

**EXHIBIT**

"ASAHI SHIMBUN" - MARCH 28 1941  
ARMY AND NAVY'S JOINT REORGANIZATION PLAN  
CONCURS IN SUBSTANCE WITH GOVERNMENT PLAN  
PLAN PRESENTED BY BOTH MILITARY AND  
NAVAL AFFAIRS BUREAUS

Referring to the question of reorganizing the YOKUSANKAI /TN: IMPERIAL RULE ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION/, both Military Affairs Bureau Chief MUTO and Naval Affairs Bureau Chief OKA interviewed Chief /TN: Cabinet/ Secretary TOMITA at the Premier's official residence at 2:30 p.m. of the 27th, when they presented the Army and Navy's Joint Concrete Plan and held an important consultation meeting regarding the Reorganization Problem. Namely, the Army and Navy's Joint Reorganization Plan concurs with the object of the drafting of the Government's original plan, and an agreement of opinions was reached in regard to

- (1) Simplification of the Departmental Structure of the YOKUSANKAI,
- (2) Thorough Clarification of the Ideals at time of the Inauguration of the YOKUSANKAI,
- (3) Adoption of the Vice-Presidency and Committee Systems.
- (4) Maintenance of Cooperative Council Meetings in both Tokyo and the Local Districts.
- (5) Non-Renewal of the Branch Organizations in HOKKAIDO and the Various Prefectures.

Furthermore, on the occasion of the aforementioned interview, the Army and Navy side strongly urged that the Chief Secretary should be made the Central figure in order to engage actively in actual campaigning. The Army and Navy's Plan submitted that day may be summarized as follows:

- (1) A Minister of State without Portfolio shall be appointed as Vice-President under the President.
- (2) A CHIEF SECRETARY shall be appointed under the Vice-President to preside over the business of the YOKUSANKAI.
- (3) Two bureaus shall be established under the direction of the CHIEF SECRETARY for GENERAL AFFAIRS and ORGANIZATION, and the various Departments for PROPAGANDA, LOCAL ORGANIZATION, EAST ASIA, CULTURE AND ECONOMY shall be established within the ORGANIZATION BUREAU.
- (4) The three Bureaus of the past for PLANNING, POLICY and DIET shall be abolished, in place of which respective COMMITTEES shall be appointed for each Department.
- (5) A Training Department for the Youth class that might be styled the YOKUSAN SUISHIN TEISHINTAI /IMPERIAL ASSISTANCE PROPULSION VOLUNTEER CORPS/ shall be placed under the direct charge of the CHIEF SECRETARY.

(6) In addition to the CENTRAL /TN: TOKYO/ and LOCAL COOPERATIVE COUNCILS being allowed to remain as in the past, no changes shall be made in the Local Organizations.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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