

Lecture 04:
“Nation Life, Nation Death”

1) Domestic dimensions of war experience

- a) top-heavy industry
- b) public & private spheres blurred
- c) labor unions & Marxists go underground
- d) the bigger they come, the harder they fall

2) Nation-Death

- a) quantifying defeat
- b) dying for the emperor & the *kokutai* (national body/polity)
- c) death & discontinuity in postwar literature
- d) how to write a story about a past that cannot be written?

3) Victims and Victimizers

- *higaisha ishiki* (victim consciousness) & *sensô sekinin* (war responsibility)

(See **Document 05: Imperial Rescript Announcing End of War**)