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1. National Affairs:

a. Cabinet Ministers Accused of Accepting Bribes: The shipbuilding scandal, which already has involved company executives, bureaucrats, and a high leader in the government party, has spread to the Cabinet. Progressive NAKASONE Yasuhiro, Lower House member, on 22 Feb, charged two Cabinet Ministers with handling bribery money from a shipbuilding company. The Ministers, Transportation Minister ISHII and State Minister OND, immediately demied the charges, but NAKASONE claimed that he could produce evidence to back up his charges, and demanded that the Cabinet resign. Deputy Prime Minister OGATA asserted that the Cabinet has no intention of resigning. Despite OGATA's stand and the demials of OND and ISHII, the accusations rocked the Dist.....

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