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SHORIKI Matsutaro, owner of the Yomiuri Shimbun, is becoming a candidate in the general election<sup>1</sup> with the idea of using membership in the Diet as a means of expanding his newspaper and television interests. He plans to announce before long that he will completely sever his relations with the Yomiuri.<sup>2</sup> Nevertheless, he will retain actual control of the newspaper as a "silent owner."

- Washington Comment. SHORIKI was elected to the House of Representatives as a non-partisan candidate from the Second District, Toyama-ken, on 27 February 1955.
- Source Comment. IWABUCHI Tatsuo, political analyst, is being considered to succeed SHORIKI as president of the Yomiuri.  
Field Comment. IWABUCHI was born in October 1892 in Miyagi-ken. He attended Waseda University but left to work for the Yomiuri before graduating. In 1948 he was appointed editor-in-chief, but later resigned to become a freelance political commentator.

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