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1. The Ural Kai (Ural Association)¹ met from 1700 to 2000 hours on 4 July 1953 to hear an address by former Major General ONODERA Makoto (1420/6851/1408/0207) on "The European Situation as Seen from Sweden"². ONODERA recently returned from a trip to Europe of approximately two months duration³. The meeting was held at the Tokyo offices of the Continental Affairs Research Institute (Chiriku Mondai Kenkyu Sho) (CARI) and was attended by about 20 people.

2. In his address ONODERA stated that in Sweden he found the following estimates of Russian potentialities and future events⁴:

- a. The Soviet Union now probably possesses only one kind of atom bomb, the type used at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Russia has the facilities, including sufficient electric power, to produce atom bombs but she is not able to stockpile finished bombs⁵.
- b. Soviet ground forces now consist of 204 infantry divisions and 24 tank divisions. Russia has thus far stockpiled enough arms and ammunition for three months operation. The Soviet high command estimates three months would be required to put Russian industry on a war footing.
- c. Swedish intelligence believes Germany will provide the spark which will set off World War III and picks 1955 as the most likely year for the outbreak of hostilities.

1. Field Comment. The Ural Kai has been referred to in previous reports (ZJJ-213, 244, and FJJ-170) as the Nanoka Kai (Seventh Club). Ural Kai was the association's original name and continued to be used among members even after the name was officially changed to Nanoka Kai. Source reported in January 1953 that there was talk of officially changing the name back to Ural Kai, and although he has not reported that this has happened, Source now refers to the association as the Ural Kai.

2. Field Comment. ONODERA, a trained specialist in Russian intelligence, was Military Attache in Sweden from February 1941 until the end of World War II. During the war his office was perhaps the most important Japanese espionage post in Europe. He received directives from Tokyo covering many and diverse targets and had nearly 2,000,000 yen at his disposal for intelligence operations.

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3 Field Comment. According to copies of Swedish press reports in our files, ONODERA arrived in Gothenburg, Sweden on 10 January 1953 as a Japanese businessman. See also FJJ-92.

4 Source Comment. ONODERA's chief source for this information was probably (Colonel) MAASING, former Estonian Army staff officer.

Field Comment. MAASING (fna) was ONODERA's principal agent and closest collaborator during World War II. A former officer in the Tsarist armies who had graduated from the Minsk Military Academy, he held high positions in the Estonian Intelligence Service and was its chief for a period before World War II. He reportedly had excellent contacts among Swedish Army officers because, in the prewar days when he was chief of the Estonian I.S., the Swedish General Staff had sent some of their officers to study under him. For further details see SSU Information Report dated 30 September 1946, Subject: Japanese Wartime Intelligence Activities in Northern Europe.

5 Field Comment. International News Service and United Press reports of 11 August 1953 quote a Red Army major who has fled to the West, Leonid Khitsch (sic) Roshin, as saying the Soviet Union has not yet perfected a method of "preserving" its atom bombs.

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