

Shidehara To Stay In Office While Cabinet Attempts To Solve Crisis

By RUSSELL BRINES
TOKYO, Jan. 11 (AP)—The aged and convalescent Premier Kijuro Shidehara will remain in office while his cabinet attempts to solve its political crisis by reorganization, the ministers decided today after a daylong meeting.

Some ministers submitted their resignations during the session in conformance with General MacArthur's January 4

political purge directive, said sources close to the government. However, they declined to disclose the number of possible resignations.

Later, Kyodo news agency said that Home Minister Enjiro Horikiri had handed his resignation to Shidehara and that Education Minister Tamon Maeda unauthoritatively was reported as planning to resign.

These sources also indicated that Shidehara originally desired the ministers' resignations en bloc, but agreed to remain in office and try a reorganization after arguments raised in today's meeting were relayed to him at his home.

Meeting Slated
The chief cabinet secretary, Daisaburo Tsugita, said another meeting will be held to determine the resignations of ministers affected by MacArthur's directive.

Lutgia gave no direct reason for the decision. He said, however, "the cabinet is confident the general elections will be carried out successfully." The elections, originally scheduled for this month, have been delayed probably two months by the cabinet crisis.

In mid-morning, Foreign Minister Shigera Yoshida had reported to Emperor Hirohito on the situation, created by General MacArthur's order that all mili-

taristic, ultranationalist public officials who had influenced Japan to make war must be ousted.

Weeklong Crisis
During the weeklong crisis, proponents of reorganization contended the cabinet should not resign as a body until the election had paved the way for party government.

Tokyo newspapers previously had reported that six of the 12 cabinet members would be forced out for past ultranationalist activities. The papers named these ministers as falling under MacArthur's directive: Horikiri, Matsumura, Maeda, Tsugita, Dr. Hitoshi Ashida, welfare and Joji Matsumoto, parliamentarian.

Reluctance of government sources to discuss possible resignations indicated that only a few had been decided upon so far.

Retention of a premier after a sizable portion of his cabinet resigned is unprecedented in Japanese politics. The usual procedure is total resignation, followed by reappointment of the premier to form a new cabinet.

Willamette Valley Roads Reported Icy

SALEM, Jan. 11 (AP)—Highways in the Willamette valley were dangerously icy this morning, but the state highway commission predicted the pavement would be cleared later in the day by rising temperatures.

The South Santiam highway, which has been closed by a slide at Upper Soda for one day, was reopened at 3 p. m. yesterday.

The daily road report: Government Camp—Clear, 19 degrees. One inch new snow, total snow 53 inches. Packed snow and ice throughout district.

Santiam Junction—20 degrees, clear. Packed snow on road throughout district. Total snow at summit 90 inches, at junction 48 inches. Chains advised.

Odell Lake—Clear, 7 degrees. Packed snow east of milepost 55. Total snow at summit 103 inches. One-way traffic between Oakridge and the summit.

Siskiyou Summit—Clear, 18 degrees. Ice spots being sanded. Packed snow on highway 66, but sanded.

Roads Good
Klamath Falls—All roads in good shape and sanded. Temperatures 10 degrees below zero at Sun mountain on The Dalles-California highway, 4 below at Quartz mountain, and 5 above at Hayden mountain.

Portland—High fog. All main highways in Washington county a glare of ice. Should clear up as temperature rises.

Eugene—Frost and fog. McKenzie highway opened to one-way traffic at Blue River bridge at 4:26 p. m. Thursday.

Medford—Heavy fog, freezing.

Astoria—High fog, roads frosty, sanding in progress. Columbia highway closed at east city limits of Astoria, detouring through Tongue Point naval base. One-way traffic on Oregon Coast highway north of Manzanita junction. One-way traffic on Nehalem secondary highway at slide east of Astoria.

Coquille—Some ice on pavement, being sanded. Heavy fog. Meacham—Clear, packed snow on Old Oregon Trail between mileposts 247 and 274. Total snow 25 inches.

Bend—500-foot detour on Oncoo highway 10 miles west of Mitchell where bridge washed out.

John Day—One-way traffic north of Service creek.

Austin—A half-inch of snow fell last night.

Wilsonville Ferry—Still closed by high water.

Klamath Lads Meet In China

How a couple of Klamath lads met accidentally in Shanghai, China, was related today in a letter received by The Herald and News from Paul Nichols, who is stationed in that Chinese city.

"As I was walking down the stairs on my way to chow the other day, a fellow grabbed my arm," wrote Paul. "When I turned to see who it was, there was Hubert Vanderhoff from my old home town of Klamath Falls.

"It sure felt good to meet a fellow you went to school with, especially way over here in Shanghai, China."

The two youths, both former students at Klamath Union high school, are in the navy as first class seamen.

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The prisoner held up a finger and replied patiently:

"But judge, when I appeared before you eight months ago, you said if I didn't behave myself, you'd give me a year in the county jail."

The records were checked—and the prisoner went to county jail.

ROSY FUTURE

WESTLAKE, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—If dotting aunts, uncles and grandparents spoil a child, five-month-old Galen Lee Stanturf will be pampered indeed.

His mother, Mrs. Galen Lee Stanturf, says the baby has 51 blood kin: four grandparents, six great-grandparents, one great-great-grandparent, six great-great-grandparents, six great-great-granduncles, six great-great-grand-aunts, six granduncles, six great-

grand-aunts, seven great-grand-uncles, two great-great-grand-aunts, and two great-great-grand-uncles.

Oh yes—and a great-great-great-grand-aunt—who is six generations removed.

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Essay Contest Theme Named

The annual essay contest, sponsored by the auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will have as its theme this year "What Can I Do For My Country?" The contest is open to students in Klamath Union high school, Sacred Heart academy, and all outlying high schools in the county including

Merrill, principal, George Elliott; Henley, principal, C. B. Howe; Mallin, principal, A. E. Street; Bonanza, principal, H. C. Sharp; Bly, principal, William Duoti; Chiloquin, principal, Joe H. Stewart; Gilchrist, principal, Ray W. Oehlerich; Mrs. A. A. Myers is again chairman of the contest, and she will be assisted by Mrs. J. C. Seveik.

High school students desiring to enter the contest may call Mrs. Myers, phone 4207, or Mrs. Seveik, 3805. The contest closes April 1, and the local winner is then entered in the state contest. Last year Phillis Crawford of Sacred Heart academy, won highest place in the state contest.

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On December 15, wasting out into the diversion channel was started with 250 cubic feet per second. With the continuous rainfall the volume of waste was stepped up to 500 second feet and this amount will be continued until the end of January to provide flood control storage in the reservoir, should heavy snow fall continue through the winter.

The reservoir is not expected to hold over 30,000 acre feet by February 1 in a wet year. During the heavy rainfall of the first of the year Lost river diversion channel reached its capacity but there was no spill into Tule lake.

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