



negotiations, and instruct him to keep the negotiations going.<sup>1</sup> KONO is interested only in power, and not in the national interests.

- e. The Soviet bloc seems to be working to keep a weak government in office in Japan. The Communists are making overtures to well-known conservatives such as KUHARA Fusanosuke, HIRATSUKA Tsunejiro, and KITAMURA in an attempt to split the Japanese conservatives.<sup>2</sup> Individuals such as NAMBARA Shigeru and OUCHI Hyoe help this effort; as writers, when they return from the USSR they will write what they think will sell.<sup>3</sup>

Washington Comments

1. In replying to a question in the Diet on 21 July, KONO stated that he was planning to visit Great Britain in order to study export markets for canned fish.
2. KUHARA, a famous prewar rightist, is now president of the National Council for the Restoration of Diplomatic Relations with China and the USSR; HIRATSUKA is president of the Japan Fisheries Association and a Democratic Diet member from the Third District, Hokkaido; KITAMURA is probably KITAMURA Tokutaro, former Progressive Party member and now a Democratic Diet member from the Second District, Nagasaki Prefecture.
3. NAMBARA, a former president of Tokyo University, was reported by Kyodo News Agency to have reached Peiping on 6 June 1955 from Moscow after completing a one-month tour of the USSR as a member of a 15-man scientific mission headed by Dr. KAYA Seiji, chairman of the Japan Council of Sciences. While in Peiping NAMBARA and OUCHI, who is President of Hosei University, had a meeting with CHOU En-lai.

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