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National Defense

Prime Minister YOSHIDA is working on a national defense plan without directly consulting many military experts. Former Lt Gen TATSUMI Eiichi, who was military attache in London while YOSHIDA was Ambassador to England, is probably the only war-time army officer whose advice he may have sought. But the Prime Minister brain trust, including Chief Cabinet Secretary OKAZAKI and Foreign Vice-Minister IGUCHI, has scounded out a number of ex-generals. YOSHIDA, who was embarrassed by the publicity that followed his conference with former War Minister SHIMOMURA, apparently prefers to avoid direct contact with the military mind.

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