

# Japan's Prime Minister Has 'Too Many Backers;' Cabinet Choice Poses Problem

**By SAM JOHNSON**  
 TOKYO Dec. 21 (AP)—Tanaka Ishibashi, 72, Japan's new prime minister who has too many political backers, began rapid fire huddles today to select a Cabinet. He must satisfy at least three major factions within the ruling Liberal Democratic party.

The opposition Socialists are watching closely, hoping his tight-rope walking will split the party and open the door for them. The newspaper Asahi predicted Ishibashi would finish the ticklish job tonight.

Ishibashi, a chubby little man who argued politics with Japan's war lords as well as with allied occupation officials, named his Cabinet secretary last night. He is Hirohide Ishida, formerly chairman of the steering committee of the lower house of the Diet (Parliament).

Ishibashi must also take care of Nobusuke Kishi, who almost defeated him in the race for president of the Liberal Democrat party. Kishi, mentioned as possible foreign minister, was secretary general of the party until the election late last week.

Mitsuiro Ishii also will have a strong say in forming the Cabinet, since his faction joined in electing Ishibashi party president. Election to the party presidency virtually assured Ishibashi of the premiership.

Ishibashi, son of a Buddhist priest, climaxed a skyrocket rise in politics — from beginner to prime minister in 10 years. He received 291 votes in the lower house of the Diet yesterday to 150 for his Socialist opponent, Mosaburo Yuzuki.

Premier Ichiro Hatoyama, pushed into the Diet building in a wheelchair announced his resignation because of ill health after satisfying two ambitions — entry of Japan into the United Nations, and a peace agreement with the Soviet Union.

The new Premier favors expanded trade with Communist China and Southeast Asia, government aid to Japan's expanding industry, and a readjustment of relations with the United States.

Ishibashi, whose last name means "stone bridge," argued with Japan's war lords that their military policy was destroying the country.

He continued his criticism of allied economic policies during the occupation. He was purged from office after he served a short time

as finance minister — his first political post — in Japan's first post-war Cabinet.

Ishibashi wanted the occupation authorities to rebuild Japan's industrial power quickly. The Korean War did that. He believes in government "pump priming" and

running a deficit budget for a while if that will help expand industry.

He is considered to be pro-Western, although he contends Japan is not now treated as an equal by the United States. He says he wants to readjust that situation.

## Priest Banning 'Steadies' Not Against Dating

**By WILLIAM A. SWARTWORTH**  
 LORETTA, Pa., Dec. 20 (AP)—A priest at Little St. Francis College, until 10 years ago a boys' school, is determined to keep steady dating — "the most" in teen-age circles — from becoming a campus problem.

That was the motivation for a widely publicized order banning students from "going steady" — as the teen-age set generally interprets the term.

The Rev. Vincent R. Negerborn, dean of students at the co-educational Roman Catholic school, hastens to explain that neither he nor the church is opposed to dating — or even steady dating — in moderation.

**Thing To Go Steady**  
 Currently, it is the "thing" for teen-agers to go steady. It's a must — like the craze over Elvis Presley and rock 'n' roll music.

In teen-ager parlance going steady means dating or keeping company — as often as possible — with one boy or girl, to the exclusion of all others.

This is the target of Father Negerborn's edict, put into effect at the southwestern Pennsylvania school Dec. 6.

Gist of the order is this: There shall be no excessive steady dating with the same individual.

**Not Against Dating**  
 "We are not against dating," Father Negerborn emphasizes. "But we are against excessive dating and particularly when it is with the same individual," he adds.

"And we don't object to upper-classmen dating steadily if they confine their meetings to two or three weekly. Generally, though, students in lower classes are too immature for marriage and therefore we frown on their dating steadily."

Father Negerborn said the ban simply was the formal application of a "standard Roman Catholic principle that keeping steady company can be an occasion of sin unless it leads to marriage in the very near future."

**Students Cooperating**  
 Father Negerborn said the order "occasioned no outbursts" among the students. "They're cooperating wonderfully; we're very pleased with their reaction."

Aside from considerations of morality, Father Negerborn said, excessive steady dating interferes with scholastic standings and stunts the social development of students.

He said the order still applies even though a couple may intend marriage at an early date.

**Discussed With Board**  
 Father Negerborn said he instituted the ban personally after discussing it with the school's administration board, of which he is a member.

He declined to venture an opinion whether the restriction might spread to other Catholic colleges. St. Francis College, operated by the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, has an enrollment of 800 including 150 girls.

**Remote From City**  
 "We're a bit remote from city life here," Father Negerborn said, "and the students aren't allowed the free circulation that they enjoyed at home." He continued: "Thus, excessive steady dating could become a real problem. We haven't had any serious problems up to this point. What we're trying to do is to look ahead and avoid any problems in the future."

## Wide Planning Projected Starts At Springfield

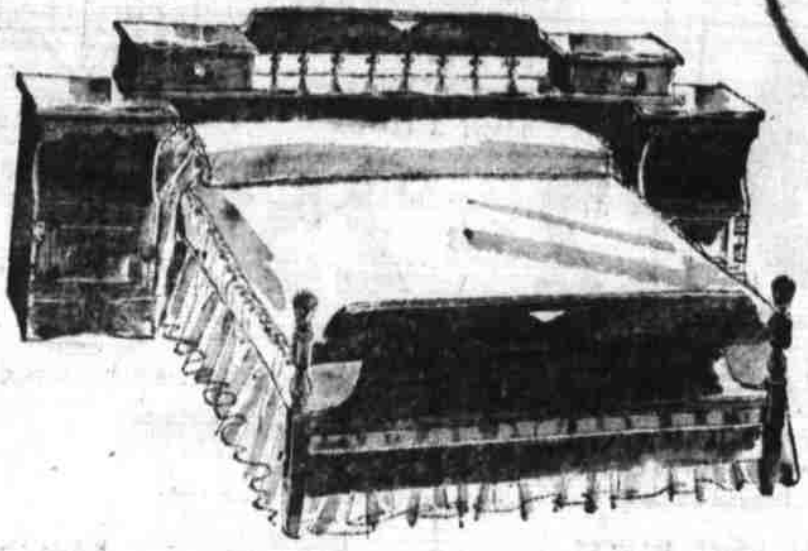
SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Steps are under way here on what will amount to the most extensive planning project in Lane County history. The goal is "urban renewal" of a large tract in northwest Springfield.

The Central Lane Planning Commission was designated this week as the agency to determine if the 161-acre area is feasible for urban renewal and to prepare plans for best development of the area. The study will be financed with a \$65,000 federal allocation.

Planning consultant Howard Buford said Wednesday the preliminary survey will take about six months. Then a decision will be made by the city, the Lane Housing Authority and the federal government on whether to go ahead.

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