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SOURCE Japanese journalist

- 1. MCORMINateutero leid his plans for obtaining control of televirion in Japan while he was held in Sugamo Prison as a Class "A" war crimes suspect and began his sementars to accomplish them as soon as he was deputed. Acceptable the television of expering corruption in the Communications limitary to win his television franchise.
- 2. "Simultile, WIRTA Hidetoeli, a news consentator for NIK (Lippon Rocc Kyckal—the Japan Broadcasting Association) a nosived the idea of linking Japanese television with American, receiving Emerican technical and financial areistance in return for cooperating in American programs afforts. He discussed this plan with high-level officials of the American Defence Deports at and the Voice of America who were visiting Japan and obtained their approval. SIRTE them approached FUNDAL Pateurs, President of ILK, to take charge of the Japan end of the program, but FUNDAL had decided, after a tour to impact television in the United States and Europe, that Japan should not undertake a television network for five years more. Then FUNDAL turned down TINTE's plan, TIBTA took it to SURIKI as a second choice, and SURIKI accepted. Since late 1957 SILBATA has been SURIKI's principal assistant in the Japan Television Estvork, Inc.
- 3. SHORIKI was successful in obtaining the first television rights in Japan and hoped to keep all Japanese television cornercial, on the theory that Government interference could lead to thought control. His most recent moves have been to add microwave broadcasting to his television network, but the Fadio Have Supervisory Countities of the Diet repently refused to authorize severatial television stations to engage in microwave broadcasting. Henders of the Committee, and officials of the Commitmentions Hintary, prepared and have circulated a pamphlet "emponing" NUFILI's maneuvers towards Government officials, in retaliation symmetry. First threats to expense Government corruption. The issuance of this pamphlet started a wave of protest reminst SUFILI's plans by all the newspapers except the "Rig Three" (fashi, Hainichi, and Youturi). SUFILI plansed to make microwave broadcasting services swallable to the "Rig Three" only, the cutting the scaller newspapers out on news "beats".
- 4. Line local newspapers have organized a "Union of Newspapers Opposing Civilian Riorowave Facilities" and on 11 Rovember 1953 representatives of the union hended a protest against the SWITER plan to Postal Services Minister TSWID

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at the Dai-Ichi Seimei Building in Tokye, where he was attending a national mayors' conference. On the morning of 14 Revember they called on Vice Premier CGATA Taketors and left with him a protest against the use of foreign capital in Japanese television. They left a similar protest with Chi of Cabinet Secretary FUKUMAGA Kenji.

- 5. An additional cause of trouble for MONTKI is the charge, made by investors in his television network; that he misapprepriated the network's funds, \$2,000,000,000 worth, to start his new <u>Quake Yesturi</u> newspaper. In addition, this newspaper is not doing well financially.
 - 1 Source Comment. There is planty of such corruption to expect.

Field Comment. SHORIKI's pecition as President of the Isminri Shimbun would put him in an excellent position to carry out those threats.

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