

Anti-Prostitution Bill Defeated by Liberals

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TOKYO (UP)—Angry housewives, fighting to stamp out legal prostitution, suffered a major setback in Parliament last night.

Prime Minister Ichiro, Hatoyama's Democratic Party and the closely allied Liberals defeated a national anti-prostitution bill in the Judicial Affairs Committee.

The action produced pandemonium in the visitors' gallery. Outraged women supporters of the legislation shrieked denunciation of the conservatives. One woman fainted.

Though the Democrats later proposed and put through the committee session an alternative proposal recommending study of the problem, the women were not mol-

lified. The housewives, once so submissive in this country, promised to step up their war against brothels.

For Japan's powerful prostitution interests, the committee decision meant they had survived the first big threat to their centuries-old organization of redlight districts since a dissolution order

by U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur. It is only since World War II that Japanese women have won political equality. The experts predict they will lose their present fight but not before they send some politicians into retirement.

The women leading the fight against the centuries-old Japanese prostitution system are drawing up lists of the names of members

of Parliament who oppose them. They say they will not only inform Japanese women generally of the identity of the "supporters of prostitution"—they will make a special point of impressing the fact on the legislators' wives.

The brothel keepers are worried. For the first time in their lives, they have organized on a nationwide scale to fight the housewives.

Akira Suzuki, chairman of the Yoshiwara brothel district of Tokyo, has set up a national organi-

zation which he calls "The National Self-governing Association to Fight Venereal Diseases."

The chief arguments of the organization are that houses of prostitution prevent the spread of venereal diseases and keep down the sex crime rate.

The newspaper Asahi says the organization has assessed brothels to raise funds to fight the anti-brothel bill.

The women's fight is led by a formidable group of organizations, including the YWCA, the Japan-

ese Women's Christian League, women members of Parliament and labor groups.

Heading the housewives' blacklists of legislators who oppose the outlawing of prostitution are 20 members of Premier Ichiro Hatoyama's Democratic Party.

These unfortunates signed a recommendation that an anti-prostitution bill be passed.

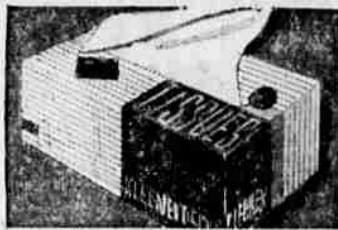
At that time, it looked as if the bill hadn't a chance in a million of being passed. But the women started to make progress. The 20 Democrats switched sides, and announced their opposition to the measure.

Committee Chairman Koichi Sato got himself on the blacklist when he said to a visiting delegation of women:

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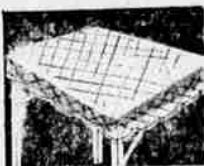
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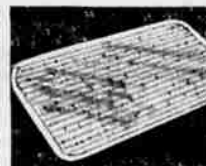
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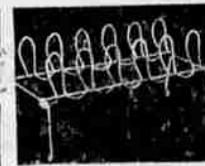
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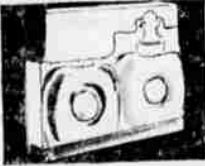
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