

KUHARA Fusanosuke

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Statesman, Industrialist. Member of Cabinet Advisory Council. Former president of the SEIYUKAI Party.

June 1869 Born in Yamaguchi-ken
 1889 Graduated KEIO University
 1915 Joined NORDMURA & Co., Fujita
 1927-1929 Minister of Communications in TANAKA Cabinet
 May 1939 Assumed presidency of SEIYUKAI Orthodox Faction when Party split
 1940 Resigned SEIYUKAI presidency.

Established KUHARA Mining Co.; Repre KUHARA & Co.; President, KYOHO Life Ins Co.
 Elected to Lower House four times in Yamaguchi prefecture.
 Advocated dissolution of political parties.

After the assassination in Feb 1936 he and General MASAKI were detained as suspected chief accomplices, but both were cleared of complicity, chiefly because of their influence and high position.

China No.845, 4/3/44.

Army favorite. Has financed some of the GENYO SHA projects (Pacific Affairs, XVII, #3, p.27, September 1944).

Manchurian industrialist who would be familiar with Japanese expansionist circles particularly the Kwantung Army. Mentioned in folder as person to interrogate for political information. (WD Target Folder XVIII, May 1945).

Former president of the now defunct SEIYUKAI is planning to run for the Lower House. ~~KUHARA has recently informed~~ that the investigation of his possibility of being a war criminal has been dropped, thus paving the way for the 78-year old politician to resume political activities. (FBIB No.8, 5 Mar 47, p.AAA-9)

YOKOYAMA Yui (q.v.), through KUHARA and by brandishing the name of KUHARA, quickly established himself as one of the most influential "political brokers" before the war. The connection still exists...KUHARA and his political and business followers, as well as former military men, are seeking to use WAKI Kasushige as their front man in their attempt to grasp political leadership. 16 Setp 50

A KIKAN of the Japanese Underground Government is planning the "reconstruction of Japan" centered about Prince CHICHIBU. KUHARA Fusanosuke, and KODAMA Yoshio March 1951,

HATOYAMA Ichiro's recommendations in the formation of a racial front were handed to KUHARA, who was an important figure in the SEIYUKAI when HATOYAMA was a member of that party. It is believed that after the large-scale depurge, KUHARA's former followers in the SEIYUKAI will join the HATOYAMA faction...MATSUNO Tsuruhei's supporters in the present Liberal Party who were also affiliated with the KUHARA line in the SEIYUKAI include SATO Eisaku and YAMAZAKI Takeshi. 22 Jun 51

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Former president of now defunct SEIYUKAI, once the most powerful political party in Japan, became member of YOSHIDA's Liberal Party 3 Nov. KUHARA, who was purged after Japan's surrender as Japan's political leaders, reinstated 2 1/2 months ago when the Japanese Government was given authority by SCAP to conduct a mass depurge. His affiliations with the Liberal Party reportedly made at the request of Premier YOSHIDA himself (FBIS, 5 Nov 1951; CENTRAL NEWS, Tokyo)

UGAKI Kasushige stills supports KUHARA 24 Aug 51

Titular head of the House of KUHARA of the ZAIBATSU; presiding officer (1940) of the SEIYU KAI (Prominent Persons in Japan and Japanese-dominated Area, 14 August 1945)

The following statement is from a study made by the 2nd Dept of the International Intelligence Bureau of the Mil. Council (Chinese Communist): HIGAWARA (?HISAHARA?) Fusanosuke is collaborating with YOKOYAMA Yui. He is also of the mainland clique of the Japanese Army.

Subject is one of the principal members of the UGAKI Issei faction of the Japan underground govt.

Former Foreign Office official. Member of the Group of Chief Advisors of the UGAKI JIS Groups. His chief function, in line with YOKOYAMA Yui's efforts, is direct high-level liaison to leading figures at the Foreign Office, such as KAWABURA and HORIUCHI Ganjo, and direction of the Foreign Office men within the UGAKI Groups. He also wields considerable influence with politicians of the Liberal Party who are part of the UGAKI organization such as INUKAI Ken and SHIDEHARA. 8 Sept 50.

Reportedly has been in touch with certain Chinese Nationalists who have taken refuge in Japan now or who are expected to come to Japan. 13 June 51.

Chosen to head the political "aspects" of a new political party to be formed by IWAKURO Hideo, SHIBUSAWA Keizo, MIZUNO SHigeo, and others. Principal leader of the pre-war SEIYUKAI Party. Eighty years old. Close to FUKUYA Shunichi. 20 Sept 51

In compromise plan for re-organization of UGAKI JIS "federation" subject would have been on Board of Advisors.

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See C-10.32, FBIS #218, 6 Nov 53, FFF 15,
New Body to Implement China Trade Pact (Tokyo, Main, chi, 6 Nov 53)

President of the Japanese Nat'l Council for the Restoration of Diplomatic
Relations/w China and the Soviet Union formed Oct 54.

Source: North China News Agency 7 Apr 55
Peking

Requesting eight passports to USSR for delegates of the Jpse Nat. Council for
Recovery of Diplomatic Relations with China and USSR. (FBIS #129, Tokyo, KYODO,
2 July 55)

Heading a party to visit Red China to attend Sun Wen's 30th Anniversary.
See: Report #88, 10 Aug 55

Will meet Soviet Seputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan in Peking during his projected Red
China tour. ~~Will~~ Slated to leave for Peking Aug. 14 as head of a seven-man
civilian "good will mission" to Red China. (FBIS #155, Tokyo, Central News, 10 Aug
55)

Left with three members of his team for Communist China on a "national good-will
mission" (FBIS #160, Tokyo, KYODO, 17 Aug 1955)

President of National Council for restoration of Diplomatic Relations with
Communist China and Soviet Union. Arrived in Peking Aug 22 accompanied by five other
persons, including his son and daughter, at invitation of the Chinese Diplomatic
Institute. (FBIS #169, Tokyo, KYODO, 30 August 1955)

Head of a six-man private good will mission to Red China. President of the National
Council for Resumption of Diplomatic Relations with Communist China and the Soviet
Union. (FBIS #202, Tokyo, KYODO, 17 Oct 1955)

Chairman of the People's Council for the Restoration of Japan-China, Japan-USSR
Diplomatic Relations.

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re:Soviet political agents in Japan.
6 Sep 56

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Subj.'s name appeared in message to Peking on 8 Jul. 55. []

Subj. apparently took or is planning a trip to Peking. (OPS MEMO #376, 2 Nov. 55)

Chairman of the Japanese National Council for the Restoration of Diplomatic Relations with Communist China & USSR. Made a trip with a group to China in Sept. 55 & Oct. 55. (FJB-2216, July-Oct. 55)

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