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Page 2 continued:

About the plan for the control of national resources, the representatives of the Army, Navy" etc.

4th paragraph, the last line; "the Planning Board" should be read as "the Planning Bureau".

Page 3:

1st paragraph, 2nd line, and 2nd paragraph, 3rd line; "the Planning Board" should be read as "the Planning Bureau".

Page 4:

4th paragraph, 5th and 6th lines are to be stricken out wholly;

7th line is also stricken out through "or of", and make the sentence start anew as "The duty of the Planning Board was to", by inserting "was".

INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

5 August 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO : Brig. R. H. Quilliam
FROM : D. N. Sutton
SUBJECT: UEMURA, Kogoro
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The witness traces the history of the organizations which preceded the Planning Board, finally established in October 1937. He outlines in general the work of the Bureau of National Resources with which he was connected from 1927 to 1937, the functions of the Comptroller's Board established in the Cabinet in 1919 under the jurisdiction of which was placed the enforcement of the Munitions Industry Mobilization Law, which had been enacted in 1916, the subsequent formation of the Cabinet Investigation Bureau set up in May 1935, and the merger of several organizations into the Planning Board in October 1937. He outlines the functions of the Planning Board and mentions the Commodities Mobilization Plan drawn up by the Planning Board in 1937. (The Imperial Ordinance establishing the Planning Board is a basic document, Exhibit No. 71, R. 503.)

The second division of the affidavit entitled "The Plan for Expanding the Production Potential" outlines the steps taken by the Planning Board to accomplish this end. He mentions the adoption of what he calls the 4-year plan modeled after Manchoukuo's 5-year plan, which was definitely approved by the Cabinet in January 1939. (This plan appears in the Record at page 8270 et seq.)

The witness twice mentions the fact on page 4 of his affidavit that he knows absolutely nothing of the War Ministry's 5-year armaments production plan of 23 June 1937, and also states that he has no notion of the existence of a 5-year plan for the Important Industries, dated 29 May 1937. The "Outline of the 5-Year Plan for Production of War Materials, Prepared by the War Office," dated 23 June 1937, is Exhibit 841, R. 8260. It seems most unusual that a witness with the background of this one, whose curriculum vitae (not introduced in evidence) shows that he was appointed as a Councillor of the Planning Board on 14 May 1937, should not be familiar with these two plans.

The final section of the affidavit outlines the National Mobilization Law. This is in evidence as Exhibit 84, R. 505, and parts of it were read into the record at page 8395 et seq.

Comment: While it seems that little could be gained from the cross-examination of this witness except to bring out the fact that he disclaimed knowledge of plans with which it would appear any fairly intelligent person in his position should be conversant, it seems that it would be quite proper to cite the record evidence giving the Imperial Ordinance establishing the Planning Board, the place in the record where the 5-year plans for the production of war material and the 5-year program for Important Industries appear and reference to the Exhibit number of the National Mobilization Law. I attach hereto a copy of a memorandum prepared by Lt. Steiner in which these record references are set out.

D. N. Sutton,
Assistant Counsel

5 August 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. D. N. Sutton
 FROM : Lt. K. Steiner
 SUBJECT : Affidavit of UEMURA KOGORO

1. References to the Planning Board (P. 3 of Affidavit):

The Imperial Ordinance on the organization of the Board of Planning of the Cabinet (IPS Doc. 209) is one of the basic documents and was introduced as Exhibit 71, Page 503 of the Record (received in evidence, Page 684).

Commodities Mobilization Plan:

A press item regarding this plan, dated 23 August 1941, was introduced as Exhibit 1132 on Page 10204 (IPS Doc. 2534-D).

2. Five-Year Plans (Page 4 of Affidavit):

a. The "Outline of the Five-Year Plan for Production of War Materials Prepared by the War Office", dated 23 June 1937 (IPS Doc. 9002-A) was introduced in evidence as Exhibit 841, Page 8260.

b. "Essentials of Five-Year Program of Important Industries" appeared in "War Ministry, 29 May 1937" (IPS Doc. 1522) was introduced in evidence as Exhibit 842, Record Page 8264.

The same document also contained a "Resume of Policy Relating to Execution of Summary of Five-Year Program of Important Industries - Tentative Draft by Army, 10 June 1937" read on Page 8269 and "Outline of the Plan for the Expansion of Productive Power by the Planning Board (decided by Cabinet Conference) January 1939" read into the record on Page 8270 and following.

Further references to this plan are to be found in Liebert's cross-examination, Pages 8624 and the following. This plan is also mentioned as "A Five-Year Production Expansion Plan for the period 1937 to 1941" in a speech by SATO, introduced as Exhibit 849 on Page 8413.

Lt. Steiner to Mr. Sutton

5 August 1947

3. References to the National Mobilization Law:

The National General Mobilization Law is one of the basic documents and was received in evidence as Exhibit 84, Record Page 505. Parts of it were read into the record on Pages 8395 and the following.

A newspaper article dated 8 March 1941 concerning the revised National Mobilization Law (IPS Doc. 2530-A) was introduced as Exhibit 1055 on Page 9841.

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