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The Japanese Government has refused to allow the use of the Imperial Plaza for the May Day rally. It has suggested the Meiji Shrine as an alternative, but permission to hold the rally there has also been refused because the grounds were ruined by last year's demonstration. Ueno Park, which is also being considered, will hold only 60,000 to 70,000 people. 200,000 demonstrators are expected to participate, however, and since the police want to localize the rally, they will try again to get permission from the Shrine's head priest to use the grounds. If the priest does not reconsider, police will have to be dispersed over all of Tokyo.

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