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SOURCE Former Japanese intelligence officer, from a person present at described.

- OGATA Taketora (4872/2455/4554/5706), Prime Minister YOSHIDA's special "fill ambassador" to Southeast Asia, spoke at a meeting of the Economic Discussion Club held on 12 July 1952 at the International Economics Club (Kokusai Keisai Kaikan). OGATA, who talked with Pandit/Nehru at length, said that the Indian leader reportedly stressed the following points:

That the US's refusal to recognize the Chinese Communist government is one of the major causes of trouble in Asia;

That the riots occurring in various Asian countries are nothing but racial independence movements, and are neither inspired nor controlled by the communists;

That the world will have peace for a long time if there is no war within the next ten years. It will take ten years for India to establish itself as an influential third power between the US and USSR.

- OGATA's impressions of Nehru were that he was not a Pan-Asiatic and that he did not think the communist threat serious.
- Concerning Indonesia, OGATA was most impressed by the strong anti-foreign feelings there. He said that even when he was conferring with the Premier or the Foreign Minister, "supervisors" sat in the room, often interrupting the conversation or restricting questions.

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