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Japan Will Rise Again:
Imperial Army Colonel Tsuji Masanobu in Postwar Asia

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In the wake of Japan's devastating made of the great changes that took period, e.g., the creation of a "Peace Constitution", the heretofore patriarchal society, etc. however, seem unconnected to the those areas of Asia that had been or during the wartime period. Yet,

also taking place in these areas with either direct or indirect Japanese involvement even in the midst of Japan's defeat. This lecture will introduce the postwar activities of one key Japanese military figure involved in the reconfiguration of postwar Asia, i.e., Imperial Army Col. Tsuji Masanobu. Tsuji's activities in the postwar period included those of a Buddhist monk, spy, mercenary, fugitive from justice, popular politician and, ultimately, quixotic diplomat. Despite his wide variety of roles ('disguises' if you will) there was a consistency to Tsuji's activities that united prewar, wartime, and postwar Japan. What this consistency was, and what it meant, even today, for both Japan and Asia in general is the focus of this presentation.

defeat in WW II, much has been place within Japan in the postwar democratic institutions, including provision of women's rights in a All of these domestic changes, rest of Asia, most especially to occupied by Japan either before clearly momentous changes were

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