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TO : Central Purge Screening Committee Office

FROM : Kabushiki Kaisha Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha
(Kita Nippon News Press Co.,Ltd.)
31 Azumi-machi, Toyama City.

SUBJECT: Report on the executive staff of a press company.

REFERENCE: So-sho-hatsu 51

In answer to the inquiry made by the Chief Secretary of the Cabinet under the date of 12 July 1947, Ref. No. Kaku-shi 419 on the above given subject, we are reporting below in duplicates both in Japanese and English.

ITEMS OF INVESTIGATIONS

1. The executive staff of this company in the posts of section chief and upper from July 1937 to December 1941 is listed on the Appendix No.1.

2. The rules on the assignments of this company during that period cannot be produced, inasmuch as all the documents perished, when this company office and printing shop were bombed out at the daybreak of 2 August 1945.

3. The setup of the management during that period is produced as per Appendix No.2 and 3 to the best of the memory, because all documents are unavailable as stated in the paragraph 2 of this report.

APPENDIX NO.1

LIST OF EXECUTIVES OF KITA NIPPON SHINBUNSHA
(From July 1937 to December 1941)

Post	Name	Date of Assignment	Date of Dischange	Present Occupation	Address	Remarks
President	Seibun TANAKA	31 Jul 40	10 Aug 44	None	1,316 Fukuno-machi, Higashi Tonami-gun, Toyama Pref.	
Director	Matazaemon KANAOKA	31 Jul 40	6 Oct 42	Druggist	Shinjo-machi, Toyama City	
Director	Kinjiro KATO	31 Jul 40	6 Oct 42	President of Nippon Sui-ryoku Kogyo Kaisha (Japan Hydra-ulic Indust-ry Co.)	Omachi, Namekawa-machi, Naka Shinkawa-gun, Toyama Prefecture.	
Director	Sukekuro SATO	31 Jul 40	6 Oct 42	Farmer	454 Kaihatsu, Yanase-mura, Higashi Tonami-gun, Toyama Prefecture	
Auditor	Tsuguhei TAKAHIRO	31 Jul 40	6 Oct 42	President of Hokuriku Bank	1,200 Fukuoka, Fukuoka-machi, Nishi Toyami-gun, Toyama Pref.	
Managing Director, Editor in Chief, Technical Dept. Chief	Shiroemon YOKOYAMA	31 Jul 40	3 Oct 40	President of Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha	Higashi Tachikatamachi, Toyama City	
Vice-President	Shiroemon YOKOYAMA	3 Oct 40	10 Aug 44	President of Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha	Higashi Tachikatamachi, Toyama City	

APPENDIX NO.1(2)

Post	Name	Date of Assignment	Date of Dischange	Present Occupation	Address	Remarks
Managing Director, Business Department Chief	Kenjiro TAKATORI	31 Jul 40	3 Oct 40	Vice President, Managing Director Administration Department Chief of Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha	456 Takatsuki, Namekawa-machi, Naka Shinkawa-gun, Toyama Prefecture	
Vice President	Kenjiro TAKATORI	3 Oct 40	10 Aug 42	Vice President, Managing Director, Administration Department Chief, Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha	456 Takatsuki, Namekawa-machi, Naka Shinkawa-gun, Toyama Prefecture	
Auditor in Charge	Toshiomi ARIKAWA	31 Jul 40	Still Active	Auditor in charge, Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha	c/o Tsunemichi ARIKAWA Fukuno-machi, Higashi Tonami-gun, Toyama Prefecture	
Consultant	Kichizo KARASHIMA	3 Oct 40	3 Sept 42	Unknown	Unknown	
Editor	Kunimitsu WANIBUSHI	18 Nov 40	3 Sept 42	Unknown	Unknown	
Chief of Editing Dept. & Technical Dept.	Yasukiyo TAKANO	3 Oct 40	3 Dec 43	Unknown	Unknown	

APPENDIX NO.1(3)

Post	Name	Date of Assignment	Date of Dischange	Present Occupation	Address	Remarks
Chief of Tokyo Office	Masaaki TAKATA	31 Jul 40	1 Sept 40	Director & Business Dept. Chief, Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha	1,632 Shin Minato-Tatemachi, Takaoka City	
Chief of Business Dept.	Masaaki TAKATA	3 Oct 40	5 Apr 42	Director & Business Dept. Chief, Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha	1,632 Shin Minato-Tatemachi, Takaoka City	
Chief of Tokyo Office	Junjiro KISHI	15 Feb 40	Still Active	Chief of Tokyo Office		
Control Sec. Chief	Shuzo MURA	31 Jul 40	3 Oct 40	Director, Technical Dept. Chief, Business Section Chief, Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha	26 Hirafuki-machi, Toyama City	
Vice Chief of Technical Dept.	Shuzo MURA	3 Oct 40	6 Jul 41	do.	do.	
Chief of Editorial Board (concurrently)	Shuzo MURA	3 Oct 40	3 Dec 40	do.	do.	

APPENDIX NO.1(4)

Post	Name	Date of Assignment	Date of Dischange	Present Occupation	Address	Remarks
Chief of Situation Review Committee (Concurrently)	Shuzo MURA	5 Apr 41	10 Jun 41	Director, Technical Dept. Chief, Business Section Chief, Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha	26 Hirafuki-machi, Toyama City	
Chief of Articles Review Committee (Concurrently)	Shuzo MURA	5 Apr 41	10 Jun 41	do.	do.	
Vice Chief of Editing Dept.	~~Katsujiro SHIMIZU~~	~~31 Jul 40~~	~~8 Apr 42~~	Deceased		
Chief of Social Affairs Sec. & Educational Affairs Sec.	Teru NAKAYAMA	31 Jul 40	15 May 41	Chief of Editing Dept. Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha		
Vice Chief of Editing Dept. (Concurrently)	Teru NAKAYAMA	3 Oct 40	5 Dec 40	do.		
Chief of Photograph Sec.	Teru NAKAYAMA	15 May 41	8 Mar 42	do.		

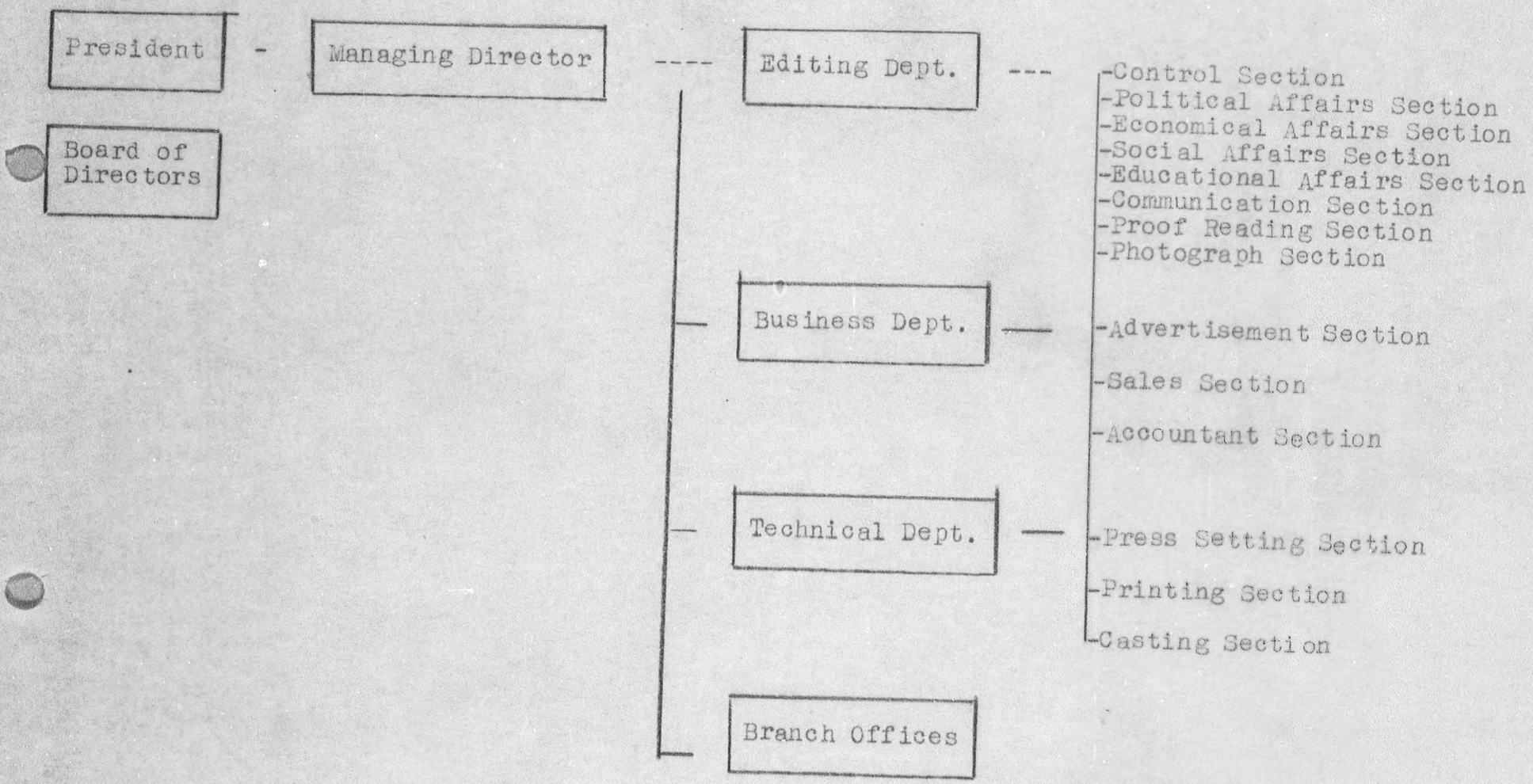
APPENDIX NO.1(5)

Post	Name	Date of Assignment	Date of Dischange	Present Occupation	Address	Remarks
Chief of Political Affairs Sec.	Tameshige SOMADA	31 Jul 40	3 Oct 40	Consultant to Editing Dept., Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha	Mori-machi, Toyama City	
Chief of Economical Affairs Sec.	Jyutaro URA	31 Jul 40	28 Aug 43	Employee of Toyama Local Railroad Company		
Chief Proof-readers	Yuken FUJII	31 Jul 40	6 Dec 42	Chief of Research Section, Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha		
Chief of Editorial Board	Tatsu NAGATA	31 Jul 40	6 Feb 42	Unknown	Unknown	

Remarks: This list was produced to the best of the memory of the current staff of Kita Nippon Shinbun-sha, inasmuch as all documents perished in fire, when the company was bombed out on 2 August 1945.

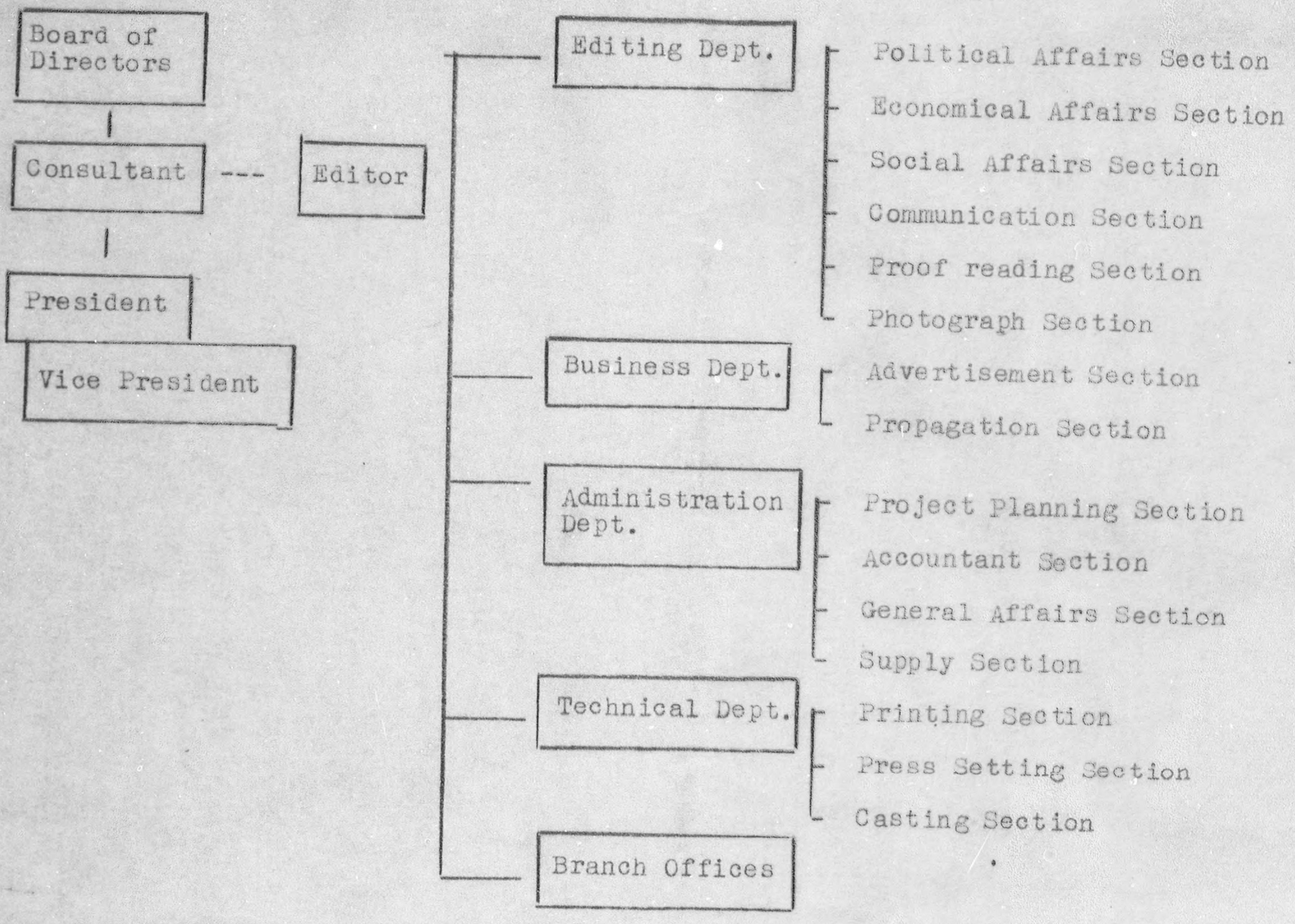
APPENDIX No.2

SETUP OF KITA NIPPON SHINBUN-SHA, NO.1
(From 31 July 1940 to 3 October 1940)



APPENDIX NO.3

SETUP OF KITA NIPPON SHINBUN-SHA, NO.2
(From 3 October 1940 to 8 December 1942)



KITA NIPPON SHIMBUN

1224 Karuizawa August 26th. 1947

Mr. Tsukahara,

Government Section,

Public Service Qualification Division;

Dear Sir,

Your address has just come to me as the one responsible for judging the cases of those falling under the Purge Directive, so I am writing to you on behalf of my friend, Mr. Takatori, of the Kita Nippon newspaper of Toyama City.

I have known Mr. Takatori for twenty years or so, and have a very high regard for him as a man of integrity and tact who propagates peace among his fellow citizens, and did even during the war. ~~when~~ He was very kind to me and most helpful on two especial occasions, when others -the gendarmes for one, and some two ministers for another - would have seized the Mission property and driven me out and the kindergarten teachers and children also. Mr. Takatori with timely intervention and tact succeeded in rescuing us. Time and again he gave me gifts of money, knowing that what was sent me for my six months living expenses shortly before the war had been frozen, and that I was receiving only a smal salary for teaching. He brought me food on several occasions. He was a friend in need, and was not afraid to show his colors even at the height of the anti-foreign propaganda.

He attended the Church of which he is an elder regularly, taking an active part in whatever Christian work it was possible to carry on during the war years.

Mr. Takatori read, and gave to others to read, a bulletin issued now and again by - I think- the British Legation in Tokyo which showed the actual condition of world affairs. I wished to disseminate the truth that none might be misled

The sole grounds on which he has been declared vulnerable to the purge is the large number of subscribers to the Kita Nippon, of which he is business director. The reason for the large circulation of that paper was simply that all four newspapers of Toyama were obliged to amalgamate so naturally everybody read the one paper.

If you will kindly judge this case wisely, and exonerate Mr. Takatori from the Purge, it will benefit not only Toyama Prefecture but all Japan to have such an honest, earnest, liberal minded man as a leader of thought and an enemy to all evil and dangerous elements at this strategic ~~tim~~ time, for he yields a wide influence on account of his fine personality.

I beg that you will kindly hear my plea on behalf of this good citizen who is a credit to Japan, and declare him <u>not</u> vulnerable to the Purge Directive.

Sincerely and Respectfully Yours,

Margaret Elizabeth Armstrong.

Retired Missionary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada.

Margaret Elizabeth Armstrong. (38 years resident in Toyama)
address - c/o Liaison Office, Prefectural Bldg., Toyama City.