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TSUJI BLASTS SDF BRASS

Yesterday afternoon Defense Agency officials listened to ex-Col TSUJI Masanobu (Liberal-Democratic Party) talk on the Mid-East situation. Several of the points that he made during the fifty-90-minute harangue were: "Fuel is the key to victory in war. Our present petroleum reserves would hardly last us more than two weeks in the event of an emergency." "The recent Death March incident should not be viewed with undue alarm if we desire to develop a strong army. The responsibility for the ill-fated training exercise lies with the high brass."

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INTERPELLATIONS IN THE UPPER HOUSE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

SENDA Tadashi (Independent, Iwate): It is reported that 1,900 persons discharged from the Self-Defense Force during 1954 were paid retirement allowances totaling 14,590,000 yen by mistake. How much of the money has been recovered? KODAMA (Director-General of the Defense Agency): The retirement allowances were paid out at the time of conversion of status to the Self-Defense Force, but since some of the lower echelon units were not liquidated in the instructions, excessive payments were made. Efforts are now being made to recover this money. KATO, Chief of SDF Personnel: More than 2,900,000 yen was collected from 584 persons by the end of November last year. Not one person, so far, has refused to return the money.

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HOME PRODUCTION OF P-2V STILL STYMIED

The Government, since two years ago, has been driven by need to solve the pending problem of producing the P-2V large-size anti-submarine patrol aircraft as early as possible in conjunction with the US aid, and it has decided to reach a political conclusion on this problem this week if possible.

The Defense Agency, which is in charge of the P-2V aircraft production problem, early last week decided to produce the P-2V's at home, and has discussed this matter with the Finance Ministry, Foreign Ministry, Trade Industry Ministry, Economic Planning Board, and other government agencies concerned, but it is unlikely that a conclusion will be easily reached. For this reason, the Government plans to formulate a final policy after bringing the problem before the National Defense Council if possible.

As a result of its negotiations with the US, the Defense Agency has mapped out this plan: 1) A total of 160 aircraft will be produced between fiscal 1957 and 1963 at the rate of one a month. 2) Aircraft will be first produced by assembling parts delivered by the US, and then parts will be gradually produced by Japan. 3) The percentage of the charges of the US and Japan in the production cost will be 55 and 45 percent respectively.

The Finance and Trade Industry ministries have strongly opposed this plan for financial reasons. The stand of these ministries follows: It is unnecessary to hurry the domestic production of aircraft, which costs 600,000,000 yen per plane, under the current financial situation of Japan. This view is being supported by some quarters within the Defense Agency.

Under these conditions, it has been decided to determine the final attitude on the problem on the basis of political conclusions to be obtained by top-level agencies such as the NDC and the Cabinet. However, Finance Minister MIKEDA has strongly opposed the Defense Agency's plan. Attention is being paid to how the problem will be solved.