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The only preparations which Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU Namoru is making for the impending negotiations with the USSR is the drafting of a lengthy introductory statement explaining the Japanese position and designed for Japanese consumption. SHIGEMITSU is resigned to the Soviets' taking an adament stand and expects no material concessions from the USSR. He will try to close the negotiations as soon as some measure which will save his "face" can be agreed upon. There is little chance that the negotiations will be broken off, and they may be surprisingly short of the Japaneso delegation finds this situation amusing, since he, who has long been associated with the group favoring an early conclusion of a treaty, now finds himself cautioning SHIGEMITSU to slow down.

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