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Naturalized US citizen of Japanese birth. He was in the US in college when World War II began, enlisted in the US Army and thereby became eligible for naturalization. For the last five years he has been a member of Government Section, GHQ, SCAP, where he was very heavily relied on by his superiors and associates because he is almost completely bilingual. His duties brought him into daily contact with cabinet members and other high ranking officials of the Japanese bureaucracy, legislature, judiciary and political parties.

- Q. What individuals are emerging as leaders in Japan's rearmament?
- A. Admiral Nomura is one of the principal exponents of rearmament. He has plans for a navy all worked out on paper, just waiting for the opportunity to go ahead. Among industrialists, the former aircraft manufacturer Hakutani Chikubel and his brother (two) are making plans for the industrial support of any rearmament program. Many former officers of field rank have found their way into the National Police Reserve and there is quite a struggle going on at present in the organization between this new group and the original leadership. Onishi is having a hard time keeping them under control and incidentally hanging on to his own job.
- Q. How long do you think Yoshida will last?
- A. Most politicians had assumed that there would be a general election soon after the ratification of the peace treaty, and in anticipation of an early election they have been electioneering vigorously since the first of the year. Yoshida, on the other hand, has announced that he will serve out his full four year term which does not end until January. January, however, is an awkward time for an election, and there is such pressure for an early election that my guess would be a compromise on about September or October.
- Q. Who is most likely to succeed Yoshida?
- A. Shimizu has a good chance because he has the prestige in Japan of having once been purged, and at the same time he would be considered acceptable by the Western world.

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