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US citizen and long time resident of Japan.

Wife of a lawyer who resides in Japan and who has been closely connected with the Atoms for Peace Show.

- Source left Tokyo shortly after the opening of the Atoms for Peace Exhibit and reports that the special preview opening was an overwhelming success. She was particularly impressed by the fact that Inajiro Asanuma, one of the leaders of the Socialist party, was very enthusiastic about the show and publically announced his support of Japan joining an international agreement on the pooling of atomic energy materials. This is a complete reversal from his former stand.
- Persons responsible for the exhibit had a great deal of trouble with Matsutaro Shoriki (head of the Yomiuri Shimbum in Tokyo) who has recently set up a television station. Shoriki, in declaring his support of the exhibit, managed to convey the information to several California papers that he was responsible for the whole thing. Source stated that Shoriki is very high-handed in his methods and source is convinced that he has political aspirations. Shoriki wanted to buy a "swimming pool reactor" from the exhibition to set up on his own property. He was told that this would be of no use as a demonstrable source of electric power without the necessary uranium, which of course is not available to anyone in Japan and will not be until international agreements on the pooling of fissionable materials have been consummated. Shoriki insisted that he wanted to buy the reactor anyway and was much annoyed when he was refused. (Shoriki prior to World War II was head of the Yomiuri which was taken over by the Communists during the occupation. Shoriki was suspected of having played on both sides of the fence not only with the leftists but with the militarists. He was purged during the occupation.)
- Source stated that part of Shoriki's political ambition may stem from the present weak position of the government. Hatoyama is known to be old and too weak for the office of prime minister. Television has continued to gain in popularity in Japan and Hatoyama makes a very poor impression when he appears. Official excuses are continually being made for Hatoyama's last minute failures to appear at public functions-due to his poor health. He spent very little time in Tokyo all last summer.
- Shigemitsu was sharply criticized for the failure of his trip to the US. Despite the unpopularity of the present regime, source states that it is highly preferable (for the great majority of people) to the former Yoshida government.
- The communists in Japan are still attempting to stir up as much anti-US feeling as possible. Their methods are so transparent that they fool no one, least of all the Japanese. For example, I was present during the filming of some television programs. One of these was at Sunakawa, an area near Tachikawa, where

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the Yokota air-base has been enlarged by encroaching on some rice fields. Rural rice picking girls in the area were openly flirting with the Japanese officials employed by the US Army to survey some of the land - until the cameras were turned on - then these same coy damsels became fierce and shrewish and started clawing at the uniforms of their "oppressors". This then was "played up" in the press all out of proportion.

6. Sentiment about the "Hiroshima Maidens" in Japan seems to be divided. One of the Japanese doctors who had accompanied the girls to the US came back saying the cost in US dollars was about 20 times what such treatment would have cost in Japan - that it was typical of the US way of doing things for "show", and that the number of girls being treated was only a "drop-in-the-bucket" in relation to the actual need. In other quarters, those in medical circles are enthusiastic about the whole project and welcome the opportunity to bring new methods of plastic surgery within the range of Japanese knowledge.

7. Due to the new income tax regulations many US citizens are giving up residency in Japan. A number of newspaper correspondents are transferring their Far-East headquarters to Hong Kong.

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