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GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS				
1. <u>Current Developments:</u>				
a. Atomic Energy Debate Continues:				
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The Upper House Budget Committee on 12 Mar again took up the question of the atomic pile appropriation. Answering interpellations, Deputy Prime Minister OGATA Taketora explained that the government had decided basic research was necessary because atomic energy conceivably might bring about an industrial revolution in the future; he expressed confidence that there would be no international repercussions from Japan's decision to study and utilize atomic energy for peaceful purposes. Later in the discussion, OGATA again emphasized that the government has no intention of utilizing atomic energy as "war potential"....				
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POLITICAL REPORT				
3. <u>Current Developments:</u>				
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b. Defense Command, Personnel: Deputy Prime Minister OGATA on 13 Mar told Diet members that under Japan's revised defense establishment former navy and army personnel should be utilized. OGATA said that the experience of				
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of former military personnel would be necessary in accomplishing the planned defense buildup. He assured interpellators, however, that "civilian supremacy" in the defense establishment would be maintained.

Opposition Diet members questioned OGATA on the degree of power which would be concentrated in the Prime Minister's hands. Socialists claimed that the Prime Minister would hold undue power through his combined military authority, as chief of the executive branch of the government. OGATA rejected this argument, pointing to the Diet's control over all powers accorded the Prime Minister.

Comment. OGATA's statements on former military personnel indicated that he believes men of all ranks should be accepted.

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