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Commenting on articles published by the Yomiuri Weekly (Shukan Yomiuri)¹ in its first issue of 1955 on a quarrel between himself and former Major General KAWAGUCHI Kiyotake (1557/0656/9237/0256), TSUJI Masenobu said on 2 January that it has now become difficult for him to get elected in the coming general election.

- 1 Field Comment. The Yomiuri Weekly carried articles by KAWAGUCHI and his supporters, former Lieutenant General WACHI Takaji and former Colonel WATANABE Saburo, and by TSUJI and his supporter NOZAKI Shiro. In his article "An Open Letter to TSUJI, Former Staff Officer," KAWAGUCHI charges that TSUJI issued the order from Imperial General Headquarters (IGH) to execute Jose Abad Santos, Chief Justice of the Philippine Supreme Court, countermanding KAWAGUCHI's efforts to save Santos. It was for this incident that KAWAGUCHI was tried in Manila after the war and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. KAWAGUCHI also accuses TSUJI as being responsible for other killings committed by the Japanese in Singapore. The articles by WACHI and WATANABE depict TSUJI as a man of insidious character who knew how to utilize his position as a staff officer in Imperial General Headquarters. TSUJI, in his reply to KAWAGUCHI, denies the charges, ridicules KAWAGUCHI's leadership in the Guadalcanal campaign, and accuses his opponents of being cowards in battles.

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