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1. Current Developments:				
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b. <u>OGATA Has Inside Track</u> : Although the names of various personalities have been advanced by the Japanese press, informed sources indicate that OGATA Taketora, well-known former newspaper editor and later a State Minister, has the inside track on the position. OGATA was born on 30 Jan 1888 in Fukuoka and was graduated from Waseda University in 1911. He started out his journalistic career with the <u>Ayaka Asahi Shimbun</u> in that year, and by 1934, he had worked his way up to the post of Editor in Chief of the Tokyo <u>Asahi</u> . Since that time, he has served on numerous government commissions. During the past war, he was president of the Board of Information and, as such, was a minister without portfolio in several wartime Cabinets.				
OGATA has received considerable newspaper publicity in the past several months, and on some occasions, he has been mentioned even as a successor to Prime Minister YOSHIDA. These rumors can perhaps be attributed to the fact that he appears to be close to YOSHIDA, a relationship which derives its origin from their connections with the late KOJIMA Kazuo, influential Liberal Party advisor who made YOSHIDA's assumption to the Premiership possible on the				
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on the occasion of HATOYAMA's purge.....Another basis for the publicity accorded OGATA is the tremendous backing he has from his old newspaper, the Asahi, where he still has great influence in addition to friends and relatives in important posts. Tremendous opposition to OGATA is expected from leftists and liberals alike, however, because of his past connections with various ultranationalist organizations. He is still frequently identified with rightist movements.

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