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- SHORIKI Matsutaro was originally offered the post of Minister in Charge of the Defense Board in the third HATOYAMA Cabinet<sup>1</sup> but declined because he desired a ministerial position involving little work or prominence until he can arrange for passage of a bill assigning control of atomic matters.<sup>2</sup>
- SHORIKI is planning a campaign to promote himself in the eyes of American officials. His plans include sending a letter of thanks to President Eisenhower for the Atoms for Peace Exhibit now in Tokyo; the publication in the U.S. of a biography of SHORIKI; the establishment of an Asian atomic center in Japan; and finally a visit to the United States.
- Simultaneously SHORIKI is planning with OASA Tadao<sup>3</sup> to oust KONO Ichiro<sup>4</sup> from power and make SHORIKI the Prime Minister with OASA as the power behind him.

Headquarters Comments

- SHORIKI became State Minister in Charge of the Hokkaido Development Board in the third HATOYAMA Cabinet, which was organized on 22 November 1955.
- According to CS-71590 from the same source, in early August 1955 SHORIKI was slated to become State Minister in Charge of Atomic Affairs in the next Cabinet reorganization.
- In the 22 November Cabinet reorganization OASA retained his previous post of Minister in Charge of the National Public Safety Commission.
- KONO, who had been Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, retained that post in the third HATOYAMA Cabinet and was appointed concurrently head of the Administrative Management Board.

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