NOTING

HEADS FOR SIX POWER
COMPANIES SELECTED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, Feb. 10 - Presidents of six of the nine power companies to be established anew in the country following the reorganization of the power industry have been tentatively decided.

This was revealed following a meeting between President Juzo Kosaka of the Japan Electric Power Generation and Transmission Company and Premier Shigeru Yoshida Saturday.

President Kosaka reported to Premier Yoshida on the progress of the reorganization program, and sought the latter's opinion on the selection of those who will head the new power supply companies, it was learned.

The Premier said that the matter should be settled between President Kosaka and the Public Utilities Commission.

Those who have tentatively been named presidents of six power companies are:

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2. Mr. Riley
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Tohoku Power Company

Sangoro Uchigasaki, president of the Tohoku Power Supply Co.

Chubu (Central Japan) Power Company

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Hokuriku Power Company

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Kansai Power Company

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Electric Power Generation and Transmission Company, and Ataru Kobayashi, president of the Fukoku Life Insurance Company.

They also said that Osamu Fujinami, former vice president of the Kanto Power Supply Company may be picked as president of the Hokkaido Power Company, and that either one of the two - Tokujiro Sato, president of the Kyushu Power Supply Co. and Koji Murakami, former president of the Kyushu Hydroelectric Co. may be made head of the Kyushu Power Company.

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End Morning Edition

Sunday, February 11, 1951

Evening

WOMEN CIVIC LEADERS TO
MAKE U.S. INSPECTION

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, Feb. 10. - Six Japanese women civic leaders and farm reformers will shortly visit the United States in order to see with their own eyes the life of American women in farming communities and of the low income groups, it was learned.

The party will leave Haneda airport here for the U.S. on February 12 on a three-month inspection trip.

Selected members of the party are:

Sumiko Tanaka, chief of the women's section of the Labor Ministry; Yoshiko Uo, director of the Toyama Office, Women's and Juvenile Bureau, Labor Ministry; Sumiko Koriki, director of the Social Education Section, Osaka Prefectural Education Board; Chiyo Takahashi of the Kanagawa

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Prefectural Federation of Farm Cooperative Union Directors; Shimeno Murata, of the Farming Improvement Section, Kagoshima Prefectural Government; and Shinobu Momotake, of the Farming Improvement Section, Ibaragi Prefectural Government.

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Write-ups

No.17

3 DEPURGEES CONFER
WITH DEMOCRATS

(Noon Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, December 2.---Three depurgees formerly affiliated with the prewar Minseito Party yesterday afternoon conferred with the Democratic Diet members who were at one time connected with the defunct People's Cooperative Party.

The depurgees were Yadanji Nakajima, Taneo Miyazawa and ~~Fumiya~~ Koizumi and the Democrats were Sakaye Kinoshita, Chairman of the party's Political Affairs Research Committee, and Yutaro Takeyama.

Meanwhile, the Democrats at a general meeting of their Diet members yesterday afternoon heard Secretary General Saburo Chiba

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explain the progress of the work for creating a new party by cooperating with the recently-depurged politicians formerly affiliated with the Minseito Party.

According to Chiba, the Democratic Party is intending to call upon the depurgees formerly affiliated with other parties, and to make the new party plan formal after much stronger prospects appear on the horizon.

At the meeting, voices were also raised for filling of the vacant president's post, but concrete discussions on this issue have been postponed until the next general meeting of the Democratic Diet members.

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Appointments

File
Maritime Safety Bd

FOLLOW

MARITIME BOARD
APPOINTMENTS MADE

JAPAN PRESS

TOKYO, August 4 - Appointment of a total of 35 officials of the sectional chief level at the nation headquarters and 49 officials of the deputy chief and department chief class at regional stations, of the Maritime Safety Board, was announced Friday.

Installation of these new executives was carried out in accordance with the results of the recent high civil service examinations, it was said.

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FIRST RECRUITMENT
OF MARITIME OFFICIALS

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, July 25. - The National Maritime Safety Board is expected to announce the first public recruitment of 1,200 maritime safety officials under the SCAP directive to increase the maritime safety strength by 3,000 during the middle of August.

The first recruitment will be restricted, it is understood, to chiefly persons who will be employed as officers and who hold A-class licenses. These men will be picked up from among those recommended by the Japan Shipowners Association and the Japan Seamen's Union.

Petty officers will be recruited by local maritime safety boards throughout the country.

The recruited men will be employed to supplement personnel now engaged in patrol

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duties and to man 20 boats now in mothballs and in orientation of maritime safety officials, it was said.

Most of the extra 8,000 men will be used in patrol duties and rescue work on high seas and priority will be given in employment to those who are presently engaged in seagoing activities, it was further said.

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ONLY ONE VICTIM
IN LATEST SCREENING

JIJI PRESS

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TOKYO, July 7. - All but one of the 1,355 persons screened during the period from June 1 to June 30 have been found qualified for public office.

The announcement was made by the Investigation Division of the Premier's Office in the Official Gazette of today's date.

The one disqualified person is an ex-Military Police private who asked for a clerical post in the Premier's Office.

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This is the correct story, rather than the garbled account by Kyodo.

No.4

ONE OF 1355 REPURGED
IN JUNE

(Evening Ed.)

Kyodo

TOKYO, July 7--The Government announced today that the Public Officials Qualifications Appeals commission has decided to purge only one of the 1,355 persons who applied for re-examination of their purge cases in June.

The announcement was made in an extra of the Official Gazette on issue today.

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RETRACTION

NIPPON TIMES

9 July 1949

Incorrect Report

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NIPPON TIMES

10 July 1949

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Purge

Morning

CLERK OF SUPREME COURT ISSUES
STATEMENT ON COMMUNIST SUIT

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 17. - The Japanese courts have no jurisdictionary rights on such cases as involving the SCAP order purging undesirable persons from public offices, Kiichi Homma, a clerk of the Supreme Court declared in a statement Saturday.

Clerk Homma was referring to the suit Friday filed by Eiichi Iwata of the Communist Party of Japan which demanded the countermanding of the SCAP order purging all members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

Regarding the administrative measures on the purge of persons from public offices, he explained, Brigadier General Courtney Whitney, Chief of the Government Section, GHQ, SCAP, in a letter dated February 4, 1948 to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court stated that on the

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removal of undesirable persons from public offices the Premier of Japan is directly responsible to the Chief Justice for all measures which the Premier should take in accordance with SCAP directives.

The letter also pointed out, according to Clerk Homma, that consequently Japanese courts have no jurisdictionary rights on procedures regarding the enforcement of the SCAP directives removing or purging such undesirable persons from public offices.

As was clearly shown in the letter Japanese courts cannot do anything with such a suit as filed by the Communist Party on Frid ay, he declared.

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No. 7

NO JAPANESE ORGANS AUTHORIZED
TO JUDGE PURGE ISSUE: TANAKA

(Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, June 16---No Japanese organs are authorized to judge or rectify such "administrative action as purge," Haruhiko Tanaka, chief of the Civil Affairs Bureau of the Attorney General's Office, said this afternoon.

He was referring to the Tokyo District Court's refusal of accepting the Communist party's appeal on the recent purge of 41 Communist leaders.

Tanaka pointed out the recent purge designation was made to the specified individuals. Thus particular "administrative action" by the Government is different from the ordinary one, just as in the case of ex-Agriculture and Forestry Minister Rikizo Hirano, he explained.

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In other words, the Prime Minister is directly responsible for the Government action in relation to SCAP who holds the right of supervision and rectification, he added.

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No. 6

HER MAJESTY'S DRESS
DERATED BY TOKYO PAPER

(Evening Edition)

Kyodo

OSAKA, May 27---Another "domecratic" problem is now facing Japan's tradition-bound Imperial Household--how should Her Majesty the Empress dress when she appears in democratic society?

Should she continue to wear the "kimono" and "hakama" (pleated skirt), or should she go Occidental and don something like a "cotte de cour"?

A Tokyo paper vernacular "The Nichi-Nichi" reported today the big problem confronting the Imperial Household with the headlines"Onehundred Opinions coming up on how Her Majesty should be dressed" and "Will she dress after the Empress of England."

As was shown in the picture accompanying the article in the paper (the Empress shaking hands with a U. S. WAC), Her Majesty appears before the public, always draped in an old-fashined "kimono and hakama" whether it may be before foreigners or Japanese.

Her Majesty's 2

Small-voiced critics whisper that Her Majesty's current style was adopted during the war.

Before the war, the article recollected, Her Majesty appeared before the public . . wearing one of three Occidental styles.

According to the now-defunct Imperial Regulations, the article said that she had appeared in a "cotte de cour" for formal events.

For minor events, she dorned a "robe decorte" or a "robe montante", the article said.

However, when the new constitution was promulgated after the end of the war, the Imperial regulations automatically became invalid, the article explained.

Therefore, Her Majesty kept on wearing the "kimono and hakama" style which was substituted for the "robe montante" in the third year of the war.

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Her Majesty's3

This wartime substitution indicates why Her Majesty's kimono roughly resembles the "monpe" which became popular among the wartime housewives because of freedom of activity.

Her Majesty the Empress seams to have been no exception from this case.

Her Majesty is said to have made her "monpe" style kimono with some old materials by herself.

Some Japanese, ardently support Her Majesty's present "monpe" style, on grounds that it is a milestone in her attempt to become democratized.

If the "monpe" is to be dropped from the ranks of royal costumes", should the new costume be Western-style or Japanese-style?

The article said that various circles are overwhelmingly supporting the Western-style.

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They say that, since Her Majesty is the feminine symbol of the country, she would probably have occasions to wear medals of honors.

It would be rather awkward they explain, if she should appear before foreign diplomats in kimono, wearing medals.

However, these critics have no definite ideas on what kind of styles should be adopted for the royal costumes.

Nobody seems to be bold enough to recommend a "new look", while, on the other hand, nobody would like to have their "symbol" appear in an "1900 look".

Therefore, the middle-of-the-road critics assert that the new royal costume should be patterned under the favorite motto of the Queen of England, "Some old, some new."

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Her Majesty's 5

This idea may be reasonable, since the Imperial Household is said to be the counterpart of England's Royal Family.

The article concluded the story by quoting the words of an Imperial Household official who said; "I hope I could get in touch with the designer working for the British Royal Family."

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1,700 PERSONS DISQUALIFIED
BY SCREENING COMMITTEE (Morning)

KYODO

TOKYO, April 8.---The Prime Minister's Board announced yesterday that 1,700 persons were disqualified from public posts as a result of the one-month examination from March 1 to 31 by the Public Post Qualification Examination Committee.

The announcement added that 3,485 persons passed the screening..

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1,170 DISQUALIFIED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, April 7 - A total of 1,170 persons were disqualified for public office by the Screening Committee of the Premier's Office during the month of March, it was announced on Friday.

Of the total of 4,655 persons whose records were reviewed by the committee, 3,380 were qualified for public office, the announcement said.

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BULLETIN

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE ORDERS
DISSOLUTION OF THREE ORGANIZATIONS (Noon Ed.)

Kyodo

TOKYO, March 25--The Special Examination Bureau of the Attorney-General's Office ordered today the dissolution of three organizations of a violent nature and banned the chief officers of these bodies from public office.

The three organizations affected by this order, issued on the basis of Article Four of the Organizations Control Ordinance are the Takatora Gumi of the city of Choshi, the Yanagi Ikka of Asahigawa and Fushin Ikka of the town of Seki in Gifu Prefecture.

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Attorney-General's Office --2 (Noon Ed.)

The Takatora Gumi of Choshi, a gang of gamblers, was organized around 1929, with Toramatsu Takahashi as "oya bun" and a membership of roughly 20 "kobun".

The gang is credited with numerous cases of battery and assault, violence, and intimidation and in connivance with political influences had become a so-called "political boss" existence, intervening in election campaigns.

In this way, this feudalistic terrorist gang had hindered the editing of newspapers, the gathering of news and obstruction in labor disputes, or had exerted an evil influence on the entire, economic, social and political life of the citizens of Choshi.

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The Yanagi Ikka, an offshoot of the Chojiya Ikka of Kanto was formed in 1939 in Asahigawa in Hokkaido. With Tetsu Yanagi as the gang leader, the organization boasted of roughly 800 "kobun".

The organization operated over the entire prefecture of Hokkaido, maintaining chess and other gambling establishments on the streets, and by mobilizing the unsavory element of the streets had maintained a regime of violence, intimadation and battery and assault.

Some of the "kobun" had even committee murder individually, in addit on to the mass violence of the organization which had contionously disturbed public peace.

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The Fukushin Ikka of the town of Seki in Takeyoshi County in Gifu Prefecture was formed in March 1946 with Shinichi Fukuda as the gang leader.

With a membership of around 20 "kobun", this feudalistic organization was engaged in gambling operations under the camouflage of an organ guiding the youth of the town.

Fukuda was elected a member of municipal assembly in 1947 and was appointed a director of the local Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Taking advantage of this position. Fukuda had expanded his influence and by utilizing his "kobun" had committed crimes of intimidation and violence.

The gang served to disturb public peace by harming innocent citizens of the town.

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BULLETIN

3 TERRORISTIC ORGANIZATIONS
ORDERED DISSOLVED

(Noon)

Kyodo

TOKYO, March 25—The Special Examination Bureau of the Attorney General's Office this morning issued a statement expressing an unflinching determination to continue the roundup of any terroristic and feudalistic organizations in the country.

The statement was issued simultaneously with the bureau's announcement that three terroristic organizations have been ordered dissolved.

According to the statement, the three designated organizations engaged not only

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Terrirostic organizations-2 (Noon)

in terroristic activities but also in disturbing peace and order and damaging political, economic and social life, in various parts of the country.

The statement added that the organizations so far ordered disbanded numbered 27.

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PURGE QUESTION DISCUSSED
AT LOWER HOUSE MEETING

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, March. 1. - Attorney-General Shunkichi Ueda told the Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee today that Premier Shigeru Yoshida was understood to have repeatedly petitioned quarters concerned for narrowing the purge framework as much as possible.

He was replying to a question posed by Yoshio Namiki, Democrat, on purge questions.

The Attorney-General revealed that the Appeals Committee has so far received some 30,000 applications for review from the purgees of which some 15,000 were reviewed, although not a single case was finalized as yet.

Of these purgees, he explained, some were compeled to assume responsibilities as head of town or village or appointed local or chapter chief of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association,

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or of the ex-servicemen's association by civil or military authorities before and during the war, and others held these positions for very brief periods.

Attorney-General Ueda said that these persons are different from those who have offered their volunteer services to the military, and accordingly they should not be measured by the same yard-stick.

He also expressed the hope that quarters concerned will cross out as many names as possible now on the list of purgees.

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War Crimes

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AFTERNOON

LIST OF PURGEES
ANNOUNCED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, Feb 7 - Masao Nishida and Gotaro Yamazaki both war criminals and former chancellors of the Foreign Office and Takenori Ujiie, colonel of the now-defunct Japanese Imperial Army were on the list of 70 purgees announced in an extra official gazette dated February 7.

According to the gazette, a total of 1,357 persons were screened from January 1 to 31 of the same month and 70 were found falling under the purge directives.

It was announced in the same gazette that the Government has provisionally designated as purgees a total of 1,143 persons including Masaaki Abe.

Most of these "provisional" purgees are ex-servicemen and civilians attached to the military who recently were repatriated.

Yoshizo Nagai and 43 others war criminal suspects who were released at the end of last year were officially designated as purgees by the Government, the same gazette reported today.

The step was taken, it explained, as none of them who were provisionally designated as purgees upon their release filed objections with the Government against the provisional designation within the fixed period of 30 days during which period they may enter objections.

The same gazette further reported that ex-Army lieutenant Asao Otsubo and four others [illegible] been cleared in the previous screening were [illegible] designated as purgees.

At the same time Omaro ~~Takeda~~ Takeuchi, founder of a new Shinto sect, who was recently arrested on the charge of his sect's ultra-nationalistic activities was also designated as purgee, according to the gazette.

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AFTERNOON

KOREANS NOT TO HAVE
SAME STATUS AS ALIENS

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, Jan. 7--Koreans resident in Japan will not be accorded the same status given to aliens, according to a Government decree adopted at the Cabinet session this morning.

Entitled the "definition of aliens under the Government decree relative to business activities of foreigners in Japan," the new measure stipulates that Formosans in Japan will be treated as aliens for an unfixed period of time.

The new decree provides that all Koreans resident in Japan since September 2 1945 will not be treated as foreign nationals.

Their status will be decided after a peace treaty for Japan is concluded.

Formosans who have in possession certificates issued by the Chinese Mission in Japan do not come under the judicial administrative powers of Japan so that they will be treated as aliens while the Koreans will not be accorded the same status in view of the fact that they are under Japan's

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judicial powers and are receiving the same rations as ordinary Japanese citizens.

The number of Koreans resident in Japan to whom the new decree applies is estimated at approximately 620,000 although the actual number is understood to be about twice that figure.

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SATURDAY, January 7, 1950

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ALL BUT ONE PASS
IN LATEST SCREENING

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, Jan. 7. - All but one purge-screenee were given an O.K. for public offices as a result of the Government's purge screening during the month of last December.

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A total of 976 persons were screened during the month under review, and only one of them was disqualified, being a war criminal.

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EX-WAR CRIMES SUSPECT
DISQUALIFIED FOR PUBLIC OFFICE (EVENING)

Kyodo

TOKYO, January 7---Only one ex-war crimes suspect was disqualified for public office by the public official qualification during last month, according to the official gazette extra today.

A total of 976 persons applied for the examination during December last year. Among the qualified were four candidates for the coming Upper House election.

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Parliamentary Vice Ministers

EVENING

FOUR VICE MINISTER
CHOICES MADE

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, June 30---The Liberal Party at a meeting of its members elected to the House of Councillors today chose four candidates for the posts of parliamentary vice ministers in the newly-organized fourth Cabinet of Premier Shigeru Yoshida.

The four men recommended by the meeting included Yoshiomi Jo for Construction Parliamentary Vice Minister, Jingoro Nishikawa for Finance Parliamentary Vice Minister, Ryunai Kusaba for Education Parliamentary Vice Minister and Yuichi Kori for Local Administration Parliamentary Vice Minister.

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Supreme Court

MORNING(Wednesday) - 21 - t-21

DEMOCRATS OPPOSED TO APPOINTMENT
OF FUKUI OR UEDA AS CHIEF JUDGE

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, Feb. 21, 1950 - Leaders of the Democratic Party Tuesday afternoon decided to warn the Government not to appoint as Chief Judge of the Supreme Court either Procurator-General Seita Fukui or Attorney-General Shunkichi Ueda on the ground that those persons are "tainted with a political party complexion."

They decided that no other "party -complexion-ed" person should be made Chief Judge in view of the character of the important post.

The conferees included Supreme Chairman Gizo Tomabechi, Supreme Adviser Sadayoshi Hitotsumatsu, supreme Committeemen Tokutaro Kitamura and Wataru Narahashi and Secretary-General Saburo Chiba.

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MORNING (Wednesday)

Discussion of the new party issue which followed centered on the following two points:

1. Now that the New Political Council has virtually disintegrated due to the withdrawal of the People's Cooperatives, the Democrats should organize a new bargaining body centering around themselves, instead of seeking to create a new political party, or

2. A bargaining committee should be formed by the Democrats and People's Cooperatives aiming to merge the two parties speedily.

The conference was inclined to favor the second line of action, it was learned.

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Labor Ministry

No. 19

SCREENING OF LABOR
PURGEES EXPECTED (Evening Edition)

Kyodo

TOKYO, February 16 --- Screening of purged former labor leaders will be carried out by the Labor Ministry soon.

The Government decided at a Cabinet meeting today to form a special committee within the Labor Ministry which will examine eligible purgees.

A total of 21,195 persons are prohibited by a SCAP memorandum of December 1946 from holding leading positions in labor organizations because of their activities in wartime industrial and labor organizations.

The yardstick in conducting the screening will be:

1. Length of office.
2. Degree of activity.
3. Sequence leading to accepting the position.
4. Attendance record.

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5. Type of position held.

6. Attitude manifested.

Among those now purged are Tele-Communications Minister Bunkichi Tamura, Socialist leader Juso Miwa, President Aiichiro Fujiyama of the Nitto Chemical company and Managing Director Masaru Hayakawa of the Japan Coal Mine Operators league.

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NEW CHIEF JUSTICE
UNDECIDED YET.

(Morning)

Kyodo

TOKYO, February 6 1950----The new Chief Justice, who is to succeed the incumbent Tadahiko Mibuchi, has not been decided yet.

Mibuchi has to retire on March 2, when he reaches 70 years of age, under the age-limit law.

Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida is selecting condidates for the post with the advice of Attorney General Shunkichi Ueda.

No definite candidate has yet been chosen, however, in view of the importance of the role the Chief Justice is bound to play under the new constitution.

Among bar associations, opinions are strong that the new Chief Justice must have a career of a lawyer, while the Attorney General has remarked that he must first of all be a statesman rather than a lawyer.

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Chief Justice-2 (Morning)

Mentioned as candidates thus far are Tokujiro Kanamori, president of the Diet Library; Councillor Kotaro Tanaka, ex-Education Minister; Procurator General Seita Fukui; Takeshi Mano and Tadayoshi Tsukazaki, both Supreme Court Judges; Shinzo Koizumi, ex-president of Keio University; Yoshishige Abe, ex-Education Minister.

Tokujiro Kanamori is most strongly mentioned in view of his intimate relations with the Prime Minister so far.

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HOUSING SITUATION
TO BE CLEARED UP

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, Jan. 31. - The acute housing situation will be completely relieved four years from now, Construction Minister Kaneshichi Masuda said today.

In reply to a question by Shigeo Fujino, Ryokufukai, in the Upper House full-dress meeting, the Construction Minister said that during the past five years since the surrender a total of 2,600,000 houses and apartments have been built and that 3,000,000 more have to be constructed to settle the acute housing problem.

He predicted that the building program on an unprecedentedly large scale will be completed in four years and the housing situation in all major cities of the country devastated during the war will then be finally solved.

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Purge Background

Afternoon

DEPURGE EFFORTS
PROPOSAL MADE

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, Jan. 29. - The Liberal Party today placed a proporal before the National Democratic Party and the Social Democratic Party calling for joint action toward promotion of the depurge of political as well as financial purgees.

Chairman Hideji Masutani of the party's Executive Board and Secretary Eisaku Sato of the party called at the headquarters of two parties and presented the proposal envisaging that the three parties jointly petition Ambassador John Foster Dulles, special envoy of the United States President now in Japan, for further removal of political and financial purgees from the purge list.

As to the form in which the petition would be made, the Liberal Party is expected to consult with the two parties upon receipt of their replies to the Liberal proposal.

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APPEAL BOARD FOR PURGEES
TO BE SET UP SOON (Evening)

KYODO

TOKYO, January 25.---The establishment of the projected appeal board for re-examination of public office qualifications for the purgees appeared imminent.

Preparations for the organization of the board will be stepped up with the general election over.

The projected board will comprise about seven members. A secretariat composed of more than 20 Prime Minister's Board officials will be attached to the board.

The prospective members of the board ~~are believed to include:~~

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Appeal board for purgees 2 (Evening)

The prospective members of the board are believed to include:

Shinjiro Kitazawa, professor at Waseda University.

Toshio Kojima, lawyer.

Tetsuzo Watanabe, president of the Toho (motion picture and theatrical) Company.

Tadaichiro Tanimura, ex-Vice Justice Minister.

Kinichi Aoki, president of the Shinagawa White Brick Company.

Kaoru Tanaka, professor at Kobe University of Commerce.

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SELECTION OF TOP EXECUTIVES IS
A KNOTTY ISSUE AT DEMO. CONVENTION (NOON EDITION)

Kyodo

TOKYO, January 9---Selection of top-notch executives is expected to be a knotty issue at the convention of the People's Democratic party slated January 20.

The party situation is delicate and complicated because of different and conflicting views of the members.

The existence of many depurged politicians intending to join the party and the still pending Liberal-Democrat alignment issue have added to the complication.

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Selection 2

As for the problem of naming the party president, opinions are strong that it should be postponed. A similar view prevails concerning the supreme committee system. It feels that the system should be maintained for some time to come.

For the party secretary generalship, Takeo Miki, ex-head of the defunct People's Cooperative party, who just returned from his U.S. inspection trip, is regarded as the most probable nominee.

Among the candidates for the chairmanship of the political affairs research committee are Masuo Araki, vice chairman of the committee, secretary general Saburo Chiba and Takao Nishida.

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The chairmanship of the executive board is favored for the Democratic Councillors. Nishida is regered as an influential candidate.

Gizo Tomabechi, if he is reelected supreme committee chairman, is expected to head the projected electioneering committee for the coming local elections. He will kikely be assisted by Usaburo Chizaki and Taneo Miyazawa, both depurgees.

There is a move to recommend Yadanji Nakajima, a depurgee, as a supreme adviser to the political affairs research committee and Ryozo Hiranuma, another depurgee, as a supreme adviser to the party.

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FUKUSHIMA LIBERALS
PICK U.H. CANDIDATE

(Noon Edition)

Kyodo

FUKUSHIMA, January 9---The Fukushima prefectural chapter of the Liberal party yesterday decided to nominate Isao Matsudaira as candidate for the Upper House by-election in the prefecture scheduled for Feabuary 12.

Matsudaira is nephew of the late Upper House president Tsuneo Matsudaira. He will run against Socialist candidate Toshikatsu Tanaka, former Councillor.

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APPEAL SYSTEM FOR PURGEES
TO BE SET UP ANEW BY GOV'T

KYODO (Evening)

TOKYO, January 3.---In order to remedy certain glaring injustices in the purging of war time leaders, the Government will shortly re-establish an appeal system, such as represented by the former Appeal Board, with the creation of a so-called Public Office Qualification Readjudication Committee.

The plan had been under consideration by the present Yoshida Cabinet since its formation, and was made clear by Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida at a foreign press conference on December 27.

A blueprint plan for the resuscitation of the appeal system was recently completed by Attorney-General Shunkichi Uyeda and obtained the approval of the authorities concerned.

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It is understood the project will be brought up at the next Cabinet meeting for formal approval.

The details of the projected Committee are as follows;

1) The new organ will come under the direct control of the Prime Minister and will consist of no less than seven committeemen.

2) If investigations of deliberations are required with regard to particular questions, the Government shall appoint extraordinary committeemen, but these men shall not participate in making decisions by the Committee.

3) Members of the Committee will be appointed by the Cabinet and the head of the Committee will be elected by a vote of the committeemen.

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4) The quorum of the Committee members shall be more than five and decisions by the Committee shall be made by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the committee chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

5) The Committee can request the Prime Minister or Prefectural Governors who carried out purges to produce data or make explanations pertaining to purges made and to make purgees explain facts.

Proceedings of Appellants

1) Those who have been purged from public office but consider that their purge is a gross mistake, shall file with the Prime Minister an application for

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special immunity along with evidences within three months after the promulgation of a Cabinet decree concerning the revival of the projected appeal committee.

2) The Prime Minister, in case of such an application, can cancel the purge orders in accordance with the facts found by the planned committee.

3) If the purge order has been issued by prefectural governors or the Attorney-General, appeals shall be filed with the Prime Minister through the medium of prefectural governors or the Attorney-General.

4) When prefectural Governors or the Attorney-General receives such an appeal, they shall immediately send a questionaire filled by the purgee along with explanations to the Prime Minister.

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5) The Prime Minister shall promptly send them to the Committee upon receipt of such papers.

6) When the Prime Minister approves the clearance of a purgee, he shall notify this fact to an purgee. The clearance shall take effect on and after the date of the notification.

Thus, the purgee shall be restored his right of receiving pensions, annuities and other allowances on and after the same date.

Penal Regulations

If and when a purgee writes false facts or conceals relevant matters in his appeal to be filed with the Prime Minister, he shall be liable to a penal servitude of up to three years or a fine of up to ¥15,000. This shall be also applicable to

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those who will tender false data or neglect to make explanations, when they are requested to do so.

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2. The central headquarters would have five to six bureaus including those of equipment, personnel, medical service and accountings.

3. Recruiting of members would begin simultaneous with promulgation of the law. Personnel would be adopted up to 75,000.

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Recruiting of Maritime
Safety Corps to Begin in Aug.

Asahi Shimbun, July 27

The Maritime Safety Board, allowed by a MacArthur letter of July 8 to strengthen its forces by 8,000, has decided to recruit some 1,500 men as the first batch. The recruiting will begin early in August subject to SCAP approval.

The present recruiting will be done as an emergency measure to obtain men for the newly-constructed patrol vessels, supplement the present staff and allow men, subjected to excessive labor on account of the Korean fighting, to have rest.

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SCREENING COMMITTEES
ABOLISHED AS OF TODAY

(Evening Ed.)

Kyodo 1948

TOKYO, May 10--The Central Screening Committee and the Appeals Committee closed their businesses of today after meeting in final sessions, respectively, to complete the examination of all pending problems.

The secretariates of the two committees have been also abolished as of today.

To wind up the remaining business as well as to examine qualifications of those persons who are to newly serve in public offices, the Inspection Section of the Prime Minister's Board will take over the function of the two committees.

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Screening Com--2 (Evening Ed.)

In order to serve as an advisory organ to the Prime Minister, who will determine qualifications of any persons to serve in important public offices, an organ on the basis of the "Public Service Qualifications Examination System" will be set up.

This organ will be composed of six members including the vice chief secretary of the Cabinet.

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