraph 2.

Category B (Servicemen).

(1) Under this Category, examination has been conducted with particular strictness, generally in line with the precedents already set for release from designation. These established precedents cover the following:

a. Reservists.
b. Short-Term Active Officers
c. Those who were transferred from the status of Civil Officials to that of Military Officers.
d. Active Officers in each Department of the Armed Service who are graduates of colleges or higher institutions and who were commissioned on or after 8 December 1941.
e. Musical Officers.
f. Medical Officers who were deactivated in or before 1920.
g. Those who were commissioned as Sub-Lieutenants after being Sub-Lieutenant candidates who were of the 25th Class or the 26th Class.
h. Those who were commissioned after the termination of hostilities.
i. Officers in each Department of the Manchukuo Armed Service.
j. Temporary Military Policemen.
k. Military Policemen prior to 1920.

(2) The Appeal Board regards the under-mentioned persons as not essentially coming under the Memorandum and as deserving special remission, though no precedent is established for them:

a. Those who, owing to the stoppage of the means of communication, were not made aware of their having been commissioned as Sub-Lieutenants, and who thus served as Non-Commissioned Officers up to the termination of hostilities.
b. Those who, shortly before the termination of hostilities, entered an institute for education as Military Policemen, but whose required education had not been completed before the hostilities terminated.
c. Those who were commissioned only nominally, and who did not perform the actual duties attaching to the post concerned.

Last

CATEGORY B

N - Purge not required by the following directives, ordinances and precedents
P - Purgeable under the following directives, ordinances and precedents
E - Purgeable - with exceptions - under the following directives, ordinances and precedents
Q - It is questionable whether the directives, etc. require the purge of a person in this position

Position	JCS	FEC	SCAPIN	ORDINANCES	POQS	POQAB	Number Purged	Number Reinstated
Member of Board of Fleet Admirals & Field marshals, Supreme Military Council, Imperial General Headquarters, Army & Navy General Staffs, Supreme Council for Direction of war.								
Commissioned officer in Regular Army including								
Officers of 25 & 26 Class who had no Military Service or Schooling prior to 8 December 1941								
Short term active officers								
Music Officers								
Medical Officers (discharged prior to 1920)								
Officers Commissioned after Surrender								
Manchurian Officers								
"Marooned" Officers								
ASTP Type Officers								

Position	JCS	FEC	SCAPIN	ORDI-NANCES	POQS	POQAB	Number Purged	Number Rein-stated
Army Special Volunteer Reserve Officer								
Commissioned officer in Regular Navy								
Officers of 25th & 26th Class who had no Military Service or Schooling prior to 8 December 1941								
Short term active officers								
Music Officers								
Medical Officers (discharged prior to 1920)								
Officers Commissioned after Surrender								
Manchurian Officers								
"Marooned" Officers								
ASTP Type Officers								
Navy Special Volunteer Officers								
Commissioned or non-commissioned offier, enlisted man or civilian employee who served in or with the secret police.								
Temporary Kempei								
Assistant Kempei								

Position	JCS	FEC	SCAPIN	ORDI-NANCES	POQS	POQAB	Number Purged	Number Rein-stated
Kempei (released prior to 1920)								
Kempei Students								
Ministry of War(unless appointed since September 2, 1945):								
Minister								
Permanent Vice-Minister								
Parliamentary Vice-Minister								
Parliamentary Councillor								
Chief Secretary								
Civilian official of Chokunin Rank or who occupied position normally held by person of such rank.								
Ministry of Navy (unless appointed since September 2, 1945)								
Minister								
Permanent Vice-Minister								
Parliamentary Councillor								
Chief Secretary								

Position	JCS	FEC	SCAPIN	ORDI-NANCES	POQS	POQAB	Number Purged	Number Rein-stated
Civilian officials of Chokunin rank, or who occupied position normally held by person of such rank.								
Reserve Officer								