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1. We desire to call your attention to the following rather interesting article which appeared in the Tokyo Shimbun of 28 December 1954:

"There are two Foreign Ministers. They are SHIGEMITSU Mamoru and IANI Masayuki. IANI is an advisor to the Foreign Ministry. An advisor is one who observes and, when he is asked, reports his opinion; he is not a responsible executive. But this advisor is the reverse; he is given the status of Ambassador and reviews all diplomatic documents; he meets with foreign representatives as a Minister; and of course he interferes in personnel matters. The Minister in the open, being Vice President of the Democratic Party and Deputy Premier of the HATOYAMA Cabinet, is busy. If there is an election, he will be absent from his office, running around. Have they set up a behind-the-scenes Minister in preparation for this? The minor officials are gossiping that soon SHIGEMITSU will float away and IANI will get the real power in the Foreign Ministry.

"There are two ministers but there are three Vice Ministers. Besides OKUNUMA, who holds the actual job, Ota Saburo and KASE Toshiro have come about as Counselors (Sanryo) and are said to be gliding around the Ministry as the Vice Ministers under Minister IANI. No wonder the minor officials are going sour. The reason is that in the ITOHIDA Cabinet era, Foreign Minister OKAZAKI Katsuo was really the Vice Minister.

"In the 'Y Purgas', says ITOHIDA didn't like were kicked out, and in the 'S Purgas', SHIRASU Jiro's forces strongly influenced the Ministry, but there were no 'O Purgas'; OKAZAKI merely carried the orders.

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It is indisputable that those who hoped most strongly for the resignation of the YOSHIDA Cabinet were the rank-and-file officials of the Foreign Ministry. But they have gone from the frying pan into the fire. "Mr. Shigemitsu is all right, but his associates (Tsuchinome)<sup>1</sup> are bad," they say.

"SHIGEMITSU, unlike YOSHIDA or OKAZAKI, is a real Foreign Ministry man, and so there appears to be a good-sized SHIGEMITSU faction remaining in the Ministry. They felt that the old boss was back but that the Vice Ministers attached to him were an evil. They are forgetting one thing: SHIGEMITSU's ability to stand alone is not just because of the length of his legs;<sup>2</sup> it is because his brains are getting lame."

1. This is a pun; "tsuchinome" can mean either "associate" or "evil".
2. SHIGEMITSU lost a leg in Shanghai in 1932 when a bomb was thrown at a group of Japanese officials.

2. Brief run-downs (from 1955 *Shin Nihon Shinbun*) on the three unacknowledged Foreign Ministry wheels named above are as follows:

- a. **TANI Masayuki**  
President, Japan FERTILISER (Kama) Co.  
Born 9 February 1889 in Kumamoto-ken.  
Graduated Political Science Department, Tokyo University (1913)  
Entered Foreign Ministry as Third Secretary.  
Head, Asia Bureau, Foreign Ministry.  
Ambassador to Austria.  
Ambassador to China.  
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs.  
President, Information Board.  
Foreign Minister, TOJO Cabinet (1942)  
Resigned and appointed Ambassador to China. (1943)  
Resigned at end of war.  
Christian.
- b. **OTA Saburo**  
Member, Transportation Council (Wayu Shingi Kai)  
Born 5 April 1905 in Ibaragi-ken, Nishi-Ibaragi-gun.  
Graduated Political Science, Department, Tokyo University (1927)  
Entered Foreign Ministry  
Chief, Third Section, Europe-Asia Bureau  
Chief, Third Section, Investigation Bureau  
Chief, Third Department, Central Liaison Office (postwar)  
Chief, Yokosuka Liaison Office  
Resigned  
Elected Mayor of Yokosuka (1947)  
Appointed to present post (1949)  
Younger brother of Ambassador to Thailand OTA Ichiro.

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6. **KASE Yoshimasa**  
Writer on diplomacy.  
Born 12 January 1903 in Chiba-ken  
(Graduate) Preparatory School, Tokyo College of Commerce (1921)  
Passed Foreign Ministry examinations (1923)  
Studied in United States, at Abbott and Harvard.  
Served in Washington, Berlin, and London.  
Headed various sections in Information Department, Political  
Bureau, Foreign Ministry.  
Private secretary to Foreign Minister.  
Head, Information (Intelligence) Department.  
Secretary to House of Peers.  
Has attended many international conferences.  
Note: **The Parents of KASE YOSHIMASA**  
**YOSHIMASA KASE**  
**YOSHIMASA KASE**  
Married **YOSHIMASA KASE**, director of Bank of Tokyo.  
**NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH KASE SHUNICHI (same characters).**  
**AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO.**

7. The above is forwarded for your information because the persons  
also not well known but are likely to come up repeatedly in future reports.  
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