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2. Interview between HATTORI Service Members and Head of NPR				
<p>Soon after the establishment of the National Police Reserve last fall, a group of 12 men called on the NPR Headquarters, Etonujima, Tokyo. In an interview with Director-General Keikichi MASUHARA, one of them introduced himself as Takushiro HATTORI, former colonel, and said "Your Excellency, we have paid a visit to him for the purpose of helping him create the National Police Reserve."...The objective of their visit was to assume key posts in the NPR organization... According to the plan, which regrettably vanished like a pipe dream, Mr. HATTORI would have assumed the NPR Director-General's post... Other supporters of the plan were Masanobu TSUJI, former colonel and author of the book "Three Thousand Miles' Travel as a Smuggler," and Sadao AKAMATSU, former colonel and cograduate of Mr. HATTORI, both belonging to the 34th class of the military academy. Mr. TSUJI tried to see Prime Minister YOSHIDA through the introduction of</p>				
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kazuo KIJIMA, veteran politician of the Liberal Party. However, the Prime Minister flatly refused his proposal. Later, Mr. TSUJI met Ichiro HATOYAMA. Now we must explain about the friendship between Messrs. TSUJI and HATTORI. Way back to the time of the outbreak of the Nomonhan Incident, they were members of the Staff of the Kwantung Army, and both advocates of a stronger attitude toward Russia. Mr. HATTORI was the chief of the military operations section of the Staff, and Mr. TSUJI was his subordinate. Mr. TSUJI in one of his best-sellers praised Mr. HATTORI by saying, "I respect him like my elder brother or teacher." By the way, Mr. TSUJI is a graduate of the 36th class of the military academy. Mr. TSUJI has been depurged through the alleged offices of Mr. HATTORI and Mrs. ARAKI.

3. Tsuji Advocates Pan-Asianism

Mr. Tsuji also conducts brick activities in line with Mr. Hattori. Mr. Tsuji is a follower of the late Kanji ISHIBARA, former Lieutenant-General and leader of the now extinct East-Asian League based on pan-Asianism. The objective of his movement is to establish a third influence in Asia by making Communist China bolt the Soviet bloc. His influence has infiltrated farm communities due to his untiring efforts. He made lecturing trips across the country. Now he has constructed a nation-wide network among former leaders of the ex-service-men's associations of the Tohoku and Kyushu districts. His influence is especially strong in such prefectures as Yamagata, Niigata and Ehime. The late Ishibara was a believer of the Nichiren sect of Buddhism. Therefore, many followers of Mr. Tsuji are among the Nichiren sect adherents. The number of his followers and fellow travellers are estimated at over 10,000. The movement has received a setback because Mr. Tsuji has been indicted on account of the lecture "The U.S. and Soviet Blocs Compared in War Strength and Strategy" in a meeting recently held at the Industrial Club, Tokyo. He contemplates the plan of creating a militia. He urges each villager to rise to arms to defend his own village in time of emergency. His movement is against Communism. Leaders of his movement consist mostly of former students he taught while he was an instructor in the military academy. They observe his order like an oracle. One of his former students is Katsuro SATO, former lieutenant-colonel and now proprietor of "Toa-shobo" or the Book-store "Far East". All books written by Mr. Tsuji were published by this book-store. Mr. Tsuji has recently received a surgical operation on his stomach ulcer. It is said to have become dilated twice as big as an ordinary stomach. He takes rest for recuperation at home, and is busy preparing for a court struggle. Mr. Tsuji is said to be a supporter of Mr. Hattori's rearmament plan. However, they are not so closely related. Their movements go in parallel. Mr. Tsuji attaches more importance to organizing his network in the rural districts. They agree in the opinion that Japan should be rearmed. Mr. Hattori tried to advocate his idea among politicians such as Ichiro HATOYAMA, Hitoshi ASHIDA, etc. Mr. Ashida's argument on rearmament is said to be under the influence of Mr. Hattori. A certain HIROSE, one of the "Hattori Service", is a member of the National Police Reserve. A group of persons warns that Mr. Hattori will make his influence permeate into the National Police Reserve through Mr. Hirose. The two movements form an under-current of the current national rearmament discussions.

4. Comments on Hattori and Tsuji

Messrs. Hattori and Tsuji are held directly responsible for causing the Pacific War. Right before the outbreak of the war, they were members of the General Staff. In comparing Japan and the United States in war strength, they ordered their men to concoct figures in favor of Japan. General Tojo was dragged by these war advocates into the war which resulted in failure. They caused the smash-up. Therefore, a source said, the nation will be in a bad way if they are again spotlighted. Grumbled another source: "Mr. Hattori and his group seek not to have criticized themselves at all for having driven Japan into ruin. They do not know how difficult it is to make a living, or how the new democratic age has set in." Still another source reproached them saying, "These notorious men, who know nothing of the world, are scheming to fan a pro-rearmament sentiment in the nation. The nation will reform its country if it wants to." Whether will Messrs. Hattori and Tsuji go?