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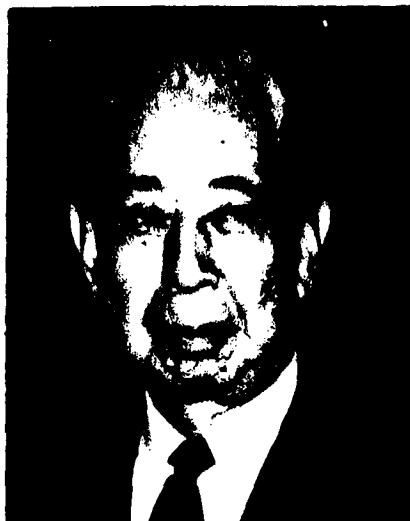
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Nobusuke KISHI
(Phonetic: keeshee)

JAPAN

Member, House of
Representatives;
President, America-
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Mr. Kishi



Nobusuke Kishi, 77, Prime Minister from 1957 to 1960, is still influential as a member of the House of Representatives. He was an adviser to his younger brother, Eisaku Sato, during the latter's 8-year term as Prime Minister (1964-72). After the setback of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in the July 1974 Upper House election, Kishi urged the early replacement of Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka by former Finance Minister Takeo Fukuda in an effort to improve the party fortunes. A fervent anti-Communist, Kishi has wholeheartedly supported Japan's alignment with the Free World, especially the United States, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of China. He has reluctantly supported Japanese efforts to normalize relations with the People's Republic of China.

Forceful and personally ambitious, Kishi has keen political insight and outstanding intellectual ability. He travels extensively, both officially and unofficially. In October 1971 he visited Washington to discuss with then President Nixon some of the political and economic issues confronting Japan and the West. Kishi is president of the America-Japan Society and an active member of the Asian People's Anti-Communist League.

Kishi is the second son of Hidesuke Sato; his last name was changed when he married his cousin, Yoshiko Kishi, and was adopted into her family. He and his wife have two children. Kishi speaks and understands English but prefers to use an interpreter.

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