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1. The South Pacific Study Institute is a private organization created by a group of Japanese businessmen who feel that expanded Japanese trade in Southeast Asia and the South Seas is the only economic hope of the nation...				
2. A rival organization, which the Government has been secretly planning for about a year, was announced by Deputy Premier <u>OGATA Taketora</u> at a meeting of Japanese businessmen held at the Premier's Official Residence on 8 July 1953. This organization is to be called the Nihon ECAFE Kyokai (Japan ECAFE Association) although it has received no recognition from the United Nations, the parent ECAFE. This organization is backed by a <u>MUNEKATA (fnu)</u> , formerly a high official in the Japanese-sponsored Mongolian Bank, who hails from Fukuoka, as does OGATA...				
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