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Lower House and for Diet members is expected to be made shortly .

The salary for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will be determined by another bill.

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DEMOCRATIC LIBERALS
TURN DOWN OFFER

(Morning Ed.)

KYODO

TOKYO, March 24.---The Democratic Liberal Party yesterday turned down the offer made by Democrats to attend the contemplated conference of various parties on the issue of suspending interest payment on war bonds.

The opposition party made it clear in its reply that it had quite a different opinion of the issue from that of the Government parties.

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Pros and Cons Equally Divided for Ashida Cabinet; Liberals Most Popular, Public Opinion Survey Reveals

Asahi Shimbun, March 24

A public opinion poll conducted by this newspaper has revealed that the public of Japan is almost evenly divided in its attitude both for or against the Ashida Cabinet. Those opposing the Cabinet said that its policies are poor or that the new Cabinet doesn't represent a change for the better.

The questionnaire and answers follow:

The first question: Do you support the Ashida Cabinet?

Yes, 30 per cent.

Because its policies are good, 12 per cent.

Because we can't help it, 70 per cent.

Because of other reasons, 6 per cent.

No reasons, 12 per cent.

No, 31 per cent.

Because its policies are bad, 30 per cent.

Because we can hardly understand the circumstances in which the new Cabinet was organized, 14 per cent.

Because the change of the Cabinet doesn't represent a change for the better, 37 per cent.

Because of other reasons, 5 per cent.

No reasons, 4 per cent.

No opinion of either yes or no, 39 per cent.

Because we can hardly decide before examining what the new Cabinet will do, 41 per cent.

Because we are not interested in politics, 15 per cent.

We don't know anything about it whatsoever, 44 per cent.

The second question: Do you hope that the Diet would be dissolved and a general election of the House of Representative be held?

Yes, 42 per cent.

No, 27 per cent.

No opinion, 31 per cent.

The third question: Granting that a general election was forthcoming soon, what party would you vote for?

Democratic Liberal Party.....	40.4 per cent
Socialist Party	18.9
Democratic Party	13.0
People's Cooperative Party.....	1.4
Communist Party	1.2
Various factions	0.2
Independents	0.5
Undecided	14.4

Support or Non-Support
Tabulated Professionally

Do you support the Ashida Cabinet?

	Number of replies	Support	Non-support	No opinion
Industrial laborers	395	33%	26%	41%
Salariedmen	558	37	38	25
Commercial & industrial men	626	27	42	31
Farmers & fishermen	1,428	27	25	48
Jobless	85	25	21	54
Others	102	34	27	39
Total	3,194	30	31	39

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Strike Planned for Tomorrow
by Communications Workers

Yomiuri Shimbun, March 24

With Tuesday night's negotiations with the Government having broken down, the various labor unions of Government workers intend to carry out strikes in accordance with the policy already laid down. The communications workers who temporarily halted the scheduled strike for yesterday have decided to walk out at midnight today for a 24-hour strike.

As a result, the telegraph and telephone service between Eastern and Western Japan will be put out of commission beginning at midnight today.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

EX-LIBERAL MEMBER
TO JOIN SOCIALISTS

(Evening Ed.)

Kyodo

OTSU, Shiga Prefecture, March 23--Junsei Kagetsu, member of the House of Representatives, who bolted the Liberal Party on March 14, expressed his determination to join the Social Democratic Party shortly.

His statement was made at a press conference here yesterday, when he arrived from Tokyo.

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AT THE DIET TODAY

House of Representatives (3)

DEMOCRAT ASKS CLARIFICATION
OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

(Evening Ed.)

Kyodo

TOKYO, March 23--Hideji Kawasaki, Democrat, in his interpellation before the Lower House plenary session this afternoon, placed emphasis on the economic issue.

He asked:

1) The outlook on the time of importing foreign capital.

2) Relations between the Government's long-range economic reconstruction program and foreign capital.

3) New anti-inflation measures other than the savings encouragement campaign and increased production which have been adopted.

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4) Concrete explanations on Finance Minister Tokutaro Kitamura's policy for the compilation of the next fiscal year budget.

5) The FEB's view on the scope of control and freedom in economy.

6) Progress of preparations for the projected state control of coal mines.

With regard to the dispute of Government and public workers, Kawasaki believed that the dispute is the "most powerful political demand."

He criticized Labor Minister Kanju Kato's remarks that he would not revise any of the existing labor laws, "if the Minister made such commitment in the face of labor offensive."

He proposed the formulation of a Labor Relations Board Bill in order to give the board more "powerful authority."

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AT THE DIET TODAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (2)

GOV'T PARTIES FAIL
TO AGREE

(Evening Edition)

KYODO

TOKYO, March 23.---No agreement of views was reached at today's conference of representatives of three Government parties on the allocation of the Lower House standing committee members and the special provision of Article 3 of the Finance Law.

The meeting will be held again tomorrow in the Diet building.

The Social Democrats proposed that the allocation of committee members should be --- Social Democrats, 11; Democrats, 8; and People's Cooperatives, 2. They also wanted to have two chairmen against the same number of chairmen from the Democrats.

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The proposal, which was approved at the Social Democratic Party's Diet officials meeting in the morning, failed to receive approval from other two parties.

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AT THE DIET TODAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (1)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR
LABOR PROBLEMS URGED

(Evening Edition)

KYODO

TOKYO, March 23.---Takeshi Yamazaki, Democratic Liberal, proposed the formation of a special committee of a "super-party" character to discuss to labor problem.

He made the proposal in the course of his interpellation before the Lower House plenary session this afternoon.

Yamazaki said if neither the Government nor the Central Labor Relations Board alone is able to settle the labor issue now confronting this country, "it would seem advisable to form a committee, specially with members irrespective of their party affiliation."

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The Democratic Liberal Secretary-General pointed out that the labor problem has now become the problem of the nation. "It should be settled apart fromany question of party interests," he added.

He urged the necessity of immediate enforcement of the adjustment of administrative organs in order to promote efficiency in the Government business and also to offer better treatment to efficient officials and workers.

Before concluding his interpellation, he touched on the diplomatic and food issues.

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He wanted to know concrete means of maintaining peace for Japan which has renounced war in the new Constitution.

With regard to the food issue, he urged the necessity of formulating an all-round policy rather than merely encouraging increased production of foodstuffs.

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AT THE DIET TODAY

HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS (3)

DRASTIC READJUSTMENT TO BE MADE IN GOV'T OFFICES

(Evening Edition)

KYODO

TOKYO, March 23.---Prime Minister Hitoshi Ashida declared today the Government will carry out drastic administrative readjustment in order to increase efficiency in Government offices.

Ashida's declaration was made in the Upper House plenary session while replying to an interpellation posed by Eizo Kobayashi, Democratic Liberal from Saitama Prefecture, who called for:

1. Government offices are full of "surplus" personnel. It is necessary to carry out a thoroughgoing administrative adjustment in the offices.

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2. How is it possible for the Government to follow a "healthy" finance policy when enormous Government expenditures are anavoidable.

3. What is the relationship between the introduction of foreign capital and the Anti-Trust Law. Will domestic industry be bound in any way in the above circumstances?

4. The Reconstruction Finance Bank is following the policy of giving loans only to big enterprises. The medium and small enterprises also should be given equal opportunity of obtaining loans.

5. What is the Ashida Cabinet's "socialistic" policy and what is "political morality"?

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Replying to the first question, Ashida said his Government is workingout a new personnel reduction / ..plan --- different from the plan mapped by the Katayama Cabinet for a 20 percent personnel cut. Ashida added that industrial readjustment will be also carried out.

Replying to the third question, Director-General Takeo Kurusu of the Economic Stabilization Board said that his board and civilian quarters are studying the problem of the introduction of foreign capital and the Anti-Trust Law.

Taking the rostrum, Mizutani, replacing Kurusu, said the Government has decided to set up a board for medium and small

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enterprises with the view to rationalizing enterprises, relative to technical as well as management problems.

Mizutani added that one of the two bureau directors will be selected from among the civilians.

The session ended at 1 p.m.

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AT THE DIET TODAY

HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS (2)

MUST WIN TRUST BEFORE
EXPECTING FOREIGN AID --ASHIDA

(Evening Edition)

KYODO

TOKYO, March 23.---Prime Minister Hitoshi Ashida today declared that the Japanese people must first try to win the trust and confidence of the Allied countries before they can expect any foreign aid.

He made this statement in reply to questions posed by Shichiro Takenaka (Democratic) in today's plenary session of the Upper House. Councillor Takenaka asked for clarifications of the phrase "structure for inviting foreign investments" included in the Prime Minister's administrative speech.

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"Steps to hasten the complete democratization of Japan is the prime objective for building such a structure necessary for inviting foreign investments," the Prime Minister said, adding, "and only when such a structure is completely established may we look forward to receiving spiritual and material aid from the Allied countries."

In reply to other questions put forth by Councillor Takenaka, Agriculture and Forestry Minister Kazuo Nagae revealed part of the Government plan to increase the production of fertilizers for increased food production.

"The Government," he said, "hopes to increase the production of fertilizers as to double the production of farm implements

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in order to support its plans for increasing food production."

Meanwhile Finance Minister Tokutaro Kitamura said that steps will be taken to improve the financial problems in agricultural districts.

Director-General Takeo Kurusu revealed that the Ashida Government will concentrate on further developing the textile industry of Japan as well as the ceramics and other export industries.

He said steps for this purpose will be taken soon with the introduction of various bills to the Diet. In this connection he said that he was looking forward to the early fixing of formal exchange rate for the Japanese currency.

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AT THE DIET TODAY

HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS (1)

IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN CREDIT--KURUSU

(Evening Edition)

KYODO

TOKYO, March 23.--Bunkichi Tamura, Ryokufukai, was the first interpellator in the plenary session of the House of Councillors which opened at 10:40 a.m. today.

He asked the Government's opinion on the need of increased industrial production, food prospects, housing program, new wage standard, nationalization of electric industry, and reopening of restaurants.

Director-General Takeo Kurusu of the Economic Stabilization Board, in his reply, pointed out the prime importance of inviting foreign credits for economic reconstruction.

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And for that purpose, he hoped that all the people devote themselves to the task of achieving the objective.

State Minister Sadayoshi Hitotsumatsu in charge of the Construction Board, replying to Tamura, revealed that 4,000,000 dwelling houses are needed to accommodate the war suffers and repatriates.

Up to now, about 700,000 dwelling houses have been constructed, and additional 500,000 will be set up during the next fiscal year, he said.

Finance Minister Tokutaro Kitamura replied that the restaurants would not be allowed to reopen as long as the present food shortage persists.

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Commerce and Industry Minister Ghozaburo Mizutani said that he was considering the form of management of the electric industry in its relations with the economic power decentralization program and invitation of foreign credits.

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NISHIO, HATANO, YONEKUBO
TO BE EXAMINED BY CSC

JIJI PRESS.

TOKYO, March 22. - The Central Screening Commission, shortly will examine the qualifications of State Minister Suehiro Nishio, Agriculture-Forestry Minister Kanae Hatano and Labor Minister Mitsusuke Yonekubo, it was learned today.

The Commission has been collecting information and data on their cases since bills of indictment against them were filed by some members of the Hirano faction and is now provided with enough to proceed with the examination, it was further learned.

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DISSOLVING OF DIET
NOT CONTEMPLATED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, March 22 - Premier Hitoshi Ashida told the House of Representatives this afternoon that the Government was not contemplating dissolving the Diet now in answering Democratic Liberal Takao Saito who charged that the Ashida Cabinet was brought into being through procedures running counter to the spirit of the Constitution.

Mr. Saito, former supreme adviser to Dr. Ashida's Democratic Party, declared that the entire Katayama Cabinet should have assumed the responsibility for its collapse and yielded the Premiership to the Liberal Party.

He said that if an election was held at that time, the Democratic Party would have been revealed to lack popular support.

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Instead of yielding the Premiership to the Opposition, or dissolving the Diet, he said, ex-members of the Katayama Cabinet clung to political power through mustering an unnatural majority," Mr. Saito said, adding that the practice was "unpardonable from the viewpoint of political morality."

Premier Ashida, answering, declared he was unable to understand the charge that his nomination as Premier did not represent popular will.

He asserted that "established practices of constitutional government" under the new Constitution were different from those under other Constitutions.

In the case of Japan, he said, the nomination of the Diet sanctioned by the Emperor constituted a legal nomination. The practice of the Opposition invariably taking the Premiership after a Cabinet resignation ran counter to the new Constitution, he declared.

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Premier Ashida, stating that the Diet should be dissolved whenever it failed to represent the people's will, declared he would be willing to dissolve the Diet if investigation revealed that his government lacked popular confidence.

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DEMOCRATIC-LIBERAL SAITO
DEMANDS DIET DISSOLUTION

Kyodo (Morning Ed.)

TOKYO, March 23--"Dissolve the Diet immediately to ascertain the general will of the people," Takao Saito of the Democratic Liberal Party urged today.

Saito's demand was made at the Lower House plenary session.

"According to the new Constitution, the Cabinet should be organized by political parties representing the people's will on the basis of the Diet's designation of the prime minister," Saito said.

Reviewing the process of the nomination of Prime Minister Ashida at the current Diet session, Saito said that the nomination of

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Democratic-Liberal Saito--2 (Morning Ed.) -

Hitoshi Ashida did not reflect the people's will. Accordingly, the Ashida Cabinet is "a false" Cabinet based on a false designation," he added.

All Ministers of the Katayama Cabinet should be held jointly responsible for its resignation, Saito said and those responsible should not be permitted to organize a succeeding Cabinet.

The people's will and the Diet are running contrary at present, Saito said. He added that therefore the Diet dissolution should be carried out to ascertain the people's will.

Saito also said that the character of the Ashida Cabinet requires scrutiny prior to the commencement of deliberations inasmuch as the problem transcends to a political one and is the basic and fundamental problem of state administration.

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economic crisis and the re-building of our national economy. We hope to achieve our ends by taking both factors into consideration.

It must be said that both the introduction of foreign industrial capital and the borrowing of capital must be included in our consideration. For the settlement of the questions of the exchange rate, we must prepare a setup which will make it easy for foreign capital to come in. We are desirous of arranging an exchange rate as quickly as possible through the goodwill and aid of the Allied Powers, together with our own efforts.

For security in the establishment of credits, electric power shares and other equipment are considered, some of which are already offered. Since necessary arrangements can be made directly or indirectly by the Government, the introduction of foreign capital does not necessarily have to wait until the signing of the peace treaty, and can be effected even during the period of occupation.

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Saito's Attacks Lack Force;
Asanuma Hurls Blank Shots
Mainichi Shimbun, March 23

When Takao Saito shouted "...under cover of the beautiful name of holy war.." in that historic session of the Diet in 1940, the faces of the khaki-clad uniformed men (headed by the then Chief of Military Affairs Bureau Major-General Akira Muto) twisted and their nerves became tense.

Remembering that scene and listening to the attacks which he hurled against the Ashida Cabinet yesterday in the Lower House, we must say that Saito has become at least 8 years older. His voice no longer has

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the force that marked him out in by-gone days. Mo[illegible] heckling on the part of the Government members drow[illegible] his speech at numerous points.

He said, among other things: "The majority wh[illegible] the Ashida Cabinet controls in unnatural. The designa[illegible] of Premier Ashida for the post is a false one which does not represent the wishes of the people." These sentences are said to be creating some problem. Freedom of speech is guaranteed in the Diet, and if these words constitute a "problem", then, we must join with ex-Premier Katayama and say that it is, indeed, dangerous for a man to voice his sentiments nowadays.

Diet members who object to Saito's words will have to ponder over the matter very carefully before taking any action. They should remember that both Katayama and Nishio are what they are today because they opposed the dismissal of Takao Saito from membership in the Diet in 1940, and abstained from voting.

Ex-Labor Minister Yonekubo, who refused to join the present Cabinet because he wanted to take responsibility politically together with the Katayama Cabinet, moved up to the front row yesterday to hear Saito's speech. He probably agreed with the speaker on some points.

Among the words thrown at Saito by Government members in their heckling was the word "hensetsu-kan" (whiffler). But did not Premier Ashida himself change over from the Liberal party to the present Democratic party? Who can say that the very persons who branded Saito a whiffler yesterday will not whiffle themselves, in some near future? It might be better for these heckle[illegible] not to talk too big.

Socialist member Inajiro Asanuma merely fired blank shots at the Cabinet yesterday, giving an opportunity for various Cabinet members to do some propaganda work for themselves. But he is a special existence among Diet members today, with his huge body and powerful voice trained by years of labor movements. (By Hideo Matsu[illegible]

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KIMURA APPOINTED SECRETARY
OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, March 18 - Kozaemon Kimura, former State Minister and the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Democrtic Party, was formally appointed the party's secretary-geneal at today's party caucus.

Mr. Kimura succeeds Gizo Tomabechi who is presently Chief Cabinet Secretary. He is also slated to carry on concurrently as the Chairman of the Executive Board even after his assumption of the Secretary-General post.

It was recalled that Mr. Kimura expressed his willingness to assume the Secretary-Generalship on declinging a Cabinet post offer by Premier Hitoshi Ashida.

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SAITO TAKES OVER ACTIVE
POST IN NEW PARTY

(Noon)

Kyodo

TOKYO, March 18--The newly-organized Democratic-Liberal party yesterday appointed Takao Saito as chairman of the party's general affairs committee ~~of~~ while Jiro Hoshijima was appointed senior executive officer.

These appointments were made following a general meeting of the Dict members of the new party where measures for coping with the impending resumption of the current Diet session were discussed.

Meanwhile, the Democratic party yesterday decided to appoint Kozaemon Kimura (ex-Home Minister in the Katayama Cabinet) as the new Secretary-General of the party to succeed Gizo Tomabechi who became the Chief Cabint Secretary of the Ashida Cabinet.

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KATO'S DIET STATEMENT STIFFENS
ATTITUDE OF SOCIALIST LEFT WINGERS

(Evening Ed.)

Kyodo

TOKYO, March 18--Labor Minister Kanju Kato's statement before today's Lower House Budget Committee to the effect that the Government would not pay new wages to its workers refusing the acceptance of the revised wage standard is reported to have caused the stiffening of Socialist left-wingers toward the Government.

The leftists are expected to vote down additional appropriations relative to the payment of new wages so long as the Government maintains the non-payment policy to non-acceptance workers.

They may approve the appropriations with a rider that the new wages should be paid to all Government workers, irrespective of their acceptance or refusal of the new standard.

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DEMOCRATIC-LIBERALS STILL UNDECIDED ON DISSOLUTION

(Evening Ed.)

Kyodo

TOKYO, March 18--The Democratic-Liberal Party at its executive officials meeting this afternoon failed to reach final decision on whether or not to present a resolution demanding Diet dissolution.

The final decision was "held over pending further development of the current situation," an official explained.

He added that the demand may be made in the course of interpellations to the Prime Minister's administrative speech, instead of making the demand in the form a resolution.

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KIMURA NAMED SECRETARY
OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY

(Evening Edition)

KYODO

TOKYO, March 18.---Rozaemon Kimura, former State Minister, was appointed Chairman of the General Affairs Committee and concurrently Secretary-General of the Democratic Party today.

The Committee Chairmanship had been vacant since Ken Inukai, his predecessor, was purged from politics early last year.

The appointment was formally decided at a plenary session of the Democratic Diet members in the Diet building today.

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NEW PARTY SETTING
UP ELECTION BODY

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, March 18. - Apparently in auticipation of an early Diet dissolution, the Democratic Liberal Party has decided to set up shortly an election committee with Bamboku Ono, former secretary-general of the Liberal Party, as its chairman, it was learned.

It is recalled at the first executive board meeting yesterday of the party the conferees were inclined to the view that the party propose to the Diet a resolution to dissolve the Diet, at a proper opportunity.

There are also rumors circulating in certain circles that the National Diet would be dissolved in June.

The Democratic Liberal Party is the first to start preparations for the next election.

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LOWER HOUSE
SEATS REALLOCATED

JIJI PRESS

TOKYO, March 18 - The seats in the House of Representatives chamber have been re-allocated to the various parties and groups as a result of the changes in the Lowe House lineup in recent weeks.

When the House met in plenary session for the first time after the Diet recess following the Cabinet change, the new Democratic Liberal Party, the largest in the Lower House, occupied a large part of the left-hand half of the chamber.

Still left to the Democratic Liberal Party are located the Communists, Japan Farmers Party, National Club and Independents.

The six-member Japan Libeal Party, which opposed to the formation of the Democratic Liberal Party, occupied front seats at the right extremity, facing the Communists.

The Communists used to sit at the extreme right.

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interurban, handled by those offices will be suspended today with the exception of those for the Occupation forces. In addition, all postal, telegraphic and telephonic services, handled by nine special postoffices in Kitatama district, surburb of Tokyo will be suspended as the result of their employes' 24-hour strike.

Another 15 locals of the Tokyo Regional Chapter demanded the Union headquarters that they be permitted to go on a strike Friday, but they were requested by the Union yesterday to postpone their strike till March 23 when a second-stage strike will be carried out.

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Acceptance of the New Wage Standard Advocated by the League for Democratization

Yomiuri Shimbun, March 19.

A manifesto was issued yesterday by the League for Democratization of the All-Japan Communication Workers Union, urging the advisability of accepting the new wage standard on the part of the Union, though it might be not satisfactory. The manifesto further exhorts the Union to call off the strike and instead seek a solution of the pending questions through collective bargaining or the Government-Worker Management Council.

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State Minister Nishio Sues Justice Shono of the Supreme Court for Libel

Yomiuri Shimbun, March 19

Suyehiro Nishio, State Minister, yesterday instituted

a libel suit at the the Public Procurator's Office of the Tokyo District Court against Justice Riichi Shono of the Supreme Court, and ex-Chairman of the Central Screening Commission on the alleged ground that Justice Shono told his friends on February 10 to the effect that Mr.Nishio presented a million yen in cash to Eiichi Makino, Chirman of the Central Screening Commission and made him purge Rikizo Hirano, former Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

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Rationing of Tap Water To Be Lifted Shortly

Yomiuri Shimbun, March 19

It is understood that rationing of tap water will be shortly lifted, thanks to the recent rainfalls. The precipitation in Tokyo area from March 12 to noon, March 18 31.2 millimeters, as the result of which the water supply in the Yamaguchi and Murayama reservoirs increased to more than 7,097,000 tons; at 7 a.m., March 18.

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Baigyoku Nakamura, Kabuki Star Actor Dies

Yomiuri Shimbun, March 19

Baigyoku Nakamura, kabuki star actor, who impersonated so skilfully as woman died of asthma at the age of 74 at his home in Ashiya City yesterday morning.

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Beautiful Advertisement Posters in Electric Cars Cut into Shreds to Prevent Them from Taken

Yomiuri Shimbun, March 19

Beautiful advertisement posters in streetcars and elevated trains which are said each to cost 50 yen are now delieberately cut into shreds by advertisers . Do you know why? Just to prevent them from being snatched away by unscrupulous, paper-hungry persons for use as wrapping paper.

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