absolutely necessary under the existing circumstances of extreme shortages of goods. The long-range production program which will soon be announced by the Government anticipates the time when, with an increase in production, controls will be removed, to be replaced by a rational economic structure.

Imports of Vital Commodities

"The foregoing has been a brief outline of the measures planned by the Government for the increase of production. Some time will be required, however, before they bear fruit to the fullest measure. In the meantime, there lurks the danger of an acceleration of the inflationary spiral and of a breakdown in our economy. The urgent task of the moment, in parallel with the increase of production, lies in tiding over the current emergency through importation of scarce commodities.

The importation of the vital commodities which Japan sorely lacks depends solely upon the friendly assistance of the Allied nations. It is most gratifying to us all that the situation is taking a turn for the better, and prospects of our procuring increasingly large amounts of commodities are brightening.

It is reported that in some quarters in the United States a plan is under consideration to restore Japanese economy to 125% of the 1930-34 level by 1954.

"For a time following the surrender, Japan's economy fell to rock bottom. But thanks to the energetic efforts of the people and to the supply of materials by the

Allied Powers, there is no doubt that, slowly but surely, it is making progress toward recovery, and that in spite of the advance of inflation, the livelihood of the people has actually been improved. If material assistance by the Allied Powers is forthcoming at this time, the inflationary trend will be greatly weakened, and our economic recovery can be laid on a firm foundation. Thus, can we for the first time entertain hopes of extricating ourselves from a life of poverty we have endured for so long. Naturally, in order to obtain Allied assistance, we must deserve it.

"As clear proof that the people of Japan will not betray the trust placed in them by foreign countries, we are resolved not only to observe strictly the terms of the Potsdam Declaration but also to hasten the democratization of our country and direct all our efforts to the building up of Japan as a nation of culture. Furthermore, in order to facilitate the introduction of foreign capital, it is necessary to eliminate the many existing bottlenecks and to perfect such conditions as will induce foreign capitalists to invest gladly in Japan's industries. The Government intends to submit plans for improvements to the Diet.

Internal Law and Order and Other Problems

"Since the war's end, law and order has been maintained far better than one might have expected in a defeated nation. However, it is most deplorable that as a result of the war culture and morality have been permitted to deteriorate and there is still no appreciable decrease in crimes. The question of eradicating brutality from apanese character is largely a matter of stabilizing livelihood and an educational program for raising moral standards. The Government, gravely concerned, is determined to seek a speedy solution of this question.

"The system of local self-government, under the new Constitution, is now being put to a test. In my view of the fact that the local self-government system constitutes one of the key factors of democracy, we hope that the right spirit of self-government will manifest itself and that our program of decentralization of authority will be carried out both in name and in fact. I believe that the police forces which have been transferred to the local governments will hereafter play their role as true friends of the people. At the same time, however, I sincerely hope that the public will extend full cooperation toward the prevention of crimes.

Furthermore, with regard to the elevation of public morals, we will undertake appropriate measures speedily for the sake of our national honor. The spirit of upholding justice without fear and of the love for our fellow countrymen had long been our cherished tradition. Only by retrieving this tradition can we make Japan a truly good country to live in.

With this spirit as the keynote, the Government will devote further efforts to the promotion of education and adhere strictly to the policy hitherto pursued by the former Cabinet in connection with the implementation of the new 6-3 school system.

I should like to say a few words at this point concerning the repatriates from overseas and the war-sufferers, who are placed in the most miserable circumstances. A great number of these people are without clothing and homes, but the Government pledges to exert its earnest endeavors to provide State relief for these people as far as possible.

The rehabilitation of war-devastated cities is another problem which is of great urgency. The Government intends to mobilize experts in the field and to expedite this work in accordance with their plans. Particularly with regard to the housing program, we will study what has been done in the Western countries and by adopting whatever methods we find suitable, we will carry out our project at the earliest possible date.

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Our Solicitude for Peace

Finally, let me speak a few words on the deep concern we feel over the current international situation.

We Japanese know only too well what calamities the late Great War has brought upon mankind. A great many nations are now suffering in the grip of hunger and destitution, confusion and chaos. And in spite of it all, the specter of another world cataclysm -- a third Great War -- haunts the sorely afflicted humenity. Such is the condition today.

The opportunity has not yet arrived for Japan to join the United Nations, and we are not in a position to have a voice in the organization of peace. However, with our very existance and independence so closely bound up with the world condition, it is impossible for us to remain indifferent to any international development that threatens peace. We are especially perturbed at the persistent political instability in our neighbor nations of the Far East, which constitutes a great stumbling block to the economic recovery of our country.

Japan's resolve to renounce war by abandoning all forms of armament is written large in our new Constitution. I fervently hope that the lofty ideal will guide all nations along with us on the road to peace. It is under the banner of that ideal that we are determined to march on and contribute our share to the construction of a world of peace, liberty and justice.

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Conclusion

Such is the general outline of the views and policies of the new Cabinet. I have spoken of our aims, material and spiritual, in the present stage of our political situation, and of our formulas for surmounting the current economic crisis. It is on the basis of such fundamental concepts as I have stated that the Government will seek to consolidate the constructive forces in the country, and to achieve political stabilization and economic recovery through joint efforts with the entire nation.

Today, when peoples everywhere are suffering from want, we have no intention of assuming such a cowardly attitude as dependence on outside help alone for our salvation. In the matter of food supply or production of goods, we should first be up and doing our best to achieve self-supply and self-sufficiency. It is in such terms as these that a nation's characteristic trait of not expecting help from outside without first helping itself is revealed most unmistakably. Today, in adversity, we Japanese have a fine opportunity, I believe, of demonstrating our mettle before the world.

While the present crisis confronting Japan is not totally blocking our path of progress, to surmount it is indeed a stupendous task. The Government can accomplish this task only with the whole-hearted support and cooperation of the entire nation as well as of the National Diet.

The new Cabinet will keep and open mind, listen always to public opinion, and pay careful attention to all consturctive views is and out of the Diet, so that it may faithfully and successfully fulfill its duties to the nation.

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GOVT DECIDES ON APPOINTMENT
OF PARLIAMENTARY COUNCILLORS

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, March 24. - The Government the informally decided to appoint 22 Parliamentary councillors, two for each of the nine Ministries, Attorney-General's Office and the Economic Stabilization Board, it was learned.

The Government will present to the Diet shortly a bill calling for revision of the parliamentary councillors system for that purpose.

The 22 parliamentary councillors will be chosen in equal mmumbers from both Houses.

The Construction Board will have no parliamentary councillors, it was learned.

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OFFICIAL JAPANESE TITLE FOR
IMPERIAL PALACE TO BE CHANGED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, Mar. 24.--The official name indicating the Imperial residence, "Kyujo" will shortly be altered to "Kokyo" pronounced "Koh-kio", accordng to the Imperial Household officials.

Since the end of the war, many people have sent letters to the Diet suggesting a change in the name "Kyujo" literelly "Imperial Castle" to some other suitable name that suggests less feudalism, and sounds more up-to-date but yet retaining the august tranquility of the residence of Japan's symbolic ruler.

Acting on thesepetitions, the Culture Committee of both Houses had been working in consultation with the Imperial Household officials.

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Yesterday, Chief Ryoichi Takao of the Document Section of the Imperial Household Office attended the joint meeting of the Upper and Lower House Culture Committees, and said:

"I think it would be most appropriate to call the Imperial Palace "Kokyo" hereafter.

Of course, he said, this is the official Japanese name of the Imperial Palace, and anyone is free to call it "Gosho" (Honorable Palace), "Kokyu" (Imperial Palace) or any other name he pleases.

Though the matter would be finally decided on by the Culture Committees, the official name "Kokyo" would be adopted as the official name of the Imperial Palace eventually as the Committees, it seems, are not able to think of any better name.

He said that the Imperial Palace was called "The Castle of Tokyo" when Emperor Meiji

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ASSISTANT CHIEF OF NATIONAL
DIET LIBRARY TO BE CHOSEN

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, March 24 - The Library Committee of the House of Representatives will meet tomo... to pick a candidate for the post of Assistant Chief Librarian of the National Diet Library which was opened up on February 9.

Dr. Tokujiro Kanamori, former State Minis... and an authority on the Constitution, is Chief Librarian. The Assistant Chief Librarian has to be appointed with approval of both the Spea... of the Lower House and the President of the Up... House.

The House of Councillors picked Choichi Nakai, former Chief Librarian of the Onomichi Municipal Library, Hiroshima Prefecture, as its candidate for Assistant Chief-Librarian.

The House of Representatives, however, has been objecting to the choice of the Upper House on the ground that Mr. Nakai's career was unsatisfactory.

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PARTIES CONTENDING
FOR VICE-SPEAKERSHIP

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, March 24 - Both the Democratic Liberal and Democratic Parties are bidding for the Vice-Speakership of the House of Representatives now that Vice-Speaker Man-itsu Tanaka's resignation is believed inevitable, it was learned.

Mr. Tanaka, a member of the Democratic Party, joined the Democratic Liberal Party when it was inaugurated on March 15.

Yesterday, Secretary-General Takeshi Yamazaki of the Democratic Liberal Party, indicated to Speaker Komakichi Matsuoka of his party's desire that a Democratic Liberal be picked for the Vice-Speaker-ship.

Today, Speaker Matsuoka called on Secretary-General Kozaemon Kimura of the Democratic Party, apparently to sound his party's attitude as to the Vice-Speakership issue, it was learned.

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The Democratic Party is of the view that the Vice-Speakership should be taken by a Government party, it was learned.
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WAR BONDS PAYMENT
TO BE DISCUSSED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, March 24. - Chairman Eitaro Inagaki of the the political affairs research committee of the Democratic Party declared today that the advisability of the proposed suspension of payment of war bonds' interest would be discussed in full at a conferen

He said in a press interview this afternoon t he would not deny that the Social Democratic Party had decided on the suspension of payment of interest on war bonds as a party decision, but he believes that it is technically impossible to carry out the suspension measures under present economic circumstances.

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VICE-MINISTER HANDS
IN HIS RESIGNATION

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, April 19. - Transportation Vice-Minister Shigejiro Ino, who was arrested under a corruption charge yesterday morning, tendered his resignation today.

The resignation, however, will not be accepted by the Government pending Transportation Minister Seiichi Okada's return to Tokyo tomorrow morning, it was learned.

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ATTICLES 3 OF FINANCE LAW
ENFORCED LAST THURSDAY

Kyodo Evening Edition

TOKYO, April 19---The controversial Article 3 of the Finance Law was put into force under the date of April 15.

The new law relative to "special provisions of Article 3 of the Finance Law" was also enacted the previous day.

As theresult of the enforcement of the article in question and the new law, the Government will have to seek approval of the Diet before effecting any hike in transportation charges, communication rates and tobacco prices.

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DIET COMMITTEES
TO BE REGROUPED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, April 16. - The House of Representatives plans to regroup its present 22 standing committees on a Ministry-by-Ministry basis, it was learned today.

The proposed regrouping of the Lower House standing committees, to be undertaken as part of the projected amendment to the existing National Diet Law, was agreed upon in principle at yesterday's meeting of the Rules Committee.

Finaal decision on this question will be made at the committee's meeting next Thursday after consultation with the various Ministries, it was learned.

Following its final decision, it is expected that both Houses will hold a joint meeting to consider the question and to decide to write the proposed committee regrouping into the projected bill amending the present Diet Law.

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If the proposed regrouping plan is finally decided on, the number of the standing committees of each House will be reduced from the present 22 to 15.

Under the plan the regrouped standing committees would be known as Cabinet; Foreign; Finance; Education; Public Welfare; Commerce and Industry; Agriculture and Forestry; Communications; Labor; Judiciary; Budget; Accounts; Rules; Disciplinary; and Library.

Some Rules Committee members favor dividing the proposed Cabinet Committee into different committees, it was said.

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INDEPENDENT MP
JOINS SOC. DEMOCRATS

Jiji Press

TOKYO, April 16.--Independent Junsei Kagetsu, 51-year-old, from Shiga Prefecture, formally joine the Social Democratic Party yesterday, it was learned.

His entrance int the Party brought the numbe of Social Democrats in the House of Representativ to 123.

Mr. Kagetsu is a graduate of Kyoto Universit and a disciple of the late Dr. Hajime Kawakami, well-known student of Marxism in this country. H is a Nishi-Honganji priest of the Shinshu Sect bu has worked as teacher, newspaper reporter and employe of a spinning company. He was elected to the House of Representatives twice.

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DEMOCRATIC LIBERALS
FAVOR DISSOLUTION

JIJI PRESS

OSAKA, April 16 - Dissolution of the present National Diet right now would not only serve the purpose of establishing "new parliamentary government" but also give the Democratic Liberal party "a ray of hope for its future," Kijuro Shidehara, highest adviser to the party, declared at a press conference here today.

Asked to comment on current reports predicting a Diet dissolution in June, however, ex-Baron Shidehara conceded that though his party was anxious to have the Diet dissolved as soon as possible the majority of Diet members did not favor dissolution of the Diet at the present moment.

He told reporters that some members of his party were known to be advocating a vote of non-confindence in the Ashida Cabinet but that the party as such had not yet decided on the question.

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If the Democratic Liberals decide to introduce a vote of non-confidence, he declared, the utmost caution would be required so as to make sure that such a move would deal xxth the Administration a "sure-kill blow".

Asked to forecast the results in case of a general election, the senior Democratic Liberal leader declared:

"We may be flattering ourselves, but we are sure that a general election at this moment would bring an overwhelming victory for our Democratic Liberal party."

On a campaign trip of the Kansai district, Mr. Shidehara arrived here from Tokyo this morning, together with other top-ranking Democratic Liberal leaders, including Takashi Saito, chairman of the Executive Board, and Jiro Hoshijima, advisor.

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Morning

IMMEDIATE TASKS MUST BE COMPLETED
BEFORE CABINET CONDUCTS ELECTION

JIJI PRESS

NAGANO, April 16. - The Ashida Cabinet will be unable to conduct a general election before completing its immediate tasks including revision of the price structure, an administrative reform, a tax system reform, revision of the Election Law and investigation of irregular property transactions, Chairman Tetsu Katayama of the Social Democratic Party told reporters today.

Mr. Katayama arrived here last night to deliver a lecture at Ueda City today.

The former Premier stated that the Social Democratic Party was not contemplating any legislation to curb strikes, although it opposed strikes for political reasons.

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No. 3

KATAYAMA SAYS GENERAL
ELECTION CANNOT BE HELD

(Morning Edition)

KYODO

NAGANO, April 17.---Confronted with a pile of urgent problems to solve, the present Administration will not be in a position to carry out a general election in the near future, Chairman Tetsu Katayama of the Social Democratic Party told the press yesterday on his arrival here.

He is now on a speaking tour throughout the country.

According to Katayama, in order to coordinate the nation's structure for induction of foreign capital, the Ashida Cabinet is urgently required to solve the problems of:

1. New price structure.

2. Administrative readjustment.

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3. Reform of taxation system.

4. Revision of the Election Law.

5. Disposal of illegal property transaction.

He at the sametime raised a strong opposition to any strike of a political nature.

He, however, said that the Social Democratic Party has no intention of introducing to the Diet a bill to control labor dispute.

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the purpose. The schedule of the different Cabinet memb[illegible]s is as given below.

In the prefectures of Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, [illegible] and Wakayama a series of party meetings will be held both by the Democratic Party and the chief Opposition(Democratic-Liberals), the former to arouse greater enthusiasm for the policies of the present Government, and the latter to criticizing the Government policies and measures.

Finance Minister Kitamura(Apr.17-21)Osaka,Kyoto, Shiga.
Attorney-Gen.Suzuki(17th-22nd)Osaka,Kyoto,Hyogo.
Education Minister Morito(16th-22nd)Osaka,Okayama, Hiroshima and Yamaguchu.
Welfare Minister Takeda(14th-21st)Osaka,Kyoto,Shiga, Fukui,Hyogo.
Comm.& Ind.Minister Mizutani(17th-21st)Osaka,Kyoto.
Transport Minister Okada(14th-20th)Osaka,Gifu.
Communications Minister Tomiyoshi(17th-20th)Osaka.
Labor Minister Kato(17th-22nd)Osaka,Aichi.
Agri.& Forestry Minister Nagae(18th-23rd)Osaka,Hyogo.
Deputy Premier Nishio(18th-23rd)Osaka.
State Minister Kurusu(17th-21st)Osaka,Hyogo, Wakayama.
State Minister Hitotsumatsu(17th-22nd)Osaka,Hyogo.

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V.-Pres.Matsumoto of H.of Councillors Objects to Imperial Family Budget

Tokyo Mimpo, April 17.

Vice-President Jiichiro Matsumoto(Socialist), H.of C. raised objections to the "huge" Imperial Household budget (¥16 million for 1948 as against ¥10.42 million in 1947) at a recent meeting of the Imperial Household economic council, of which he is a member, ex-officio, to. He said that when the masses of the people were on the "bamboo shoot" basis of living, the sums alloted to the members of the Imperial family were too enormous. But the budget was adopted by the majority of the council members.

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Add Morning

"GRAVE DETERMINATION"
VOICED BY SHIDEHARA

JIJI PRESS

OSAKA, April 17. - Japan's political situation has reached a point where the Democratic Liberal party must make a "grave determination" in facing the National Diet following the party leaders' present campaign trip of the Kansai district, Kijuro Shidehara, highest adv ser to the party, declared in an interview with Jiji Press aboard a train on his way to Kobe this morning.

Ex-Premier Shidehara, who indicated yesterday that the Democratic Liberals were anxious to see the present Diet dissolved as soon as possible, asserted that his interviews with leading Osaka citizens convinced him of their "deepest interest" in his party.

At the same time, he further asserted, he was "amazed" to have learned how bitterly voters in the Osaka district were "disgusted" with the Ashida Cabinet.

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Add Morning

Mr. Shidehara said he was told that Premier Hitoshi Ashida and other Democratic leaders found it impossible to hold their projected speech meeting in Osaka, scheduled for next Monday, due to objections raised by the Democratic party's Osaka chapter to their visit to the city.

The prevalence of such hostile feeling among the citizens in general against the Ashida Cabinet, the top Democratic Liberal adviser declared, has convinced him that his party must face the Diet "with a grave determination" following the present campaign trip "in the interests of our nation."

The Democratic Liberal party will do its utmost to carry into action what its leaders have obtained from their present stumping in Kansai and elsewhere, Mr. Shidehara declared in conclusion.

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VOTE OF NON-CONFIDENCE IN
ASHIDA CABINET HELD LIKELY

JIJI Press

KOBE, April 17 - The Democratic Liberal party will "probably have to" propose a vote of non-confidence in the present Ashida Cabinet, Jiro Hoshijima, senior adviser to the party, told reporters here today.

Asked how soon his party will take such a move against the Cabinet, Mr. Hoshijima, who arrived here from Osaka on a campaign trip, said that it would be some time after the National Diet "reopened" on April 27.

He declared that when the Diet "reopened", his party would have to face it "with extraordinary determination."

Though the Democratic Liberal party has not yet finally decided whether to move for a vote of non-confidence in the Ashida Administration or to

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demand an outright dissolution of the Diet, it will probably have to take either step depending on conditions then existing, the Democratic Liberal leader explained.

He further declared his recent campaign trips of the Tohoku, Kanto, Hokuriku, and Kinki districts convinced him that the rural voters were "utterly disgusted" with the present Government.

The rural communities' complete loss of confidence in the Ashida Cabinet makes yet heavier the responsibilities imposed on the Democratic Liberal party, he added.

Mr. Hoshijima asserted that all the Opposition parties, including the Social Renovation, Japan Farmers parties and the Sai-Iehi Giin Club, were solidly united in their determination to bring about the downfall of the Ashida administration

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at the earliest possible opportunity.

The present Cabinet is already feeling the impact of strong pressure being brought upon by the Democratic Liberals and other Oppositon parties, he declared in conclusion.

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EX-ADMIRAL SUZUKI DIES
OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

JIJI PRESS

CHIBA, April 17. - Former admiran Kantaro Suzuki today died of the kidney trouble at his home at Sekiyado, Chiba Prefecture. He was 82.

Admiral Suzuki who was Premier of the last of Japan's wartime Cabinets, was born in Chiba Prefecture.

A graduate of the Naval Academy in 1888, he was made a full Admiral in 1923.

During the notorious February 26th coup d'etat he was attacked by young officers of the rebel army, and suffered injuries.

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DEMOCRATIC-LIBERALS MAY SUB-
MIT VOTE OF NON-CONFIDENCE

(Evening Ed.)

Kyodo

KOBE, April 17—The Democratic-Liberal Party may submit a vote of non-confidence or ask for the immediate dissolution of the Diet when it remeets again sometime after April 27, Secretary-general Jiro Hoshijima of the Democratic-Liberal Party declared today.

"After having traveled through the Tohoku, Kanto and Hokuriku districts, I have found most of the people to be greatly disappointed over the present Ashida Cabinet. In view of such a situation, I feel that heavy responsibility is imposed on our party," he said.

He added that his party along with the Social Renovation party and the Dai-ichi Giin

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Club felt that it was their duty to put pressure on the present Cabinet to bring about its early downfall in conformity with the will of the majority of the people."

"Realizing this heavy responsibility placed upon our party, it is felt that a vote of non-confidence in the present Cabinet or a proposal for the immediate dissolution of the Diet should be presented when the National Diet remeets sometime after April 27," he stated.

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LEFT-WING SOCIALIST LEADER
ADVOCATES DIET DISSOLUTION (Noon)

Kyodo

NAKAYAMA, April 17--For the purpose of stabilizing the unsettled current political situation, it will become necessary soon to hold a general election, Chairman of the Political Affairs Research Committee of the Social Democratic party, Mosaburo Suzuki, declared upon his arrival here late yesterday.

"The time had now come to re-examine the controlled economy system now being employed in Japan as the same type of controlled economy that existed during the war is still in existence," he said.

He said he saw the necessity of placing all basic materials for daily essentials under a "democratic control system" as well as to lift all controls over all perishable goods with the exception of few items.

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Left-wing socialist leader -2 (Moon)

The leader of the left-wing socialists also said he believed that the dissolution of the current Diet would become necessary along with the holding of a general election "for the purpose of stabilizing the unsettled current political situation."

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Bills for Revised Election Law, Election Campaigns, for Diet Soon

Jiji Shimpo, April 15

The Government will shortly introduce into the Diet two bills designed to revise the present election law (for choosing members of the House of Representatives, the Diet) and to provide certain regulations for election campaigns or canvassing, with the object of preventing political corruption.

These bills have been drafted by Attorney General Suzuki and his staff, taking into consideration the views of the Election Supervision Commission and those of the Diet members. Although the Socialist Party is generally in favor of the drafted bills, certain objections are reported to have been raised among the Democratic Party members, while the Opposition parties are said to be strongly opposed to the stipulations of these bills.

Informal discussions of these bills will begin today among the parties. Although considerable discussion is expected on the floor of the Diet, the Government is determined to have these bills enacted in order to stop various forms of political corruption. The chief point in the revised Election Law is the provision of a "conditional or restricted multiple ballot system" as against the present single ballot system. (details omitted.)

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ANTI-CORRUPTION
BILL TO BE ENACTED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, April 15. - The long-heralded Political Party Corruption Prevention Bill will be enacted within this month after it is introduced to a House of Representatives plenary session on April 27 or 28.

The sub-committee of the Lower House special committee on the Political Party and Election Laws today decided to hold daily sessions from April 19 to 22 to draft a Political Party Corruption Prevention Bill along the lines set by the National Election Supervision Committee.

The sub-committee will complete the bill by April 24 and submit it to a House plenary session on April 27 or 28, it was decided at its session today.

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LOWER HOUSE HOLDS
PLENARY SESSION

(Morning Edition)

KYODO

TOKYO, April 16.---The Lower House meeting in plenary session at 3:10 p.m. yesterday placed on the day's agenda a bill revising the Procurators Board Law as returned by the Upper House with amendment.

Voting down the Upper House amendment, the Lower House was unanimous in approving the bill as amended by itself, thereby making it into a law.

The Lower House, however, approved the Maritime Peace Maintenance Bill as amended and returned by the Upper House.

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22 PARLIAMENTARY
VICE-MINISTERS CHOSEN

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, April 15. - A total of 22 parliamentary vice-ministers were formally appointed by the Government today with the consent and approval of the Diet.

The nominees were listed as follows:

Foreign Ministry - Takaharu Ito (50), member of the House of Councillors and vice chairman of the political affairs research committee of the nDemocratic Party.

A career diplomat, he served as secretary at the Japanese Embassy at Washington and other various capacities in China and Portugal.

At present, he is an advisor to the Japan Iron & Steel Manufacturing Company.

Finance Ministry - Masuo Araki, Democrat member of the House of Representatives and Masakazu Morishita, Democrat member of the House of Councillors.

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Mr, Araki, (47) chairman of the Lower House State Planning Committee, was the director of the Electric Power Bureau, the Commerce-Industry Ministry, until he retired from that position in 1945 to become mayor o Omuda, Fukuoka Prefecture.

Mr, Morishita (53) now chairman of the Osaka Prefectural Education Board, studied finance and banking the University of Chicago, Columbia University and the University of Wisconsin. He was once a professor at Kansai University.

Justice Ministry - Yoshio Matsunaga (57) Social Democrat member of the House of Prepresentatives is a member of the party's Central Executive Committee. A graduate of the Tokyo University School of Law, he is a lawyer by profession.

Education Ministry - Michio Hosono, Social Democra member of the Lower House and Tetsuo Iwaki, Democrat member of the Upper House.

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Mr. Hosono (51) once professor at Rikkyo Univ er- [illegible] here is a noted student of social and labor problems.

Mr. Iwaki (47) now the managing-director of the Osaka Foodstuffs Corporation, started his career as an employe of an Osaka rice wholesale store in his teens. He is one of Osaka's most well-known food merchants.

Welfare Ministry - Narajiro Kita, Democrat member of the Lower House and Miss Tsuneko Akamatsu, Social Democrat member of the Upper House.

Mr. Kita (49), chairman of the Commerce Committee, is president of the Osaka Prefectural Alcoholic Beverages Sales Corporation.

Miss Akamatsu was born 51 years ago daughter of a well-to-do Nishin Hongwanji priest in Kyoto.

Soon after she had graduated from a women's college in Kyoto, she decided to devote the rest of her life for the liberation of the oppressed in this country.

She worked especially for the liberation of Japanese women in general from the prison of the feudalistic family system.

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Miss Akamatsu was an active member of the Japan Federation of Labor from 19224 to 1940 when it was disbanded.

Agriculture-Forestry Ministry - Yoshiharu Oshima, Social Democrat member of the Lower House and Yoshijiro Hirano, Democrat member of the Upper House.

Mr. Oshima (54) member of the party's Central Executive Committee, and a noted leader of the labor movement in this country, attended the International Labor Conference held in the U.S. in 1919.

Mr. Hirano (46) is a lumberman from Akita Prefecture. Besides being president of the Aomori Shipbuilding Company, he runs many other big lumber mills in Aomori Prefecture at present.

Commerce-Industry Ministry - Kiyoshi Masaki, Social Democrat member of the Lower House and Tohei Komai, Ryokufukai [redacted] member of the Upper House.

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Mr. Masaki (48), chairman of the Transportation and Traffic Committee and member of the party's Central Executive Committee.

Mr. Komai (68), who hails from Nara Prefecture started his career as a xSake merchant. Now he is a director of the Osaka Real Estate Company and an Osaka electric railway company.

Transportation Ministry - Sekae Kinoshita, People's Cooperative member of the Lower House and Haruhiko Uotake, Democrat member of the Upper House.

Mr. Kinoshita (66), member of the party's Central Committee became the first president of a big automobile manufacturing company in Kobe in 1925 after he has served in Government and worked for a newspaper company, while Mr. Uotako (59) a graduate of Tokyo College of Commerce, is president of the Toya Transportation Company.

Communications Ministry - Shigeo Cotsubo, Democrat

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member of the Lower House and Kyohei Shimozio, Social Democrat member of the Upper House.

Mr. Gotsubo (59), member of the party's Executive Board is a teacher by profession. Before he had come into politics to try his lot, he was the principal of a high school, normal school, and agricultural school in Ishikawa Prefecture.

Mr. Shimojo now 48 years old is president of the Japan Oil Machinery Company. He alsoruns the Ebisu Iron Works.

Labor Ministry - Shozo Oya, Social Democrat member of the Lower House and Tosaku Mizuhashi, Social Democrat member of the Upper House.

Both Messrs Oya and Mizuhashi are noted labor movement leaders in this country.

Mr, Oya(55), member of the party's Central Executive Committee and concurrently of the Central Committee of the National Federation of Labor has working for the promotion of the welfare of workers in this country ever sime 1915.

Mr. Mizuhashi, who was born 53 years ago in Toyama Prefecture, got his first job as a clerk of the Tokyo Railway Post Office in 1921. Though only with the grade school education, he fought his way up as a labor movement leader and became several years ago a central figure of Japan's labor circles.

Now he is a member of the Standing Central Executive Committee of the All-Japan Government Employees Communications Workers Union generally known as ZENTEI and concurrently of the Executive Committee of the National Congress of Industrial Organizations better known as SANBETSU in this country.

Economic Stabilization Board - Eiichi Nishimura Social Democrat member of the Lower House and Heigo Fujii, Ryokufukai member of the Upper House.

Mr. Nishimura (44), who has spent his childhood in France, started his career as a life insurance man upon his returning home from France.

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At 32 he was head of the Osaka branch office of the Showa Life Insurance Company.

Liberal and democratic air he breathed deep while in Frando drove him into the labor and political movement when he was 23.

Now he is vice chairman of the party's polmitical affairs research committee.

Mr. Fujii (42), an up and coming businessman and president of the Japan Iron and Steel Corporation is a graduate of Wadeda University here.

Upon graduation he joined the Asahi Shimbun as reporter. In the course of time, however, he quit the reporting job and chose business as his life career.

He is also a momber of the standing committee of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry at present.

Construction Board - Hisahi Amano (56) Democrat member of the House of Representatives, was born Yamanashi Prefecture.

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After graduating from a grade school there, he worked his way through Waseda University by delivering newspapers. Now he is president of the Yamanashi Prefectural Alcoholic Beverages Sales Corporation.

Local Finance Committee - Kichinosuke Saigo (42), Ryokufukai member of the Upper House is a groundson of Kichinosuke (Manabu) Saigo of Kagoshima Prefecture, one of the most popular and respected national heroes who helped bring about the Meiji Revolution.

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PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTERS
NAMED BY GOVERNMENT

Kyodo EVENING

TOKYO, April 15---Eleven Social Democrats including one woman Upper House member, seven Democrats, three Ryokufukai members, and one People's Cooperative have been appointed Parliamentary Vice-Ministers at the special Cabinet meeting held this morning. Tsuneko Akamatsu has the distinction of being the only woman appointee.

On approval by Tsuneo Matsudaira, president of the Upper House, and Komakichi Matsuoka, speaker of the Lower House, the Government announced the new appointees, this afternoon.

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With the exception of the Foreign Office, the Attorney General's Office, the Construction Board and Provincial Finance, for which only one appointee each was selected, all the Ministries were allocated two Parliamentary Vice-Ministers as follows:

Foreign Office	Ryuji Ito, (Democrat)
Finance Ministry	Masuo Araki (Democrat)
	Masaichi Morishita (Socialist)
Attorney General	Yoshio Matsunaga (Socialist)
Education Ministry	Michio Hosono (S)
	Tetsuo Iwamoto (D)
Welfare Ministry	Narajiro Kita (D)
	Tsuneko Akamatsu (S)
Agri-Forestry Ministry	Yoshihararu Oshima (S)
Commerce-Industry Ministry	Kiyoshi Masaki (S)
	Tohei Komai (Ryoku-fu-kai)

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Transportation Ministry	Sakae Kinoshita (People's Coop)
	Haruhiko Uetake (D)
Communications Ministry	Shigeo Gotsubo (D)
	Kyohei Shimojo (S)
Labor Ministry	Shozo Oya (S)
	Tosaku Mizubashi (S)
Economic Stabilization Board	Eiichi Nishimura (S)
	Heigo Fujii (R)
Construction Board	Hisashi Yano (D)
Provincial Finance	Kichinosuke Saigo (R)

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4 million tons of shipping, and the future is bright.

"A bill providing for the creation of railway police is to be introduced into the Diet shortly, and when enacted, I hope, will facilitate the prevention of crimes on the trains.

"A new railway time-table will be put into force next July, according to which the speed of the trains will be slowed down, but the number increased."

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Parliamentary Vice-Ministers
Appointed After Much Discussion
Jiji Shimpo, April 16

The Government yesterday announced the appointment of the following Parliamentary Vice-Ministers, following a series of discussions among the parties concerned. These Ministers are to hold posts until the end of the present Diet session, but the Government is expected to take appropriate steps to extend their terms of offices.

Foreign.....Takaharu Ito(Demo. Councillor)
Finance.....Masuo Araki(Demo. L. House member)
Seiichi Morishita(Soc. Councillor)
Judicial....Yoshio Matsunaga(Soc. L.H.)
Education...Michio Hosono(Soc. L.H.)
Tetsuo Iwaki(Soc. Councillor)
Welfare.....Narajiro Kita(Demo. L.H.)
Tsuneko Akamatsu(Soc. Councillor)
Agri.& Forestry. Yoshiharu Oshima(Soc. L.H.)
Zenjiro Hirano(Demo. C.)
Comm.& Ind....Kiyoshi Masaki(Soc. L.H.)
Tohei Komai(Ryokufukai, C.)
Transport.....Sakae Kinoshita(People's Coop. L.H.)
Haruhiko Uetake(Dem. C.)

Communications...Shigeo Gotsubo(Dem.L.H.)
Kyohei Shimojo(Soc.Councillor)
Labor.....Shozo Oya(Soc.L.H.)
Tosaku Mizuhashi(Soc.C.)

ESB.....Eiichi Nishimura(Soc.L.H.)
Construction....Hisashi Amano(Dem.L.H.)
Local Finance...Kichinosuke Saigo(Ryokufukai,C.)

One more is to be appointed for the ESB, the most likely candidate being Heigo Fujii,Ryokufukai member of the H. of Councillors.

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Compromise Expected in Dispute
Between Gov't vs.Labor Unions
Mainichi Shimbun, April 16

Direct negotiations were again resumed yesterday between the Government and the Public Officials Labor Unions for the settlement of the long pending dispute over new wages. The Government was represented by Deputy Premier Nishio and Labor Minister Kato, while the Unions were represented by seven delegates headed by Tsurucka, Sato, and Oshikawa.

Due to the firm stands maintained until yesterday by both sides, the CLRB has declined to mediate in the discussions. It was indicated at late hour yesterday that both sides will probably make concessions and that a compromise was likely to be reached soon.

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No ¥1,000 Notes Will be Issued,
Finance Ministry Announces
Yomiuri Shimbun, April 16

The Finance Ministry yesterday announced that, in spite to rumors to the contary, the Government was not contemplating the issue of ¥1,000 notes, for such an issue would only aggravate the present inflation,even from the psychological standpoint.

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11 PARLIAMENTARY VICE
MINISTERS SELECTED

(Noon)

Kyodo

TOKYO, April 14--The Government is expected to appoint 11 parliamentary vice-ministers to the various state ministries within the next few days in accordance with an agreement reached yesterday among the three Government supporting parties.

The final selection of the new 11 parliamentary vice-ministers from among the Diet members of the Lower House was made by Prime Minister Hitoshi Ashida after consultations with the secretaries-general of the 3 Government parties.

The new parliamentary vice-ministers from the Lower House are as follows;

Finance Ministry.....Masuo Araki (Democratic)

Attorney-Generals' Office

Yoshio Matsunaga
(Social Democratic)

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Parliamentary vice-ministers -2 (Noon)

Education Ministry...Michio Amino
(Social Dem.)

Commerce-Industry Ministry.....

Kiyoshi Masaki
(Social Dem.)

Transportation Ministry.....

Sakae Kinoshita
(Peoples Coop.)

Communications Ministry.....

Shigeo Gotsubo
(Democratic)

Welfare Ministry.....Narajiro Kita
(Democratic)

Economic Stabilization Board.....

Eiichi Nishimura
(Social Dem.)

Labor Ministry.....Shozo Oya
(Social Dem.)

Construction Board...Hisashi Amano
(Democratic)

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PLAN TO MAKE PUBLIC
DIET ABSENTEE'S NAMES

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, April 13. - Speaker Komakichi Matsuoka of the House of Representatives today announced a tentative plan of making public the names of absentees in plenary session.

He explained that the black name-indicators, bearing the names of members painted in white would be kept knocked down at a corner of each absentee's desk to show outsiders the bearer of the name is absent.

The Lower House Rules Committee who had studied the measure at the request of the Speaker ruled, however, that those present at committee meetings should not be regarded as absentees at the plenary session.

Speaker Matsuoka said that the Rules Committee would meet again in order to reach a final decision on the question.

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LOWER HOUSE COMMITTEE
DISCUSSES BLACKLISTING OF MEMBERS

(Evening Edition)

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TOKYO, April 13.---A heated discussion took place at today's meeting of the Lower House Steering Committee on whether or not to publish names of Diet members failing to attend the Diet.

The proposal was made by Lower House Speaker Kumakichi Matsuoka.

Most of the committee members were strongly opposed to the proposal.

They said: "It is too childish;" "It will hurt the dignity of the Diet members."

Matsuoka explained he has come to the conclusion "reluctantly" that such measures is necessary to prevent further absenteeism.

Before the adjournment, the committee agreed to study further Matsuoka's proposal and hold another meeting within a few days to give a final decision.

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WER HOUSE TO PROPOSE
ECTION LAW REVISION

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, April 13.--The House ofRepresentatives' special committee on a Political Party Bill and revision of the Lower House Election Law agreed at its session this afternoon to set up a 25-man subcommittee to draw up a bill for amending the present election law.

Chairman Inajiro Asanuma, SocialDemocrat, told the meeting that the Government was known to have the intention of drafting its own bill for election law revision but that he felt that was the job to be undertaken by the committee itself.

He proposed that a 25-man sub-committee be appointed for this purpose, so as to discuss the question on the basis of draft plans to be formulated by the various parties. The committee unanimously approved the chairman's proposal.

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As agreed on by the committee, the sub-committee will be made up of seven Democratic Liberals; six Social Democrats; five Democrats; and one each from the People's Cooperative party, the Social Renovation party, the Democratic Club, the Liberal Party, the Japan Farmers party, the Communist party, and the Independents' group.

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Publishing Names of Absentee Diet Members
(Letter to the Editor)
Tokyo Shimbun, April 14

I should like to see published in the newspapers a list of those Dietmembers who are continually absent from the sessions, as well as those members who change their party affiliations (and reasons for same). It is reported that the Diet has decided to investigate and publish a monthly report of the absentee members, at the proposal of the Speaker, Mr. Matsuoka. But I am of the view that the publication of the names of such members should be in the press: I cannot place confidence in the data collected by politicians who are steeped in intrigues and are sunk deep in the mire of politics.

It is the task imposed upon the press, I think, to make public the names of men who change from party to party When important deliberations are so delayed and members indulge in mud-slinging, the important question is whether these elected politicians possess the enthusiasm for their duties or not, more so than their views on current issues. The press should become an important agency to exercise vigillance over the Diet members to see that they are loyal to their parties, and, if not, oust them from all future political activities at the next general elections. From Nabyoshi Endo, Minami Tama-gun, Tokyo. (There were six other letters stressing the same points on this subject

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2 Railway Workers Sued
For Taking Bribes
Tokyo Shimbun, April 14

The Tokyo procurators' office yesterday took steps to file suits against two officials of the Shimbashi control division of the Tokyo Railway Administration Bureau charging both of them with receiving bribes totalling ¥230,000. Those who will face trial are Eiji Suzuki 54

POLICE LAB HECKLER
OF CROWN PRINCE

Jiji Press

Wakayama, April 10,--The local police are detaining a young man who shouted "You little brat son of Hirohito!" at Crown Prince Akihito Tsugu from among the welcoming crowd when His Highness arrived at Higashi Wakayama Station Thursday morning on his tour of Wakayama Prefecture.

The man was identified as Hideo Torano, 22, a Government railway employe at Kishiwada City. When he shouted at the Crown Prince, he was intoxicated and had some Communist literature on him.

The Wakayama police yesterday filed a charge of contempt againt the youth with the Wakayama District Procurator's Office, which reported the case to Premier Hitoshi Ashida.

If Premier Ashida brings a suit against the young man, the latter will be punished with a fine or detention, a spokesman for the Procurator's Office said.

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CROWN PRINCE INSULTED
IN WAKAYAMA

Kyodo

(Evening Edition)

WAKAYAMA, April 10---A 23-year-old employe of the Government Railways was collared and summarily hustled off to the police station on Thursday morning for making a blasphemous remark directly at Crown Prince Akihito.

The incident took place at Higashi-Wakayama Station when the Crown Prince arrived there in the course of his current tour of the prefecture.

Hideo Torano, the offender, who was among the crowd of people welcoming the Crown Prince, shocked everyone by loudly making an insulting reference as to the Imperial Heir's birth.

Examination of the culprit disclosed him to be a Communist-inclined individual, as evidenced by some Communist pamphlets he was carrying at the time. Moreover, he was found to be slightly inebriated from the effects of a cherry-blossom picnic.

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While Tokaro was subsequently released, the Wakayama City Police Station has turned over documents relative to the incident to the local procurators office, which in turn has notified the Prime Minister.

Should the Prime Minister decide to press charges, the offender stands to face punishment for contumelious behavior.

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EMPEROR GETS MANY
GIFTS FROM PEOPLE

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, April 10. - Among the articles sent to the Emperor and his family from January through March this year in token of their devotion by Japanese at home and abroad were cigarettes, eggs, butter, coffee, rice, various kinds of vegetables and fruits and candy, as well as pictures, books, magazines and even Buddhist charms, according to the Imperial Household Office.

Former Marquises Motomichi Mori and Kuniyori Tokugawa send the Emperor the same gifts every year - Mr. Mori, a bundle of fine Japanese paper, and Mr. Tokugawa, four cases of lake fish and pickles.

Dr. Shinzo Koizumi, former president of Keio University and now professor at the same university and Tetsuzo Tanikawa, assistant director of the

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National Museum, never fail to send copies of their books whenever published.

Other regular gift-givers include the Kodansha Publishing Company which monthly send its publications - King and other popular magazines.

All of these gifts are shown to the Emperor and his family by the Imperial Household officials.

On receipt of the gifts, the officials notify the givers that "your gift has been shown to His Majesty."

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the gathering, which unanimously adopted a resolution expressing the gratitude of the people to the Supreme Commander for Allied Powers, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur.

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White Leghors Raised by Empress
On Palace Grounds Disappear

Tokyo Shimbun, April 9

Some days ago it was brought to the attention of the Imperial Household officials that about 1[illegible] White Leghorns, personally raised by the Empress, on the Palace grounds had mysteriously disappeared altogether.

Household officials are debating as to whether or not they were stolen, killed, or otherwise disposed of at once. The lack of feed for these chickens is given as one of the probable causes for the disappearance, but the question still remains: Who ate them? Others are of the view that the question of feed for the Leghorns might have been solved somehow, without resorting to such drastic means of disposal. At any rate, it is evident that the Household budget of the Emperor is more limited than some people might think.

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Ginza Citizens Oppose Creation
of 'Second Ginza' Planned by City

Tokyo Shimbun, April 9

Citizens of the various "cho"(blocks) behind the main Ginza thoroughfare are opposing the project of the Metropolitan Office for the creation of a "Second Ginza" avenue by filling up the 30-ken moat stretching behind the main Ginza street, from Shimbashi to Kyobashi, for reasons of public safety, scenic sight, health, etc.

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GENERAL ELECTION IS NOT
NEAR, SAYS KATAYAMA

(Noon)

Kyodo

TOYAMA, April 12—Tetsu Katayama, chairman of the Social Democratic party, asserted here yesterday that the Ashida Cabinet would be unable to dissolve the Diet in face of a large number of burning issues in its hands.

In a train press interview he gave on the way to this city, Katayama said the Cabinet "must" solve such pressing problems as renovation of political parties, a revision of the price standard, readjustment in the administration, and a revision of the taxation system before it attempts to dissolve the national legislature.

The Socialist leaders then went on record as against the entry of Democratic-Liberals into the Ashida Cabinet backed by the "three progressive parties."

General election -2 (Noon)

He added unless revised capitalism,
to which the Democratic party is dedicated,
makes a gradual swing toward socialism,
it inevitably will lose its significance.
He insinuated the Democratic-Liberal party
was a group incapable of making such a shift.

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NO TIME TO DISSOLVE
DIET, SAYS ASHIDA (Noon)

Kyodo

NUMAZU, April 12—Prime Minister Hitoshi Ashida declared here yesterday, "We couldn't dissolve the Diet when we have so many pressing business to attend to."

Ashida revealed that the problem involving the induction of foreign capital "occupies our attention" at this time inasmuch as it is deemed essential to subdue the spiral of inflation.

During the past month, he continued, his administration fixed, among other things, the appropriation for the new 6-3 educational system as well as enforced the measures for restoration of the flood-devastated areas.

He added that since there still are "so many important bills in our hands" the Ashida Cabinet could not dissolve the national legislature before it disposes of them.

No time to dissolve -2 (Noon)

The Prime Minister asserted, "I am willing to have Democratic-Liberals in our Cabinet as Ministers" if they changed their mind about the Ashida regime. (Tetsu Katayama, chairman of the Social Democratic party, however yesterday expressed objection to the Democratic-Liberals' entry into the Cabinet.)

He expressed belief that it is virtually impossible for the country to fight successfully the existing crisis unless the four major political parties cooperated in a coalition administration.

Meanwhile, Ashida disclosed plans are under way to increase the current daily food ration of 2.5 "go" to the 2.8 "go" line. He, however, did not indicate when the project will materialize.

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No time to dissolve -3 (Noon)

The Prime Minister visited Numazu city yesterday to deliver a speech at a rally held by the Democratic party unit in this district.

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DIVERGENCE SEEN IN PUBLIC OPINION
SURVEY CONDUCTED BY TWO ORGANS

MAINICHI PRESS

TOKYO, April 10 - The considerable divergence between the findings of the Asahi's and Mainichi's recent public opinion surveys on the popularity of the Ashida Cabinet shook the public confidence in public opinion polls which have become popular since the end of the war, the Shimbun No Shimbun, a journal for editors and publishers said in its latest issue.

The two leading Tokyo newspapers conducted their surveys shortly before the arrival in Japan of the Draper Mission. Their results are contrasted with each other below:

1. "Do you think a general election should be held now?

Yes	Asahi	42 %
	Mainichi	58.4 "
No	Asahi	27 "
	Mainichi	28.7 "

Don't know Asahi 31%
Mainichi 12.9 "

2. "Do you support the Ashida Cabinet ?"

Yes Asahi 30 "
Mainichi 30.7 "

No Asahi 31 "
Mainichi 49.5 "

Don't know Asahi 39 "
Mainichi 19.8 "

The Asahi's conclusion; Half of the public supports the Ashida Cabinet. Diet dissolution is not definitely favored.

The Mainichi's ; Only 30 per cent of the public supports the Cabinet. A majority favors Diet dissolution.

An educator wrote to the Shimbun No Shimbun that the "Don't Know" group in the Asahi survey was

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too large. He said that this was probably due to the fact that while the Mainichi spent 10 days on the survey the Asahi spent only three.

A news agency and a Mainichi staff worker said that different samples and survey methods were used by the Asahi and Mainichi.

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DAILY EDITORIAL ROUNDUP (Noon)

YOMIURI CRITICIZES DRAFT
POLICIES OF CABINET

Kyodo

TOKYO, April 10—The Yomiuri, commenting on the draft policies of the Ashida Cabinet worked out by Chief Cabinet Secretary Gizo Tomabechi and made public on Wednesday, today editorially declared it was strongly opposed to the "undesirable tendency" underlying the draft policies, especially the called for stabilization of social order and thought.

Pointing out that certain confusions in the social order is an inevitable phenomenon in the transitional period now confronting Japan as well as in the post-war world, the paper said that the Government attempt to return to the old social order in fear of the transitional confusion is nothing but an anachronistic attempt and will only serve to offer the reactionary elements an excellent excuse for their maneuvers to maintain the old social order.

With regard to the Cabinet's advocacy for national unity as a means of stabilizing politics, the paper contended that this appears to be a farce on the part of the Ashida Administration, as it even cannot coordinate the different opinions among the government parties.

Also refuting the Cabinet's advocacy of stabilizing social thought, the paper said that the confusion in thoughts is a worldwide tendency in post-war days, which it said can not be stabilized by the government of a nation.

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If the government forcibly tries to stabilize thoughts, it would inevitably turn to totalitarianism, the paper added.

Asserting that such a tendency of the Ashida Cabinet is an "undesirable trend" for the democratization of Japan, the paper strongly urged the Cabinet and the government parties to give serious reconsiderations regarding this tendency.

The Mainichi, referring to the growing voices among some circles for placing some restrictions on the labor's right to strike, declared that the nation's labor unions are standing at a grave turning point.

Citing the examples of U.S., Britain and other foreign powers where such a restriction is being put into practice, the paper warned the nation's labor that should they continue to use their right to strike without serious self-restraint, their right to strike would eventually also be restricted.

The Jiji Shimpo, stressing that the nation's enterpraneurs are burdened with the foremost responsibility for economic reconstruction of post-war Japan, urged all of the enterpreneurs to fully realize their grave responsibility and redouble their efforts for

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fulfilment of their task.

The paper deplored that so far the nation's enterpreneurs for fear of a strong labor offensive have failed toprotect their lawful rights of management from illegal infringement by labor and to carry out a thoroughgoing rationalization of their enterprises, which it said is the prerequisite to the restoration of a healthy finance in enterprise.

The Asahi, pointing to 'theunhealthy management of the coal mining industry which still suffers from deficits despite favorable progress made in production, urged the Government and the industry to take advantage of the recent enforcement of the State control of coal-mines as a means to survey real conditions hampering a healthy management of the industry.

The Nihon Keizai, dealing with the recent abolishment of the Provisional Funds Readjustment Law and the expected enactment of the revision of the Securities Exchange Law, cautioned that the nation's dealers in securities will be charged with far greater responsibilities in soliciting subscribers for shares.

The paper called upon the securities dealers to have necessary attributes enough to win the confidence in them of the investors in general.

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KATAYAMA SAYS
GENERAL ELECTION IS NOT NEAR

(Noon)

Kyodo

KOBE, April 10--Tetsu Katayama, chairman of the Social Democratic party, yesterday denied current rumors that the next general election is just around the corner.

On a vist here to deliver a speech yesterday, Katayama told the press, "whoever takes over the government, he will meet with a series of difficulties."

Under the circumstances, he continued, "I don't believe the Diet will be dissolved in the immediate future to pave the way for a general election."

The Socialist leader asserted his party solidly will be behind the Ashida Cabinet in prosecuting its policies relative to the four pressing problems, the budget, the price structure, suspension of interest payments on

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war bonds, and labor offensives.

He explained the purpose of his stumping tour was to "popularize party policies rather than publicizing the party itself."

Referring to the three party policy accord, Katayama said, although it is a hard problem, some solution will be found in concrete form.

Then Katayama said he would not support a policy of complete reliance on foreign aid for the reconstruction of national economy.

While it is essential to acquire foreign capital for facilitation of industrial recovery, the country must put things in order at home as a preliminary to the induction of economic aid from abroad, he concluded.

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No. 3

BILL REVISING DIET LAW
BEING DRAFTED

(Sunday Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, April 11---A bill revising the National Diet Law will be placed before the plenary sessions of the two Houses about April 25 to be enacted into a law before the end of the month.

The contemplated revision is centered on:

1. Weeding out standing committees.

2. Establishment of sub-committee replacing the inter-party committees.

3. Insertion of a proviso that a bill referred to a committee may be deliberated on at a plenary session by a House resolution.

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Bill revising---2 (SUNDAY)

4. Expansion and strengthening of legislation bureaus of the two Houses.

According to the two House steering committees drafting the bill, the standing committees will be decreased from present 21 to 15--one for each ministry.

Besides, committees on discipline, economic stabilization and construction may be set up.

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Although there is talk in some circles that the Diet might be dissolved and a general election held this year shortly, we are determined to avoid the dissolution and devote our energies to the great task of reconstruction. For this, we are hoping to receive the support of the Democratic Liberal Party(Opposition), so that all four of the major parties can join hands together in overcoming the great economic crisis now confronting us.

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Breakup of Financial Institutions
May be Suspended--View Gaining Ground
Asahi Shimbun, April 12

The view is gradually gaining ground that the breakup of financial institutions, originally envisgaged by the Economic Deconcentration Law, may be suspended from the standpoint of "respecting capital". This opinion is reported to have been created since the recent visit to this country of the Draper Mission, which, it is surmised, has changed the "substance" of the said legislation in its enforcement.

Designations of companies to be affected by the Deconcentration Law have been announced twice already, leaving only the financial institutions to be so designated.(The total number of firms designated as coming under the purview of this Law reaches more than 300.)

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Bill for Revision of Diet Law
Expected to be Passed by End of Month
Jiji Shimpo, April 12

It is generally expected that the bill for the revision of the Diet Law, now being deliberated in both Houses of the Diet, will be approved and passed by the national legislature by the end of this month at the

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The chief points to be revised are:- 1). adjustment and coordination of the standing committees(article 42); 2). creation of a sub-committee of the steering committee for both Houses, to replace the present "negotiations meeting of all parties"(article 55); 3). to add a proviso enabling a bill, under deliberation by any committee, to be brought up to the plenary session at any time by a resolution of the Diet members(2, of article 56); and 4). enlarging and strengthening the powers of the legislation divisions of the two Houses(article 131).

With the exception of the first point, and certain revisions proposed by the House of Councillors, the two chambers are practically in agreement on all the points, and, accordingly, no serious hitch is foreseen in the passage of the bill.

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Two Police Units Disagree on Jurisdiction
Question Involving 15 Million Yen Blackmart Deal

Jiji Shimpo, April 12

The Hachioji district State police and the Hachioji city autonomous police are now in disagreement over the question of jurisdiction concerning the recent arrest of eight persons, alleged to have engaged in a blackmarket deal involving ¥15 million or so worth of raw silk.

It is claimed by the State police that the eight leaders of the persons in question were caught at Nozaru pass, in Yoshiki-mura, which is outside the Hachioji city limits, and that other suspects of the case, though hiding within the city limits, were likewise arrested and sent to the procurator's office for examination. The fact that the Hachioji city police were unaware of these suspects, it is claimed, is the fault of the city police, and not that of the State police. Among those arrested are Takeo Sa to

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ALLOCATION OF PARLIAMENTARY COUNCILLORS TO BE DECIDED SOON

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, April 9.--The question of allocation of Parliamentary councillors among the Government parties will be settled next week, after the Democratic Party takes its final decision on the issue, it was learned today.

Inajiro Asanuma, Secretary-General of the Social Democratic Party, accompanied by State Minister Suehiro Nishio saw Chief Cabinet Secretary Gizo Tomabechi, Democrat, this afternoon and asked for an early decision of the Democratic Party on the allocation of Parliamentary councillors.

Mr. Tomabechi, in rely, said that his party would finalize its attitude by Tuesday, next week, it was learned.

Earlier, this afternnon, the Democratic Party held a supreme executive conference attended by the Ministers of the party, Secretary-General

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Kozaemon Kimura and Chairman Hoitaro Inagaki of the Political Affairs Research Committee, on the Parliamentary Councillors allocation issue.

Mrxxfx The conference failed to reach agreement and decided that further meetings be held on the question, it was learned.

Mr. Tomabechi, following the conference, told reporters that the matter was too delicate to be entrusted with President Hitoshi Ashida alone, adding that his party preferred a decision for which all party leaders would be responsible.

Some observers said that Parliamentary councillors allocation issue probably would not be settled speedily in view of the anticipated disagreement between the Democratic and Social Democratic Parties.

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ELECTION REFORM BILL
SUBMISSION EXPECTED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, April 9 - There are indications that the Election Reform and Political Party Corruption Prevention Bills will be submitted to the Diet toward the end of this month to be enacted before the end of the current Diet session on May 7.

Speaker Komakichi Matsuoka of the House of Representatives told reporters today that the present circumstances called for the enactment of the two bills before the end of the current Diet session.

Meanwhile, both Opposition and Government parties are agreed that the two bills have to be submitted to the Diet as early as possibly to the Diet because they anticipate turbulent deliberations on them, it was learned.

The two measures probably will reach the Diet toward the end of April when Diet members on stumping tours will have returned to Tokyo.

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DAILY EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

DIET MEMBERS' ABSENTEEISM DENOUNCED
BY KEIZAI, JIJI

(Noon)

Kyodo

TOKYO, April 9—Both the Nihon Keizai and the Jiji Shimpo in their editorials today bitterly criticized growing absenteeism in the National Diet, as pointed out recently by SCAP, declaring that absent Diet members were open to condemnation as practicing "wild-cat" or "vacation" tactics similar to that recently resorted to by disputing state workers.

The Nihon Keizai warned the Diet members that if they continue to be influenced by rumors of a general election and neglect their duty, it would result in the self-destruction of the integrity and dignity of the national legislature.

The paper drew attention to the fact that the function of the Diet and activities of the Diet members are attracting keen attention from the entire people of this country and are causing great concern among foreign powers as a reflection on Japan's political capabilities.

The Jiji Shimpo expressed belief that Diet absenteeism would be rectified after

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SCAP's warning.

However, it regretted that the situation is Japan is such that order and discipline can be maintained only through timely advice and warning from the Occupation Forces. The paper attributed the situation to the fact that the Japanese people have been so long under the suppression of Japanese militarists that they have lost their spirit of independency and self-respect.

The paper urged the leaders of political parties to tighten their control and discipline over rank and file and the Diet members in general to rid themselves of their diplorable habits.

The Yomiuri, commenting on the projected revision of the taxation system, expressed its dissatisfication over the reported draft plan for the revision, which it said fails to provide any fundamental solution for thecontradictory income taxes, especially of the working classes.

The Mainichi, pointing out growing complaints among some agrarian districts against agricultural income taxes, urged the Government to carry out an accurate assessment of the farmers' incomes and the Diet's Agriculture Committee to tackle this issue in a more scientific method.

The paper also advised the farmers to keep account books and enter in them expense and income so that they may present reliable data to the taxation office when they put up complaints against over-assessed taxes.

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Editorial #3 (Noon)

The Asahi, cautioning that the present shortage of medical supplies and their inferior quality are a grave menace to the maintenance of public health in Japan, urged the Government and civilian organs concerned to redouble their efforts to increase the production of medicines, eliminate drugs of poor or harmful quality and readjust the present exorbitant prices of some medicines.

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NEWS IN BRIEF (Noon)

PRIME MINISTER TO CARRY
OUT "FIRESIDE" RADIO CHATS

Kyodo

TOKYO, April 8--Prime Minister Ashida will carry out "fireside chats" over the radio once a month while he is in office to inform and discuss various subjects confronting the nation.

His chats will be carried over the radio on the first Wednesday of each month for 15 minutes starting from 8:45 p.m.

His first radio chat took place last night requesting the Japanese people to bear the life of austerity.

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HARADA APPOINTED CHIEF
OF TOBACCO MONOPOLY

Kyodo

TOKYO, April 8--The Government yesterday appointed Tomiichi Harada, as the director of the Tobacco Monopoly Bureau of the Finance Ministry.

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DEMOCRATIC-LIBERALS AIMING
AT VICE-SPEAKER POST IN DIET

(Morning Edition)

KYODO

TOKYO, March 25.---The Democratic-Liberal party is coveting the post of Vice-Speaker of the Lower House in case Manitsu Tanaka resigns.

This was disclosed by Speaker Komakichi Matsuoka in his talks with Secretary-General Kozaemon Kimura of the Democratic party.

Kikuichiro Yamaguchi is reported to be the selection of the Democratic-Liberals for the post.

Kimura is reported to have said the Vice-Speakership should be held by the Government parties. However, he promised to make a definite reply after conferring with Secretary-General Takeshi Yamazaki of the Democratic-Liberal party.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

DEMOCRATIC-LIBERAL RESIGNS
TO JOIN DEMOCRATS

(Evening Ed.)

Kyodo

TOKYO, March 24--Shichiro Oku, Upper House member from Kyoto Prefecture, today informed the Democratic-Liberal Party of his secession from the party.

It was reported that he will join the Democratic Party and will run for the Lower House in the next general election on the Democratic Party ticket.

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KATAYAMA TO BE APPOINTED
FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISER

(Evening Ed.)

Kyodo

TOKYO, March 4--Chairman Tetsu Katayama of the Social Democratic Party will soon be appointed adviser to the Foreign Ministry.

The former Prime Minister flatly refused an offer of the Foreign Ministership when the present cabinet was formed.

Prime Minister Hitoshi Ashida thereupon requested Katayama to become an adviser to the Foreign Ministry, which the latter accepted.

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SUPPORT AND NON-SUPPORT OF
ASHIDA GOV'T SPLIT EQUALLY (Noon)

Kyodo

TOKYO, March 24--The latest nation-wide public opinion poll conducted by the Ashida Shimbun shows that the ratio of supporters and non-supporters of the new Ashida Cabinet is about equally split. Public backing of Prime Minister Ashida, however, was found to be of a passive, cautious character.

General public sentiment appeared to be that it was yet too early to draw a conclusive opinion on the new Government was reflected in the fact that 39 percent of the people questioned failed to register a positive answer.

With reference to two other major questions posed in the poll three-day conducted from

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(Noon)

Support -2

March 16, the Asahi found that public support of the conservative camp was continuing steadily to increase.

The newly-organized Democratic-Liberal Party was shown to rank as the most popular political party with a support percentage of 40.4 percent as compared to the three Government parties--the Democratic, Social Democratic and Cooperatives--which together could muster only 33.3 percent.

In the last public opinion poll in November, the Liberal Party (now reorganized as the Democratic Liberal Party) registered a support of 26.5 percent, the Social Democratic Party, 20.7 percent and the Democratic Party, 21 percent.

The survey, furthermore, disclosed that 42 percent of the people were in

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Support -3 (Noon)

the favor of dissolving the Diet and having another general election.

The following are the questions posed and answers given:

Question No. 1:--Do you support the Ashida Cabinet?:

Answer: Affirmative--30 percent (those considering its policies to be good--12 percent; those regarding support unavoidable--70 percent; other opinion--6 percent; no opinion--12 percent.)

Negative:--31 percent (those expressing puzzlement over politics--30 percent; those dissatisfied with developments lead-up to Ashida's designation--24 percent; those who feel that the government change is valueless--37

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Support -4 (Noon)

percent; other opinion--5 percent; no opinion--
no opinion--4 percent.)

No opinion--39 percent (those who feel
that a decisive opinion either way can
be given only after witnessing the new
government in action--41 percent; those with
no interest in politics--15 percent;
those who don't know anything about politics--
44 percent.)

Question No. 2:--Do you wish that the Diet
at this time should be dissolved and a general
election for the Lower House should be held?
Answer: Affirmative--42 percent, negative--27
percent and no opinion--31 percent.
Question No. 3:--In the event another general
election is held in the near future; which
party will you vote for?

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Support -5 (Noon)

Answer:---Democratic-Liberal Party--40.4 percent, Social Democratic Party--1819 percent, Democratic Party--13 percent, Cooperative Party--1.4 percent, Communist Party--1.2 percent, minor parties--0.2 percent, independent--0.5 percent and undecided--24.4 percent.

The public opinion survey showed that the Ashida Government, due to its backing by the Social Democratic Party, is being supported to a considerable extent by industrial laborers.

Its support among salaried classes of people is about equally split, pro and con, with the opinion of agricultural workers and fishermen registering a somewhat similar trend.

Businessmen in the commercial and industrial field were said opposed to the Ashida Government as they had been to the Katayama Cabinet.

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Support -6 —10— (Noon)

As to opinion differentiated as to sex, the survey disclosed that non-support of the Ashida Cabinet was strong among males, with over half of the women having no opinion. The sentiment of non-support was reported to be with the degree of youthfulness of young people.

It was, moreover, shown that the percentage of non-support became greater with a higher level of education.

Those backing the Ashida Cabinet, on the other hand, were said to be naturally composed of those affiliated with the Democratic and Social Democratic parties.

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RYOKUFUKAI MAY
FACE SPLIT

(Morning Ed.)

Kyodo

TOKYO, March 24—A movement for the support of the present cabinet has got under way within the Ryokufukai group in the House of Councillors recently.

Developments of the movement in the coming few days are believed to decide whether the group may split or allow the setting up of a dissident faction within it.

The largest group in the Upper House was mainly responsible for the nomination by the House of Liberal President Shigeru Yoshida as prime minister against the Lower House's Hitoshi Ashida.

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The Government, in its attempts to assure the majority support in both houses, has endeavored to disintegrate the Ryokufukai as the main opposition group in the Upper House since it took office.

The allocation of some of the Vice-Ministerships to the Upper House members who support the Ashida cabinet was the main weapon in the hands of the Government.

In response to the Government maneuverings, the movement for the support of the cabinet was initiated under the sponsorship of Tohei Komai and other Ryokufukai members of the People's Cooperative Party as well as Michinosuke Saigo, Hideo Fujii, Yoshinobu Yamashita and 10-odd other neutral members recently.

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In the last few days, the movement appeared to have entered a stage of discussing concrete steps for the materialization.

Positive members among the sponsors seem to favor a secession from the group and formation of a new Government group while conservative ones argue for remaining in the group and endeavor for the support of the Cabinet from within it.

Democratic as well as Social Democratic Upper House leaders, on the other hand, appear to favor the split of the group.

Whether the group may split or not is believed to be decided within a few days with the development of the support-the-cabinet movement.

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PRIME MINISTER TO GET
SALARY BOOST

(Morning Edition)

KYODO

TOKYO, March 24.---The Prime Minister's monthly salary will be raised to ¥25,000 from the present salary of ¥3,000, if the Diet approve a bill relative to the salaries of the Prime Minister and Government officials whose appointment and dismissal require the Emperor's attestation.

Director Kazuo Imai of the Wages and Salaries Bureau of the Finance Ministry , explained the projected revision of the salaries at the Cabinet meeting yesterday,

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Prime Minister 2

(Morning)

The bill to be worked out on the basis of the explanation will be shortly submitted to the Diet for approval.

The new salaries will be:

Prime Minister:	¥25,000,
State Minister:	18,000.
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary:	18,000.
Attorney General	16,000.
President of Imperial Household Board:	14,000.

These salaries have not been revised since July, 1946.

The revision of salaries for President and Vice-President of the Upper House and Speaker and Vice-Speaker of the

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