

Japan Premier Says Nation To Stand Firmly Against Reds

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TOKYO (UP)—"Japan can be counted on by the free world to stand firm against Communist aggression," Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida told the United Press in an exclusive interview here.

"As for Japan itself," he said, "the danger of Communism is not from within. Japan realizes she is semi-encircled by Communist nations on the mainland of Asia and is fully alert to the dangers."
The assurances about new Japan's future role in Asia came from the small but tough former career diplomat who now presides over his fifth postwar cabinet. He has led his country longer than any premier. Although opposition forces have tried many times to unseat him, he still firmly controls the government and even Japanese political experts who favor his downfall admit there is no single acknowledged potential successor in sight.

Infuriates Opponents
He infuriates the opposition parties by dozing while they are speaking against him during debates in the national Diet and by replying with short, brisk answers to their questions.

The 76-year-old prime minister spoke with a smile and a youthful twinkle in his eye as he appraised Japan's position in Asia today. He well realizes her assets and liabilities — and feels she will come through successfully in the end.
His policies are to restore Japan to full economic and political independence, and he feels this can best be accomplished by keeping the island nation aligned with the West.

Way Declared Open for Port Development

PORTLAND (UP)—The Commission of Public Docks said that the last obstacle to its planned expansion program has been removed, according to word received from Washington, D. C.

Capt. Homer T. Shaver, commission chairman, said expansion and modernization contracts have been delayed pending congressional change of the national tax revision bill.

A section of the bill, Capt. Shaver said, would have prevented deduction of rental payments as business expenses by private companies leasing public facilities built with revenue bonds.

Senators Wayne Morse and Guy Cordon of Oregon and Warren Magnusen of Washington have fought against the proposal, according to the commission head. He said Cordon wired the commission last night that House conferees had accepted Senate action striking the controversial section from the bill.

"There now seems to be nothing that will prevent the commission from proceeding as rapidly as possible to complete the revenue bond issues and begin constructing," Shavers said.

He pointed out the commission led a national fight to prevent the section from becoming law.

Shrine for Chekhov Made in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP)—The small Moscow house where Anton Chekhov lived with his family from 1886-90 is being made into a memorial museum to the writer. In the house, not far from the present American Embassy building, Tchaikovsky, the composer, frequently visited. There Chekhov wrote many of his works.

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Nixon Asks That Americans Keep On Mercy Work

NEW YORK (UP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon called on Americans Wednesday night to contribute to Indochinese war relief regardless of how they feel about military and political decisions made in Viet Nam.
"We Americans may disagree with military and political decisions that have been made in Viet Nam," Nixon said. "But certainly we do not wish—or dare—to turn our backs upon these victims of the war."
Nixon made his statement in appealing for support of a new CARE campaign to send relief to Indochina. CARE is the Cooperative for American Remittances to Everywhere, Inc., which has sent millions of parcels to the needy overseas.

Asphalt Jungle Deer's Downfall

FREEMONT, Ill. (UP)—A 120-pound buck deer wandered into town, leaped over autos, crashed through windows and even poked its nose into a tavern. It was badly injured from collisions with buildings and store windows that it had to be destroyed.

King Salmon May Listen to Crosby Croon

WESTPORT, Wash. (UP)—The large king salmon that lurk off the waters of Westport are used to practically every type of bait ever conceived by fishermen—but something new may be in store for them.

They may fall prey to the siren songs of Bing Crosby.
Crosby, an avid angler, and his brother, Larry, have been invited to be guests at the Grays Harbor Poggie Club at their fifth annual Westport Salmon Derby, July 31-Aug. 1.

If the Crosby brothers come here, they'll join such notables as Govs. Thomas E. Dewey of New York; Charles Craig of Indiana, and Herman Talmadge of Georgia, and Earl E. James, grand exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge.

BULGE REWARD

CHICAGO (INS)—Mrs. Elsie Mae Cole, employe of a Chicago cleaning shop, noticed a bulge in a pocket of a man's suit that was to be cleaned. The bulge was a wallet—containing \$600. The discovery was reported to the suit's owner who thanked Mrs. Cole and gave her a \$10 reward.

Britons Turn To 'Hard' Stuff

LONDON—(INS)—More and more Britons are switching from beer to wine and "hard liquor" today.

Beer consumption fell again in 1953 to about 18 gallons per head compared to a peak rate of 32 gallons per person at the turn of the century.

But more wine was drunk in these islands during 1953 than in any post-war year while the consumption of spirits (whiskey, gin, rum and brandy) also set a new post-war record.

Britain's Wine and Spirits Association disclosed that Britons downed 10,339,316 gallons of wine last year as against 9,634,792 gallons in 1952.

Furthermore the figure for wine relates to imported wine only, as the association does not recognize wine made in Britain as wine in the strict sense of the word. Nevertheless, British wines were drunk to the extent of 4,774,000 gallons, an increase of 4½ percent on 1952.

Hard liquor or spirits consumption rose to 10,800,905 gallons (over eight million gallons home-distilled) — 350,000 gallons above the 1952 figure.

Liquor Yields State Revenue Of \$15 Million

PORTLAND (UP)—The Oregon Liquor Control Commission reported here it had distributed more than 15 million dollars to local governing bodies and the state general fund during the fiscal year ended June 30.

The commission said \$13,082,596 went to the general fund, \$1,240,276 to incorporated cities and \$914,822 to counties. Although the total amount was \$3,500,000 higher than the distribution for the preceding fiscal year, the commission said it didn't mean an increase in liquor sales. Most of it was accounted for by the fact that less was received for working capital and funds previously accumulated for inventory investment were released.

Willamette Yields Fisherman's Body

LOWELL, Ore. (UP)—The body of Eugene Lynn Lovelace, who apparently slipped into the Willamette River and drowned while fishing, was recovered Thursday.

Lovelace, a construction worker at the Dexter re-regulating dam near here, went fishing Wednesday night.

Brownell Gets Go-by From State Officers

ATLANTA (UP)—Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, president of the National Association of Attorneys general, said today he refused to invite U.S. Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. to the association's 1954 convention because of Brownell's "ruthless political" attacks on segregation, former President Truman and the late Sen. Robert Taft.

Cook gave the explanation in a letter to New York Atty. Gen. Nathaniel L. Goldstein, who had criticized him for not asking Brownell to speak at the association's convention at Edgewater Park, Miss., Dec. 8-11. It will be the first time in 41 years that the U. S. Attorney General has not addressed the conference.

Cook said Brownell's "sometimes irresponsible, ruthless political conduct has done irreparable damage to our efforts to promote better federal-state relations" which Cook termed the major purpose of the association.

Unlike some other rabbits, the newborn snowshoe rabbit has its eyes open and can run around the day it is born.

Mayor 38 Terms, Now Draws Pay

BREEDSVILLE, Mich. (UP)—William E. Frude, 64, is mayor for the 38th time. He missed being elected in 1952 because he didn't run.

This is the first time he's been paid in office.
"Don't know how much it is," Frude says. "We didn't have any provision for paying the mayor, but I understand one was passed while I was out of office."

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