

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
vs)
ARAKI, DADAO AND OTHERS)

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AFFIDAVIT

UKAI, YOSHIO

Having first duly sworn on oath as on the attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

I was the Chief of the Special Service Organ in Dairen from December 1940 to October 1941. Although Semyonov was in Dairen at that time, all testimonies in those parts of his affidavit where reference is made to myself are entirely unfounded upon facts.

(1) Arriving at my post with repeated instructions from my superior officers not to have any positive dealings with Semyonov, I absolutely avoided intimate relations with him during my term of office at Dairen. I maintained a passive attitude, receiving him merely in order to observe his words and behaviour when he came to see me. Accordingly, I never confided any important matters to him, nor did I entrust him any tasks.

Semyonov in those days was not only a man "behind the times", but was also a very "commercialized" and untrustworthy person. Even then he was unable to forget his good old days and regardless of the changed times still had his pride as the chief of Cossacks. His mind seemed to be filled with various wild fancies.

For some time after my arrival, he often called on me, and seemed anxious to tell me what was in his mind. Sometimes he either brought me or sent me some printed matter, which I had not asked for. In particular, because of the Mongolian blood that runs in his veins, I noticed that for several years, he had had his own fantastic ideas concerning Mongolian questions, and he appeared anxious to have me listen to him whenever there was an opportunity. Probably realizing, however, that I was uninterested and indifferent, he by and by stopped telling me. His ideas were, in my observation, out of date, unrealistic, fantastic and therefore completely valueless.

Such being the case, I faithfully obeyed my superiors' instructions concerning him for the eleven months of my stay: I never confided any important matters to him or commissioned him to do any task. I had never asked for the printed matters that he brought or sent to me; he did so entirely upon his own initiative.

(2) I was never once informed of important decisions reached by the higher officers of the Kwantung Army during my tenure of office as the Chief of the Special Service Organ in Dairen; so, it was far more out of questions for me to have any authority for direct negotiations with the Army General Staff Office or to be informed of General Staff decisions. Therefore, the testimonies in the paragraphs concerning the opening of hostilities against the U.S.S.R., about which Semyonov stated I had told him in November 1941, are absolutely untrue. Even if I had received important information from higher commands, it would have been unthinkable for me to be so reckless as to reveal such important matters to Semyonov, not only in view of the instructions from higher officers concerning him, but also because of my own conclusion that he was untrustworthy.

(3) Considered chronologically Semyonov's affidavit would reveal the following discrepancies:

1. My post was in Tokyo when Gen. DOI was Chief of the Special Service Organ in Harbin.
2. In 1942, I was commander of the 1st Imperial Guard Regiment in Tokyo.
3. I do not know any chief of Special Service Organ by the name of KUBO. There was no such person while I was in Dairen.
4. I received orders for my transfer to Tokyo on 6 November 1941, and left Dairen on the 15th. I was so busy making my preparations at that time that I never had any official talks with guests or commissioned them to perform any task.

If I may explain (4) more fully, three particular points of time are mentioned in Semyonov's affidavit:

- a. Towards the end of 1941;
- b. November 1941;
- c. The time when the Russo-German war was being fought on the outskirts of Moscow.

Point a is too ambiguous and impossible to define. c seems, as a matter of fact, to be November. I shall now study point b., November. It was towards the end of October that I received a telephone message from Hsinking about my transfer, in the near future, to Tokyo. I keenly felt obliged to assume as promptly as possible my new post, which was Commander of the First Imperial Guard Regiment, whose duty it was to guard the Imperial Palace. Therefore, from the very day that the telephone message came, I started upon the multifarious preparations, both in official and private affairs, that everybody experiences at the time of transfer. After I received official orders on 6 November, I became particularly busy, as I had to go to Hsinking and Harbin to say goodbye, and therefore I had absolutely no time to spare until I left Dairen on 15th. Of necessity I had to suspend my ordinary office duties. Except the handing over of my duties to the successor, I could not possibly have talked with anyone concerning the official business or have entrusted any tasks to anyone. During this period, Semyonov came to see me once, but we only exchanged formal greetings concerning my transfer.

It is also a mystery to me that L.C. Semyonov picked out as an example only myself, whose term as the Chief of the Special Service Organ in Dairen was so short, and omitted mention of Colonel Tasue and others.

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On this 10 day of April, 1947.

At Tokyo.

DEPONENT UGAI, Yoshio (seal)

I, ONO, Kisaku hereby certify that the above statement as sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal hereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At TOKYO.

Witness: (signed) ONO, Kisaku (seal)

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OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

UKI, Yoshio (seal)