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Ryoichi SASAKAWA

JAPAN

Dedicated rightwing superpatriot; powerbroker. A leading kuromaku (power behind the throne; kingmaker). Was instrumental in making Sato premier in 1964. Would like to pull together organizations he heads into one federation to exert new political power (says his followers number .8million). Has major influence over Society for Propagation of Japanese Racial Thought and International Victory over Communism League. Admirer of Mussolini-"the perfect fascist and dictator". Imprisoned as war criminal following World War II though not tried. Moral as well as financial patron of Seiran-Kai.

Billionaire business tycoon. Made several fortunes speculating in grain and stockmarkets, shipping and shipping building. Heavy financial interests in Ginza department store, Gensaido. Vast interests in oil resources in southern sea areas. Real Estate holdings estimated at \$71.4 million. Huge store of giri (moral obligations) accumulated. Dispenses about \$105 million annually to favored causes - research in ship building technology, charities.

Flamboyant; speaks flowery tongue. Thrives on publicity - uses it to blow smokescreen over his other activities. Age 75 in 1974.

Positions:

President of following organizations:

All Japan Professional Motorboat Racing Association
Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation
The Japanese Foundation for the Promotion of Maritime Science
Civil Aviation Promotion Foundation
Japanese Disabled Veterans Association
Association for the Promotion of Japanese Traditional Arts
World Union of Karatedo Organizations
World Shorinji-Kempo Organizations
All Japan Kendo School Association

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