Education Minister 2

The existing 11-man Central Teachers Qualifications Examination committee as a whole will be reformed into the proposed reinvestigation committee and start business early next week.

It is believed to finish the reinvestigation by the end of July. The educational purgees number 5,300. Most of the are expected to be freed.

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No. 10

589 TO BE RE-EXAMINED
AS FIRST BATCH

(Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 19 --- The new Teachers Qualifications Re-examination committee will first probe 589 purgees under the administrative ordinance revision decided by the cabinet today.

The revision removed from the educational purge list those who had been in military service for 10 or more years not professionally and graduates of schools on overseas development.

Most of the 589 purgees falling under the two removed categories will be liberated through the committee's individual re-examination.

The re-examination of teachers will be more rigid than that of general public officials in view of the importance of the profession.

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DRAFT DEPURGE ANNOUNCEMENT
APPROVED BY CABINET THIS MORNING

Kyodo (Noon Edition)

TOKYO, June 19---A draft announcement on the first of series of the mass depurge was approved by the Cabinet this morning.

The Cabinet also decided on the criterion for liberating the purgees among professors, teachers and education officials.

The mass depurge announcement, after a GHQ approval, will be released tomorrow, together with revision of the purge ordinances and the names of some 3,000 depurgees to be liberated directly by the Government.

The first batch of the depurgees will include the 3,000 handled by the central government and some 66,000 to be dealt with by prefectural governments.

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Draft Dispatch 2

The 3,000 comprise all of the purged militarist-supported Dietmen, wartime economic and journalistic leaders and officers and officials of the Butoku-kai (Martial Arts association) and a part of officers and officials of the ex-servicemen's associations.

The 66,000 to be handled by prefectural governors include officers and officials of county level or lower of the Imperial Rule Assistance association, and the Imperial Rule Political association and local officers and officials of the ex-servicemen's associations.

The announcement, it is understood, will make clear the following points:

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Draft Depurge 3

1. The mass depurge aims at allowing as many Japanese as possible to take part in reconstruction of their country and acceleratfng Japan's democratization.

2. A Public Office Qualification Rescreeing council will be set up to pave the way for liberation through individual rescreening of those purgees who are excluded from the mass depurge.

3. The rescreening couhcil will not examine the cases of war criminals and former generals and admirals, but the way will not be closed perpetually for their liberation.

The planned deletion from the category of public office of the executive posts in economic, financial and journalistic organs will likely be carreid out several days later.

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On the other hand, the criterion for freeing education purgees will be announced tomorrow morning, together with a statement by Education Minister Teiyu Amano.

It will be made public by revising the education purge ordinance.

At the same time, the creation of an Education Office Qualifications Rescreening council is scheduled to be announced.

The education purgees total 5,367, instead of 5,631 as earlier reported. Out of this 589 will be cleared tomorrow as the first batch.

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Afternoon 1

FIVE MEMBERS OF SPECIAL REVIEW PANEL NAMED

JIJ PRESS

TOKYO, June 19. - The Government Monday announced the appointment of five members of the Public Office Qualification Review Board created under an ordinance to re-examine cases of specific purgees individually.

The five members are Daisaburo Tsugita, former State Minister; Shunkichi Uyeda, former Attorney General; Masao Tsuda, Secretary General of the Japan Editors and Publishers Association (Shimbun Kyokai); Takehiko Hamaguchi, President of the Bank of Tokyo and Professor Asao Otaka of Tokyo University.

They will start re-examination of specific purgees immediately after the first depurge announcement which is expected Wednesday.

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No. 11

REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDIES
GOV'T DEPURGE PLAN

(Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 18---The Ordinance Review committee at its sixth session this afternoon will study Government plan for the initial depurge announcment expected Wednesday.

It will be the first of a series of announcements of the coming mass depurge.

Attorney General Takeo Ohashi will explain the details of the Government plan.

Today's session meanwhile will continue to review the Excessive Economic Power Deconcentration and the Trade Association laws.

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No.1

SPECIAL AND NEWSPAPER FIRMS LIKELY
TO BE DELETED FROM PURGE LISTS

(Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 18---The Government has virtually obtained a GHQ understanding on a plan to scratch leading posts in special concerns, Government corporations, newspaper, movie and theatrical companies off from the category of public office under purge.

This plan aims at allowing even those, who will remain on the purge lists, to assume executive posts in these companies.

Another plan, with the same purpose, for deleting leading posts in 283 influential companies and financial institutions from the public office category has already been given GHQ consent.

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Special 3

The two plans will be effected by rescinding clauses 11 and 12 of the Annexed List No.2 of the ordinance for the enforcement of the Purge Ordinance for influential companies and financial institutions.

For the special concerns and newspaper and movie companies, Clauses 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the same Annexed List No.2 will be deleted.

Clause 6 includes special concerns, the Government corporations, special banks and economic bodies, in which the Government is the biggest investor.

Clause 7 lists the succeeding companies and associations to the wartime controling companies and associations.

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Clause 8 enumerates Government subsidized organs established on the basis of special legislations.

Clause 9 lists leading newspaper companies, news agencies, publishing companies, film productions, theatrical and entertainments enterprises, radio corporations and other media of information.

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No.8

MIKI FLAYS GOV'T FOR
DELAYING DEPURGE ACTION

(Noon Edition)

Kyodo

NAGOYA, June 18---Secretary General Takeo Miki of the Peoples Democratic party yesterday flayed the Government conduct on the depurge issue and its failure to cope with the current inflation.

Aboard a train taking him to Osaka, Miki said if the Yoshida Cabinet delays the depurge to gain political advantages, this would break the goodwill shown by the Allies on the matter.

He said the Government should consider the depurge action in light of SCAP's statement of May 3. It stated that the depurge would permit as many Japanese as possible in reconstructing the country before the peace, he explained.

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Miki 2

Predicting the after effect of the coming depurge, Miki said he sees no possibility of a new party formed by the depurgees.

The depurge would not likely touch off any new big movement in the political world, he declared.

He denied his party would merge with any factions as a result of disruption in either the Liberal or the Socialist parties in the future.

Miki said his party would streamline its structure. This would be done at a special convention late next month, he said.

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Miki 3

The streamlining would include abolition of the supreme committee system, he explained.

He made a more vigorous attack on the Government's economic policy. The Government is failing to check an inflation, he said and this might break loose into the worst one in years.

There is no cooperation between his party and the Government when the latter's policy has allowed a sprinkling of companies to make billions of yen in profits in six months while resulting in a drop in living standard.

The proposed hike in power charges was another problem being considered without due respect for the people's livelihood, although it can alone shake the foundation of the national economy, Miki added.

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These policies are in danger of putting Japan into a precarious situation after the peace treaty, he warned.

Miki is on a trip with his party's chairman of the political affairs research committee to confer with Osaka businessmen.

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No. 2

MASUDA REPUDIATES
DILATORY CHARGE (Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 18---Secretary General Kaneshichi Masuda of the Liberal party repudiated charges that the Liberal party was purposely delaying the depurge.

Takeo Miki, secretary general of the Peoples Democratic party, Sunday criticized the government for dilatory action on the depurge issue for a political purpose.

Although not mentioning the Democratic party by name, Masuda said "recent rumors by a certain party are totally groundless and of irresponsible nature."

He said the charge was "not worthy of taking up."

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Masuda 2

Masuda issued a statement this afternoon following an executive officers meeting at party headquarters.

The Liberal officers had met to exchange views on the depurge problem.

Masuda said the question of depurge was one the Liberal party from President Shigeru Yoshida on down had taken keen interest and had made assiduous efforts.

He said it was a matter of "delight" that the depurge was soon to materialize through the courtesy of the Allied powers.

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MEMORANDA WITHDRAWAL
NOTIFIED GOVERNMENT

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 16. - The Government yesterday received through the Liaison Bureau of the Foreign Office a note from SCAP which stated that memoranda concerning the purge of a total of 73 persons from public office including Ichiro Hatoyama, former president of the Liberal Party and Jotaro Kawakami, ex-Socialist leader, will be withdrawn, it was learned

SCAP had instructed the Japanese Government verbally not to handle the so-called memoranda case purgees with specific consideration in the forthcoming wholesale clearance of purgees but examine the possibility of their clearance in the light of purge provisions in Clauses A-G.

This intention was clarified further in the form of an official note to the Japanese Government, it was understood.

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No. 17

'MEMORANDUM' DESIGNATION
REMOVED FROM PURGEES (Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 16---Designation of the "momorandum case" purgees was canceled by GHQ in its memorandum to the Government today.

As a result, the special case purgees hereafter will be treated the same as ordinary purgees.

The so-called memorandum case purgees number 73, including Ichiro Hatoyama, former president of the Liberal party.

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Evening

FIVE OF BOARD
MEMBERS CHOSEN

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 15. - The Government today tentatively selected five out of the seven members of the Public Office Qualification Review Board which has been created under an ordinance specifically to re-examine cases of purgees individually.

The five members chosen, who will be approached by the Government soon to take up their new job, include Daisaburo Tsujita, former State Minister; Shunkichi Uyeda, former Attorney General; Teiichi Kawakita, President of the Industrial Bank; Professor Asao Otaka or Professor Sukeyuki Uchimura of Tokyo University, and Masao Tsuda, Secretary General of the Japan Editors and Publishers Association (Shimbun Kyokai).

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RE-SCREENING BODY
MEMBERS SELECTED

(Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 15 --- The Cabinet today informally picked five members of the proposed Public Offices Qualifications Re-Examination Committee to be set up soon in connection with the expected mass depurge.

The selection followed Cabinet decision on the two Potsdam depurge ordinances.

The selected were Shunichi Ueda, former Attorney General, Daisaburo Tsugita, former State Minister, Secretary General Masao Tsuda of the Japan Newspaper Publishers and Editors association, Professor Asao Odera of Tokyo university, and Governor Teiichi Nawakita of the Industrial Development bank.

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No. 1

DEPURGE ENTRUSTED
TO GOV'T

(Morning Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 15 --- The Ordinance Review committee meeting Thursday afternoon left everything concerned with the proposed mass depurge to the Government.

The seven-man advisory committee to Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida was briefed on the progress of preparations for the depurge by Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki.

Its members accepted the Government-planned form of announcing the depurge and its scope.

The meeting also discussed economic ordinances and decided to produce a conclusion on them in the next three meetings and to take up the issue of administrative reform subsequently.

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The next meeting is scheduled for June 18.

The committee urged the Government to set up an investigation organ for liberating the purgees omitted in the proposed mass depurge. The Government said it would consider the matter after the mass depurge was over.

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AFTERNOON

DEPURGE OF EX-PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS
MAY BE ANNOUNCED AROUND JULY 10

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 15---Clearance of the purgees who are banned from educational posts will be announced by the Government toward July 10 at the earliest, the secretariat of the Public School Teachers Screening Committee indicated today.

Various investigation required in clearance of the purgees who are banned from public office and various procedures necessary for revision of various Government ordinances for this purpose prior to the depurge of ex-public school teachers are causing considerable delay in the projected wholesale depurge of these persons, it was said.

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AFTERNOON

PUBLIC OFFICE QUALIFICATIONS
REVIEW BOARD TO BE ESTABLISHED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 15---An ordinance establishing the Public Office Qualification Review Board was approved at a Cabinet meeting today, it was learned.

The ordinance was ppromulgated the same day, to be effective immediately.

A seven-man agency under direct control of the Premier's Office, the Public Office Qualifications Review Board will be charged with the task of reviewing the so-called memorandum-case purgees and - borderline cases individually.

Members of the board, it was further learned, will examine possibilities of clearance about each individual purgee in consultation with the Premier, and submit their conclusive views, and make

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suggestions and advice to the Premier in this connection.

Members of the board will not be allowed to divulge the contents of any subjects which were discussed at sessions except those made public by the Premier himself.

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FIRST DEPURGE ANNOUNCEMENT
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 19 (Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 15---The Government is now planning to make the first announcement of the proposed mass depurge June 19 simultaneously with the completion of all necessary procedures by the Cabinet.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki explained the progress of the Government's talks with GHQ, the basic principles and the form of announcement of the coming depurge in the fifth session of the Ordinance Review committee yesterday.

The Government expects the next session of the committee July 18 will approve the final draft of the depurge program.

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First Depurge Announcement 2

Main points of the Government's plan still pending the committee's approval are:

1. Officials of local chapters in six largest cities of former nationalist bodies such as the Imperial Rule Assistance association in the list of depurgees automatically to be liberated by rescinding Purge decree articles.

2. The scopes of individual rescreenings, whether substantial or nominal, will be enlarged to liberate many more purgees.

3. Particularly, standing executives of the Imperial Rule Assistance association and such organizations and former retired gendarmerie officers will be benefitted by substantial individual rescreening.

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First Depurge Announcement 3

4. Members of extreme rightist organizations under Clause C of the Purge decree with relatively slight offenses will also be brought under resoreening.

5. Special consideration will be given to former retired generals among regular army or navy officers under Clause B.

6. Proper steps will be taken for depurge of dead purgees so that their bereaved families may be able to get suspended pensions due for them after the depurge.

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No. 2
PAYMENT OF PENSIONS FOR DEPURGEES
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

(Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, July 15---The Ordinance Review committee yesterday agreed on pensions for former Government officials, but not for former servicemen, who are slated to be depurged.

Observers say the Government will provide for the payment in the coming depurge announcement.

For this purpose Article 5 of the Purge decree suspending payment of pensions for all purgees will be revised, they said.

These quarters, however, said the pension retroactive from the start of the purge will be difficult.

As for ex-servicemen, including civilian employes, the ordinance providing exceptions to the Pension law promulgated in 1945 on the basis of the acceptance of the Potsdam declaration

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will rule out payment of pensions to them except added pensions even after depurge. The Ordinance Review committee is now studying this phase.

The committee hopes retroactive pensions may be paid if possible by picking special categories such as those retiring before the Manchurian incident.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

EARLY DEPURGE URGED BY MAINICHI (Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 15...The Mainichi urged the Government this morning to clear the purgees as early as possible.

The editorial said that the Government has been suspected of delaying the depurge announcement for its own reasons.

The Nihon Keizai urged population understanding and cooperation for the streamlining of the administrative structure and personnel retrenchment. The editorial noted a drastic expansion of the Government organization which it said ought to be reduced.

The Asahi called on the Government to work with shipbuilders and shipping circles to build up Japan's merchant marine.

The Yomiuri called for control on the rise of inflation through more effective price, financing and materials policies.

The Tokyo Times commented on the prevention of epidemics.

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No. 23

2 "POTSDAM" ORDINANCES ON DEPURGE APPROVED TODAY (Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 15---The Cabinet approved two "Potsdam" ordinances for the coming mass depurge to be promulgated today for immediate enforcement.

One calls for a partial revision of the Imperial ordinance No. 1 of 1947 (the Purge ordinance), and the other for establishment of a Public Offices Qualifications Re-Screening Council.

The two new ordinances empower Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida to free the purgees after consulting with the re-screening council.

According to the former ordinance, the Prime Minister may entrust prefectural governors with part of his depurging authority.

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2 "Potsdam" Ordinances 2

It calls for immediate restoration of pensions and annuities for the depurgees.

It deletes Article 10 (banning family members and close relatives of a purgee to assume his former post) and Clauses 2 and 3 of Article 16 (depriving those, even other than purgees, found guilty of violating the Purge ordinance, of public posts and prohibiting them from running in public office elections).

The latter ordinance provides that the re-screening council will consist of seven or less members to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

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CABINET DECISION TOMORROW
FOR DEPURGE ORDINANCES (Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 14---The Cabinet is expected to decide two "Potsdam" ordinances tomorrow for the liberation of purgees.

An agreement had been reached recently between the Government and GHQ for proclamation of the two ordinances, one authorizing the Prime Minister to carry out the depurge and the other to set up the Public Office Qualification rescreening council.

Selection of the council members is under way and it is expected to function in a few days.

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MORNING

STANDARDS FOR CLEARANCE OF
PURGEES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 14. - The standards for clearance of bigtime purgees will be made public by the Government within a few days.

This became evident following a meeting of the Ordinance Review Committee here Thursday afternoon which was also attended by high Government officials concerned.

The conferees noted that there was no further need to discuss on the subject of formulating the standards for clearance of purgees and agreed to stop negotiations in this connection with SCAP authorities.

Well-informed sources indicated that the Government may be able to announce a list of the names of purgees including some 70,000 Imperial Rule Assistance Association members of the Diet on June 18 or the following day as the first batch of purgees.

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No. 6
PURGEES DESIGNATED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL ALSO TO BE DEPURGED (Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 14---The Government is now endeavoring to clear as many as possible 295 persons specially put on the purge list by designations of the Attorney General under the Organizations Control ordinance, well-informed quarters said yesterday.

These special purgees include members of amny organizations dissolved after the war.

They numbered at first 308, but decreased to 295, eight having been depurged and five having died.

Eighty members of eight out of a total 83 organizations dissolved will not be depurged because they are leftist.

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At least one each of other organizations will also be left on the purge list.

Therefore, prospective depurgees in this special category will be about 120 to 130.

The Government hopes to be able to announce this special depurge almost simultaneously with the results of the individual rescreening of others in the proposed mass depurge around July 10.

Jiichiro Matsumoto, former vice president of the Upper House, is believed to be included in the special depurge list.

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No. 14

JOURNALISTS, ECONOMISTS, DIETMEN
LIKELY TO BE AMONG 1ST DEPURGEES

(Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 14.---All of the purged wartime Dietmen and economic leaders as well as most of the purged journalists and officers of the Butoku-kai will be among others in first batch slated to be cleared June 19 or 21 at the latest in the projected mass depurge.

Informed quarters said the Government recen t-ly obtained a GHQ understanding that these purgees would be freed automatically through a rescind-ing of the purge articles.

These purged number about 3,000 and their name will be announced when the Government makes known its first criterion for the depurge.

A GHQ understanding, it was reported, has also already been given to the automatic liberation of purged officials of county level in local

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Journalists 2

entities belonging to the Imperial Rule Assistance association, the Imperial Rule Assistance Political association and the ex-servicemen's association. These persons total some 66,000.

Therefore, the number of those to be freed in the first batch is expected to amount to some 70,000.

The time and formula of the depurge announcement and the contents of the depurge statement are still under consultation with GHQ. A conclusion is expected by the weekend.

There is a strong likelihood that the presentation to a Cabinet meeting of the two "Potsdam" ordinances, which will form the basis for the mass depurge, will be delayed until next Tuesday.

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Journalists 3

One of the edicts is for revision of the Purge ordinances and the other for the forming of a Public Office Qualification Rescreening council.

Under the circumstances, the first depurge announcement looms next Tuesday or Thursday at the latest, instead of next Monday as anticipated.

As for some 100,000 purgees to be examined by the projected rescreening council, the scope of liberation through simple and nominal examination has been expanded to such an extent that former career servicemen who had held ranks up to and below that corresponding to a colonelcy may be included.

Informed quarters expect that the "borderline" purgees, who will be subjected to strict individual rescreening, will number some 500.

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No. 1

GOVT. HOPES FIRST DEPURGE ANNOUNCEMENT POSSIBLE ABOUT JUNE 18

Kyodo

(Noon Edition)

TOKYO, June 13---The Government expects the first announcement of the proposed mass depurge will be possible about June 18, well-informed quarters said yesterday.

On that day, theGovernment's Ordinance Review Advisory committee holds its sixth session on the depurge, observers said.

The Cabinet will decide two proposed Potsdam ordinances for the depurge, they stated.

They are for revision of the Purge decree authorizing the Prime Minister to order the depurge and for establishment of a special deliberative council for individual investigations of prospective depurgees, the informants explained.

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A deliberative council to be thus formed will complete selection of prospective depurgees during this week, said the observers.

If everything goes well, the Government will be able to make the first announcement by Monday, they predicted.

In this announcement all former executives of regional chapters of various defunct nationalist bodies will be automatically exempted from Clauses D and G by revision of the Purge decree, said the observers.

These bodies, they said, are the former Imporial Rule Assistance Political association, Imperial Rule Assistance association, Imperial Rule Assistance Elder Peoples association, Great Japan Political association, Ex-Servicemen's association and Butokukai association.

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Those impossible of liberation by the forthcoming depurge will be brought under individual re-investigation by the deliberative council so that they may be depurged as early as possible, they said.

If the first announcement is impracticable June 18, it will surely be possible by June 21 with the seventh session of the Ordinance Review Advisory committee, they said.

The Government wishes to negotiate with GHQ till the last day of this week to widen the framework of depurge to the maximum and thus minimize those to be subject to rigid individual investigations, they said.

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For the majority of the rest of cases totaling some 100 thousand, the Government hopes to make very simple investigations nearly equal to automatic release by removal of the depurge framework, the observers stated.

The results of the individual investigations will not be announced separately, but as a whole after all investigations are finished about July 10, they also said.

It is now certain that the depurge announcement will be marked by two stages, that is, the automatic liberation of some 66,000 by removal of the depurge framework July 18 or 21 and the liberation of some 100 thousand by nominal investigations July 10, they said.

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The depurge of people in the labor and educational circles and executive officials of former financial cliques will also be announced simultaneously or right after the first depurge announcement, these quarters said.

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DEPURGE ANNOUNCEMENT
TOWARD JUNE 23

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 13---Clearance of purgees who are banned from educational posts will probably be announced by the Government toward June 23, it was learned today.

The Government will make final arrangements for the clearance with the Ordinance Review Committee on June 15, it was also learned.

It was learned in this connection that Education Minister Teiyu Amano two days ago called on Lieutenant Colonel D.R. Nugent, chief of the C.I.E., SCAP, and conferred with the latter on measures to be taken for the projected depurge.

Government sources are of the opinion that the list of purgees in this field might swell up to 2,600 to 2,700 from the originally figured 2,000.

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EVENING

The same sources indicated that the purgees who served as civilians attached to the former Japanese army and navy for more than 10 years, who were graduated from the educational institutes for colonization of Japan's overseas possessions or Shinto schools after July 7, 1937, who engaged in scientific exploitation, supervised or took part in mining undertakings with the aid of the Japanese military in the Allied territories under the occupation of Japanese armed forces after January 1, 1928, and who were generally responsible for the formation of Japan's educational policy, will be cleared automatically as the first batch of purgees in the educational field.

Such purgees may number some 645, the sources also indicated.

The remaining purgees are subject to subsequent individual examinations.

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Afternoon

FIRST DEPURGE ANNOUNCEMENT
EXPECTED JUNE 18

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 13. - The Government will be able to make its first depurge announcement on June 18, it was indicated today.

Most of the purgees who were connected with "patriotic" organizations such as the Imperial Rule Assistance Association as their chiefs of county, town and village chapters, those "recommended" to the Diet and others in press and economic circles during the Pacific War will be included in the first depurge announcement, it was said.

Depurge of the remainder whose cases have to be re-reviewdd will be announced later than June 18 when the Ordinance Review Committee is slated to meet in session.

Before the committee meeting, the Government will hold further consultations with

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11652 SEC. 3(E) AND 3(D) OR (E) NNDG # 775 072

Afternoon

General Headquarters on the yardstick to be used in the individual re-screening of "memorandum cases" and other specific purgees numbering 200 to 300.

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Afternoon

CLEARANCE OF BIGTIME PURGEES
TO BE DEFERRED ANOTHER WEEK

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 13. - Clearance of purgees will be deferred for another week.

The further delay in the wholesale depurge of wartime leaders of Japan in military, industrial, civic and labor circles became evident yesterday following the fifth sitting of the Ordinance Review Committee held at the Premier's official residence here.

The meeting was attended by most members of the O.R.C. as well as Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Toshihiro Kennogi, Attorney-General Takeo Ohashi, and Legislation and Opinion Assistant to the Attorney-General Tosuke Sato, it was learned.

The conferees were convinced that they will need another week's time for further negotiations between the Japanese Government and SCAP before they can draw up the standards for clearance.

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Afternoon

As the committee sat in session yesterday afternoon Dr. Ichiro Nakayama and Toshie Obama, both member of the O.R.C. stressed that clearance of purged labor, civic, and business leaders should be considered in parallel with that of the "regular" purgees who are banned from public office.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Okazaki and other Government representatives agreed with this view and told the committee that the Government would study this question, and conduct negotiations with SCAP on the clearing of these "special" purgees simultaneously with that of "regular" purgees, it was said.

Legislation and Opinion Assistant to the Attorney-General Sato then made a detailed explanation on the proposed revision of the Anti-Monopoly law and the Business Enterprisers' Organization Law.

Opinions on the projected simplification of the administrative system were exchanged among the conferees.

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Sources close to the Cabinet said yesterday evening that the Government would be able to draw outlines of the revised Anti-Monopoly and Business Enterprisers' Organization Laws on June 18 when the O.R.C. is slated to meet again.

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11652 SEC. 3(E) AND 3(D) OR (C) NNDG # 775 072

EDUCATION MINISTRY TO MAKE
DEPURGE ANNOUNCEMENT

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 13. - Approximately 3,200 persons on the educational purge list will be depurged soon following completion of their re-screening, to be conducted by the Ministry of Education, a source close to the Ministry said today.

The yardstick to be followed in their depurge has been agreed upon, it was said, at a recent conference held between Lieutenant Colonel D.P. Nugent, Chief of the Civil Information and Education Section, GHQ, SCAP and Education Minister Teigu Amano.

The depurge announcement will be accompanied by a special statement to be issued by the Education Minister, it was also said.

The purgees will have their cases re-screened individually by the Ministry and it

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is generally believed that more wartime educational leaders will be depurged than is expected at present.

The Ministry is expected to make the depurge announcement by stages, acting on findings of a special reviewing committee which will soon be established in the Ministry and which will review cases of educational purgesindividually.

An optimistic view is that about 3,200 persons will be removed from the purge list in the series of announcements to be made by the Education Ministry.

When the first of such announcements will be made is still a matter of speculation, however.

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No. 1

DEPURGE TO BE ANNOUNCED
AT ONCE WHEN READY -- OKAZAKI (Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 13---The contemplated mass depurge will be announced as soon as the preparations are completed, asserted Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki today.

He denied that the Government delayed the announcement purposely.

He was replying to questions at the House of Representatives cabinet committee which met at 1:10 p.m.

Okazaki declared the Government was not in a position to reveal in concrete terms where the border line for the depurge was.

Members of the proposed committee to investigate individual depurgees have neither been selected nor been approached, he said.

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No. 1

LABOR LEADERS TO BE
DEPURGED IN MID-JULY

(Morning Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 13 --- The Government is expected to clear the purged labor union leaders in mid-July, informed sources revealed this morning.

According to them, the Government shortly will consult the Prime Minister's ordinances-review committee to set the framework for such clearance.

Cases of the purged labor union leaders will be examined individually, the informants said.

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No. 14

DEPURGE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE
CARRIED OVER UNTIL NEXT WEEK (Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 12.---The depurge announcement may be carried over until next week, according to political observers with the announcement expected today virtually off.

Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida and Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki last night decided not to refer the two draft plans to today's Cabinet meeting as scheduled. The plans form the basis for the execution of the mass depurge.

One of the plans is revision of the purge ordinance and the other calls for creation of a re-screening council on the purge.

The two draft plans will likely be presented to a Cabinet meeting Friday.

The Government intends to announce the mass depurge after referring the plan to the Advisory committee for reviewing SCAP-sponsored ordinances.

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Not only would the Government be unable to prepare depurge plans in time for today's meeting of the committee but also for the committee's fifth session Thursday.

Unless there is a committee meeting Friday and Saturday, the Government would not be able to announce the mass depurge within this week. It looks like the depurge announcement would be carried over next week.

A delay in the depurge announcement will likely put off the liberation of purged professors and teachers until sometime between June 20 and 25. Action on them has been timed for this weekend.

Education Minister Teiyu Amano last Thursday talked with Lt. Col. J.P. Napier, deputy chief of SCAP's Government Section, on the depurge issue of teachers.

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Depurge 3

Criteria for freeing purged teachers, professors and educational officials have already been drafted by the Government.

The list of the purgees has been compiled for presentation to today's meeting of the Advisory committee. According to the list, the purgees total 5,631, of whom 871 will be handled by the Education Ministry and the rest by prefectural governments.

The purgees come under any one of the 12 clauses of the purge ordinance. Those falling under Clauses 1, 8 and 12, all requiring individual re-screening, constitute the bulk of the purgees.

Clause 1 includes advocates of militarism, totalitarianism, ultra-nationalism, or oppressors of liberals, anti-militarists or religious persons (1,091).

Clause 8 comprises former professional soldiers (3,581). Clause 12 includes former officers of those organs ordered dissolved under the Organizations Control ordinance (168).

Those falling under other clauses will be freed automatically by merely rescinding these clauses in the event decision is taken for their freedom.

Notables falling under Clause 1 include Dr. Chuzo Iwata, ex-Justice Minister, Dr. Hideji Yagi, ex-president of Osaka university, Dr. Nobumi Ito, ex-president of the Board of Information of the wartime Cabinet, and Mrs. Yayoi Yoshioka, founder of Tokyo Women's Medical college.

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MORNING:

DEPURGE ANNOUNCEMENT TO
BE DELAYED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 11. - There were increasing signs Monday that the last of a series of depurge announcements is likely to be delayed considerably from the date as originally contemplated by the Government.

Observers have been of the opinion that the announcement would be made within a few days or at the latest by the end of this month.

The indications Monday were that the announcement is likely to be delayed until the early part of July.

The hitch has occurred, it was pointed out, in view of the Government's last-minute interpretation of the purge memorandum based on the directive of the Far Eastern Commission which does not permit mass depurge at one time.

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Persons whose cases have to be reviewed individually number only about 300 including the socalled "memorandum cases" but their invididual examination will take about one month so that their clearance will not be announced before some time early in July, it was said.

Other persons on the list, may be removed by stages by the end of this month, however, it was also reported.

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No. 10

NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPURGE TOMORROW, SAYS OKAZAKI (Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 11...Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki annouced further delay in the announcement of the depurge generally expected tomorrow.

The Government spokesman told the press this morning that the Ordinances-Review advisory committee will not take up the issue of mass depurge at its meeting tomorrow and that heme there will be no announcement thereon tomorrow.

Oakzaki revealed that the committee will study SCAP-sponsored economic and labor ordinames and regulations tomorrow.

According to Okazaki, the Government is determined to set the framework of depurge instead of giving the names of individual depurgees.

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The Government first will fix the new framework of depurge and then show it to the committee for approval, Oakzaki continued.

Whether the Cabinet tomorrow will decide the establishment of a new council designed to revise the purge ordinances and review individual cases is not known, he said.

Establishment of the council is likely to be decided after the Government has selected its members.

Okazaki added, however, the Government may issue an administrative order for the new council even before its members are selected.

But it will be done in consultation with Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, Okazaki concluded.

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No. 14

BAN ON PURGEE'S RELATIVES TO TAKE PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE LIFTED (Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 9---The Government has decided to abolish the ban shortly which prohibits family members or relatives of those purged from assuming public offices or important private positions, quarters close to the government said.

Abolition of the ban will affect persons up to third degree of relationship, both blood and by marriage, with the purged.

The Government will also ease the ban barring violators of the Purge ordinance from taking public office or from running in elections for public posts.

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This will be effected by rescinding Article 10 and Clause 2 and 3 of Article 16 of the Purge ordinance. A GHQ understanding reportedly has been virtually obtained on the changes.

Article 10 prohibits next of kin up to the third degree of purgees or their spouses from holding public office, from which the purgees resigned, for 10 years. Neither can they exercise the controling power the purgees held.

Opinions have become stronger for the abolition of this article on the ground that it extends punishment to the relatives, whereas even capital punishment in criminal law does not affect relatives of the criminal.

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The Government quarter said the doing away of this article would not hamper democratization of Japan, because in the case of Zaibatsu concerns the purpose of eliminating the control of Zaibatsu families may be attained fully under the Excess Economic Power Deconcentration law.

Rather, they said, the abolition would help to get rid of the Japanese people's mind of the feudalistic way of thinking about family.

Clause 2 and 3 of Article 16 provide that those who were found guilty of violating the Purge ordinance, irrespective of purgees or not, cannot assume public office again nor can they run in elections for public offices.

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If the ruling should be rescinded, the purgees, who were sentenced to penal servitude for violation of the Purge ordinance, would become able to assume public office or run for public office elections again after they are depurged and after their terms have expired.

Suspected violators of the Purge ordinance would become able to take public posts pending the court decision on them.

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DEPURGE OF EDUCATORS
EXPECTED AROUND JUNE 15 (Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 9---The Government expects to announce the concrete formula for the depurge of educational personnel Monday or Tuesday and the first depurge list around June 15, informed circles said today.

It is understood that the Government intends to release as many persons as possible as in the case of the forthcoming political depurge.

Militarists, career soldiers and other persons regarded unworthy of educational work are said excluded from the roster.

The depurge of educational personnel is requiring more careful study than that of political figures because the former group has been purged on an individual basis, information said.

The political purge has been conducted according to definite categories from A to F.

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AGREEMENT REACHED WITH
GHQ REGARDING PURGE

(Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 9---Agreement was reached between the Government and GHQ today on concrete measures to liberate those on the purge list.

According to the agreement, two "Potsdam" ordinances will be proclaimed, one authorizing the Prime Minister to liberate purgees erroneously or unfairly designated as such and the other to set up a council to examine purgee cases individually for liberation.

The ordinances will be proclaimed June 12.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki said selection of members of the contemplated council will be made upon the return here of Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida from Kansai. He added the members will be appointed from among civilians.

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Nothing definite has been decided yet regarding the council's authority and other details, he said.

The inspection section of the Prime Minister's Board will act as the council's secretariat, he said.

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GOVT TO DECIDE
ON ORDINANCES

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 9. - The Government will be able to decide on two ordinances necessary for the clearance of purgees on June 12 at the earliest, it was learned today.

TheGovernment which had been negotiating with SCAP authorities on the writing of two ordinances necessary for the enforcement of wholesale depurge in the near future recently obtained SCAP approval in this connection.

One ordinance, sources close to the Cabinet indicated this afternoon, would grant the Premier of Japan the authority for clearance of purgees on the basis of recommendations and advice to be made to the Premier by the Ordinance Review Committee.

Another would enable the Government to set up a special committee which will be charged with the task of examining borderline

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purgees cases such as the so-called memorandum cases including Ichiro Hatoyama, former president of the Liberal Party, and some G Clause purgees.

This special committee, the same sources said, will be totally independent of the Ordinance Review Committee which is to be manned by non-Government personnel numbering five or seven.

Those who will serve on this committee are being selected by the Government.

It is understood that this committee will be set in motion upon announcement by the Government of depurge standards which will be fixed by the Premier himself.

Borderline purgee cases are those who stand between permanent purgees such as Admiral Shigetaro Shimada of the ex-Japanese Navy, and Koichi Kido, former Imperial Household Minister and those who are to be cleared automatically through application of the depurge standards, the sources said

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SOCIALIST LEADER
MAY BE CLEARED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 8---Jiichiro Matsumoto, former president of the Upper House and a leader of the Japan Socialist Party, may be clared in the forthcoming wholesale depurge, it was learned Friday.

Chairman Mosaburo Suzuki of the Japan Socialist Party Friday afternoon called on Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki at the official residence of the Premier to request the latter to make efforts for early depurge of the ex-Upper House president.

Observers indicated in this connection that the purged leader of the Japan Socialist Party might find himself on the list of depurgees expected to be announced by the Government soon, possibly next week.

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GOV'T SAID STUDYING
SCOPE OF DEPURGE

Kyodo (Evening Edition)

TOKYO, June 8 --- The principal reason delaying the wholesale depurge was reported to be the Government taking more time to study releasing as many persons as possible while respecting the purge framework laid out by the Far Eastern Commission.

Informed circles said the Government is wary of an early depurge announcement narrowing the depurge criterion which otherwise might be enlarged through careful interpretation of the FEC directives.

This reasoning underlias the delay of the depurge announcement expected first June 7 and now postponed to June 12 or later.

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Playing a principal role in the Government's study is said to be Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki, according to the informants.

He is reported to have persuaded the ordinance reviewing committee to comply with the Government's stand.

A typical point now being studied by the Government is whether the FEC purge framework on the "influential" elements of the wartime Imperial Rule Assistance Association should be interpreted as including standing directors but excluding an ordinary executive.

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DEPURGE OF THREE EX-SOCIALISTS ASKED

(Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 8 --- Chairman Mosaburo Suzuki of the Japan Socialist party asked Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki today to depurge Jiichiro Matsumoto, Jotaro Kawakami and Mitsu Kono, former leaders of the party.

The Chief Cabinet Secretary replied that the Government was studying the depurge question with sincerity.

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ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO MEET JUNE 12

(Morning Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 8 --- The Ordinance Review Advisory committee will meet for the fourth session June 12.

If the Government completed mapping out a draft depurge plan by then, the committee would study it, but otherwise it is sheduled to review economic and labor ordinances.

The chances are held slim, however, that the Government maps out a plan by June 12, according to informed circles.

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SPEEDY CLEARING
OF PURGEES

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 7---SCAP is of the opinion that as many purgees as possible should be cleared as soon as practicable, according to the members of the Ordinances Review Committee who this morning conferred with Chief Frank Nasso of the Government Section on depurge and other questions, it was learned.

The conference lasted about one and a half hours.

After the meeting Yasusaburo Hara, Tokutaro Kimura, Dr. Ichiro Nahayama, and Kenzo Obama, who had called on the chief of the Government Section, indicated to the press that the meeting convinced them of the SCAP intention that as many purgees as possible should be cleared as soon as practicable.

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The O.R.C. they said, would accelerate its efforts along the line as revealed by the G.S. Chief.

They also intimated that SCAP authorities indicated that they would be ready to give every assistance to the O.R.C. in reviewing Occupation ordinances and decrees and the questions of depurge and administrative reform, and drawing conclusions on these questions.

The clearance of those banned from educational posts would not be so easy as that of ordinary purgees banned from public office, however, they hinted.

These four members of the O.R.C. it was learned, meanwhile, were to attend the fourth sitting to be held at the official residence of the Premier this afternoon.

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In this connection well-informed sources said that the committee might be able to set the standards for clearance at least at this afternoon's session, contrary to earlier signs.

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REVIEW COMMITTEE FAILS REACH
CONCLUSION ON DEPURGE MEASURE

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 7. - The Ordinances Review Committee Thursday again failed to reach conclusion on the practical measures to be taken for the clearance of purgees, it was learned.

The fourth sitting of the O.R.C. was held Thursday afternoon at the Premier's official residence.

In view of the importance of the session Professor Jiro Tanaka at Tokyo University who was recently appointed to serve on the committee in lieu of Member Tamon Tanaka as well as Attorney-General Takeo Ohashi, Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki and Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimaru Kanno attended the meeting.

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TOMABECHI SPEAKS ON
RETURN OF DEPURGEES

JIJI PRESS

OSAKA, June 7. - Return of political depurgees to the National Democratic Party will bolster the "hitting power" of the party although it will only serve to bring confusion in the Liberal Party's political camp, Chairman Gizo Tomabechi of the party's Supreme Committee told a press conference here Thursday.

Touching on the coalition controversy in the National Democratic Party, Chairman Tomabechi said that Secretary General Takeo Miki and Chairman Saburo Chiba of the Political Affairs Research Committee are holding a conference with the three coalitionist Councillors—Heitaro Inagaki, Kamejiro Hayashiya and Seiichi Kadoya—either Thursday or Friday for a showdown.

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If the coalitionists refuse to drop their move toward coalition with the Liberal camp, they may be recommended to leave the National Democratic Party. The party, Tomabechi said, will not take such drastic action as expulsion of these men from the party.

It is necessary that the Government hold a general election before the conclusion of the Japanese peace treaty but the difficulty in this lies in when it ought to be held, Chairman Tomabechi said.

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ORDINANCE REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS (Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 7---The Ordinance Review Advisory committee held its third meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Out of the seven members, two were absent. The meeting closed at 4:30 p.m.

Ritoku Obama and two other members reported on their earlier conference with Frank Rizzo, chief of the Government Section, GHQ.

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No. 2

ADVISORY UNIT MEMBER SAYS
MASS DEPURGE POSSIBLE (Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 7---Ritoku Obama of the Prime Minister's Advisory committee for review of the "Potsdam" ordinances said today immediate and large-scale liberation of purgees will be possible.

Obama and two other committee members conferred with Frank Rizzo, chief of the Government Section, GHQ on the depurge issue this morning.

He said he was convinced even more as a result of the conference of the policy decided by the committee.

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FIRST BATCH OF DEPURGEES
EXPECTED THURSDAY (Sunday Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 3---Around 30,000 purgees designated by the Prime Minister are expected to be cleared by the first of a series of depurge announcements to be made by the Government Thursday.

The Government reportedly believes that it will be authorized to liberate a total of around 168,000 purgees under a depurge plan submitted to GHQ last Friday. All of them are expected to be allowed to return to public life by June 15 at the latest.

Through the latest talk on the issue between the Government and GHQ, it has become clear that the following will be included in the list of depurgees: (Parentheses show total numbers of purgees.)

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A total of 89,500 (111,124) professional army and navy officers, civil workers of the "chokunin" rank gendarmes and members of the military intelligence service defined under Paragraph B.

Those coming under Paragraph C--members of ultra-nationalistic, terrorist or secret patriotic organizations totaling 2,100 (2,976).

Those designated by Paragraph D--totaling 31,200 (31,346). They will include members of the Imperial Rule Assistance association, Imperial Rule Assistance Political association and Greater Japan Political association.

Executives of financial and development organs membering 250 (310) stationed abroad during the Pacific war. They come under Paragraph E.

Twenty (31) administrative chiefs for the overseas areas under Japan's occupation during the war defined by Paragraph F.

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A total of 45,047 (45,283) purgees under Paragraph G. They include 380 "recommended" Diet members and 320 members of special thought police.

Meanwhile, the depurgee of about 66,000 chiefs of local sub-divisions of IRAA, IRAPA and GJPA and executives of local ex-servicemen's associations whose depurge has been left to the discretion of governors will be taken up at a meeting of prefectural local section chiefs at the Prime Minister's residence June 11.

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DEPURGE 'THEORETICALLY' POSSIBLE
WITHOUT ORDINANCE REVISION

Kyodo (Evening Edition)

TOKYO, June 1 --- Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki said today that the contemplated depurge will be "theoretically" possible without any revision of the "Potsdam" ordinances.

"In other words" the Chief Cabinet Secretary continued, the Cabinet can free the purges through "a widened interpretation of the purge memorandum."

The Chief Cabinet Secretary revealed that the Cabinet is contemplating making public a depurge policy as soon as it reaches a conclusion on the issue.

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No. 12

170,000 PURGEES INCLUDING "MEMORANDUM CASES" EXPECTED TO BE FREED IN JUNE

(Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, May 31---Some 170,000 purgees including those in the "memorandum cases" are expected to be liberated during June, according to quarters close to the Government.

They expect that the names of the depurgees to be freed will be announced in three different states from the beginning of June to the end of the month. The announcement will depend on the progress of procedures.

The expected mass depurge will likely exclude those under Clause A (war criminals and suspects), Clause B(former generals and admirals) and Clause C (extreme militarists and ultra-nationalists).

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In carrying out the mass depurge, these quarters anticipate the Government will revise the annexed lists of the purge ordinance to liberate the purgees in certain categories as a whole, instead of individually.

They expect a second mass depurge around the time of concluding a peace treaty for those excluded from the first mass depurge and the border-line cases. There is a possibility that the purgees may be given a chance to ask for re-screening of their cases.

As for the "memorandum cases" totalling some 70 persons, Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida is said intending to liberate all during June except for some 20, whose depurge is regarded as considerably difficult.

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URGE ISSUE DETAIL NOT
ETERMINED YET

(Evening Edition)

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TOKYO, May 25 --- Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimaru Kanno said today that the time and scope of the contemplated liberation of purgees have not been determined yet.

In reply to an interpellation at the Lower House foreign affairs committee, Kanno said that the Government was authorized through SCAP's Constitution day statement to review "Potsdam" ordinances.

Kanno stressed that the authority to revise the ordinances is still in the hands of GHQ, however.

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TOMABECHI, YOSHIDA
TO CONFER ON DEPURGE

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, May 17---Chairman Gizo Tomabechi of the Supreme Committee of the National Democratic Party will meet Premier Shigeru Yoshida Friday morning in order to confer with him on the depurge question, it was learned Thursday.

Acting on the unanimous decision reached at a meeting of the Democratic hierarchy here Wednesday, Chairman Tomabechi the same day sought an interview with the Premier at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Premier promised to see Chairman Tomabechi Friday morning after a Cabinet session, it was further learned.

Sources close to the National Democratic Party indicated Thursday that Chairman Tomabechi will ask the Premier to free as many purgees as possible including "memorandum cases."

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL SPEAKS
ON FERRING OF PURGEES

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, May 16. - Attorney-General Takeo Ohashi told the Lower House Wednesday that the depurge of those who are banned from public office under purge directives will not be considered on individual basis.

This he said in reply to an interpellation by Chairman Mitsuo Yamate of the Lower House Administrative Committee Wednesday afternoon.

The Government, he said, has not yet come to conclusion on when and how to free purgees.

Attorney-General added in this connection that since purgees will be freed on a group basis, no individual petitions and requests to examine cases individually would be of any use.

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NO CONCLUSION REACHED ON DEPURGE ISSUE——OHASHI (Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, May 16——Attorney General Takeo Ohashi said today no conclusion has been reached on the depurge problem now being studied by the Government.

He was replying to Mitsuo Yamate, Mie Democrat, before the Lower House Local Administrative committee.

If the depurge is carried out in the form of abolition of certain purge frameworks, Ohashi said, no individual application for depurge would be necessary and the purge would be lifted automatically.

Ohashi revealed that the Government also will carefully examine another question of granting amnesty after the peace settlement upon those who have violated the purge directive and the Anti-Monopoly law. ——ooo——

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No.16

170,000 MAY BE DEPURGED
DURING JUNE

(Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, May 15---Some 170,000 purgees, or nearly 90 per cent of the total, may be freed during June, according to Government sources.

The Government plan for an early depurge was backed up by the Advisory committee at its first meeting last night.

The Government is reported planning to take depurge procedures step by step, as recommended by the committee.

First, the Government is said to rescind some provisions of the purge ordinance so that those falling under the provisions may be automatically depurged.

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If the Government consultations with GHQ progresses smoothly, some 170,000 purgees are expected to go free during next month.

Details of the depurge as contemplated by the Government are:

1. Clause A cases (war criminals and war crimes suspects) and Clause C (influential leaders of ultranationalistic and terroristic organs) will remain purged in principle, unless specific counter-evidence should be established. The purged extreme leftists will be dealt with similarly.

2. Clause B cases (professional army and naval officers), excepting high-ranking brass, will be depurged. Military police and special service personnel will be included in the depurge plan. However, some will be excluded depending on

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rank, type of work and duration of services. Clause B depurgees are expected to amount to some 95,000.

3. Clause D cases (principal officers of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, Imperial Rule Assistance Political Association, the Greater Japan Political Association and other similar organs), Clause E (officers of financial and development organs concerned with expansion of Japan) and Clause F (civil administrators of the occupied areas and others) will be liberated, except for highest responsible persons such as governors. The depurgees ~~in~~ are estimated to number 31,000.

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