

TO: Mr. Arthur Comyns-Carr

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BRIEF OUTLINE OF ACTS IN THE CAREER OF

Dr Shumei OKAWA

Dr Shumei OKAWA was the foremost revolutionary intellectual in Japan from 1924 to 1945, at which time he was interned in Sugamo Prison. It is not an exaggeration to characterize Dr OKAWA as the brain-trust of military extremists. Dr OKAWA states that his whole life has been devoted to Pan Asianism, which he defines as the "freeing of Asia of white domination; the expelling by force under the leadership of Japan of all white interests, governmental and commercial, in Asia; and the eventual domination of the world by Japan." To accomplish this design Dr OKAWA did the following things in the period from 1919 to 1945:

Plotted:

1. The Mukden Incident of September 18, 1931, with:
Col HASHIMOTO
Maj CHO, and
Col SHIGETO.
2. Three military "coups" to install a National Socialist Government.
 - a. March 1931 affair, with:
Gen UGAKI
Col HASHIMOTO
Maj CHO
Gen TATEKAWA
Gen KINOMIYA
Gen SUGIYAMA, and
Gen KOISO.
 - b. October 1931 affair, with:
Col HASHIMOTO
Maj CHO
Gen TATEKAWA
Gen KINOMIYA
Gen SUGIYAMA, and
Gen KOISO.
 - c. The May 15, 1932 affair, in which Dr OKAWA furnished two Naval Officers with 3,000 yen and enough pistols and ammunition to accomplish the multiple assassinations that occurred as part of this incident.

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Wrote:

Many inflammatory books inciting Asia to rise against white domination, under Japanese leadership; and urging war particularly against Britain and the United States; also advocating totalitarian regimentation of the people of Japan for a war of world conquest. (Twelve of these books have been made Evidentiary Documents.)

Spoke:

Extensively over Japan, urging the principles of Pan Asianism and preparation for world conquest.

Taught:

In the Social Education Research Institute, in effect a school for revolution, in which twenty bright boys from the country were trained in the OKAWA doctrines for a year.

Held chair of Colonization at the Colonial University, Tokyo.

Organized:

Ultra Nationalistic Societies with "Free Asia of White Domination," and "Prepare to Attack the United States and Britain" as aims.

- 1916 - Reso-Kai
- 1919 - Fusen-Sha
- 1923 - Gyocho-Sha
- 1932 - Jimmu Kai.

Research for Aggression and Expansion:

From 1920 to 1945 Dr OKAWA was employed by the East Asia Research Institute (sometimes known as the East Asia Economic Investigation Institute) controlled and financed by the South Manchurian Railroad, which in turn was an organization of the Japanese Government.

In this connection Dr OKAWA carried out extensive research on the economic characteristics of Asia in particular, and all other nations of the world generally. In 1926 Dr OKAWA became head of this Institute and amassed a large library pertaining to methods of colonization, economic resources, geographic conditions, political administration of all countries and parts of the world, but with particular emphasis on Greater East Asia and Oceania. This Institute plainly advocated the accomplishment of Pan Asianism.

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Dr OKAWA early developed theories of Pan Asianism and published a book in 1923 entitled "Various Problems of Reviving Asia," in which he set forth the same principles that were later incorporated by MATSUOKA and TOJO into the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity idea. It is not amiss to credit Dr OKAWA with being the father of the Greater East Asia idea, although he opposed the formation of the Greater East Asia Ministry by TOJO because, as he put it, this was too much like the British India Affairs Bureau. It was so patently concerned with colonization and imperialism that it was bound to put the rest of Asia on guard against Japan and defeat the purposes of Pan Asianism.

It is interesting to note that Dr OKAWA still believes in all this and his only regret today is that TOJO refused to listen to his advice in 1940 and started the war for Greater East Asia too soon. This man's scholarship is great; his power was real; and his principles are constant. To unleash his fanatical zeal again on the Japanese people would simply lead to more plots, more revolutionary "coups" and more ultra nationalistic societies along the unhappy pattern of the past.

Col Kingoro HASHIMOTO was the dynamo of Japanese militarism; Dr Shumei OKAWA was the brain-trust. These two gentlemen are the Gemini of aggression and expansion. They both admit the part they played together. It is therefore fitting and salutary that they be tried together.

Recommendation: That Dr Shumei OKAWA be indicted under Section II, Article 5, paragraph (a) of the Charter of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, in that he did commit crimes against peace by planning and initiating a war of aggression and a war in violation of international law, treaties, agreements, and assurances, and in that he did participate with Col Kingoro HASHIMOTO, Gen Hideki TOJO, Gen KOISO et al. in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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