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Hatoyama Off to Seek Soviet Pact

TOKYO, Oct. 7—(AP)—Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama left Sunday night for Moscow, where he hopes to sign a peace treaty with the Soviet Union.

Thousands of Japanese were at the airport to watch his departure. Some shouted "Ban-zai," some distributed leaflets which said his journey "will lead Japan to ruin" and still others, relatives of Japanese still prisoners in Russia, carried banners urging the prime minister to get their men home.

This appeared to be Hatoyama's last chance to make good on a 1955 campaign promise for restoration of diplomatic relations between Japan and the USSR. Crippled and failing, the 73-year-old prime minister has come under heavy newspaper and enemy political fire in recent weeks and the general belief is that he will quit, or be forced out, before the end of the year. Main point of the criticism is that he is too weak and sick to lock horns with the Russians.

Hatoyama's announced formula for a settlement with Japan, after 11 years, would postpone decision on disposition of disputed islands north of Japan, now held by Russia. This issue has blocked two previous efforts to gain a treaty.

In return, Hatoyama wants (1) an end to the technical state of war, (2) exchange of ambassadors, (3) repatriation of Japanese prisoners still held by Russia, (4) Soviet support for a Japanese seat in the United Nations and (5) activation of a fishing treaty permitting Japanese operations in north Pacific waters controlled by the Soviet fleet.

"I feel certain I will return successful," he said in a brief statement just before departing.

Allen W. Dulles, touring chief of the United States Central Intelligence Agency, conferred with the prime minister for 30 minutes a few hours before departure. Informed sources said Dulles handed Hatoyama a message from his brother, United States Secretary of State Dulles. There was no hint of what it contained.

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