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1. Deputy Prime Minister OGATA Taketora and his clique consisting of SETO Fiseku, HAYASHI Joji, MASUTANI Hideji and ONO Samboku are gradually losing their influence with Prime Minister YOSHIDA. At the same time a clique headed by Chief Cabinet Secretary FUKUNAGA Kenji and including such men as ADO Takakichi, IWEDA Hayato, KIMASHI Kieichi and MIJUNO Shigeru are gaining influence. An indication of this was the recent success of the FUKUNAGA clique in bringing about the meeting between YOSHIDA and SHIGEMITSU. OGATA was never informed that such a meeting was contemplated and at the same time was working toward a return of the HATOYAMA Liberals to the Liberal Party fold. He was outraged when informed of FUKUNAGA's successful maneuver.
2. One of the primary reasons for OGATA's loss of power has been the strong newspaper opposition to him. This opposition is led by the Yomiuri, whose president, HORIKI Katsutaro, bears a grudge against OGATA because of OGATA's refusal to aid SHONIN in his attempt to gain a monopoly over television rights in Japan about four months ago. Also contributing to the newspaper opposition is the fear that OGATA's intention to revive the Information Bureau will result once again in suppression of free speech in Japan.

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