

Japanese Foreign Minister Reaffirms Stand With U.S.

TOKYO (AP)—Mamoru Shigemitsu, named today as Japan's new foreign minister and deputy prime minister, says his nation's "position is quite fixed — we definitely are in the democratic camp."

Japan "wants to contribute as a democratic country to the stabilization of Asia and the peace of the world," says the peg-legged

veteran diplomat who signed Japan's World War II surrender.

Shigemitsu, a convicted war criminal, said Japan's new government under Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama hopes to improve United States-Japan relations still further.

"The Communists consider us a greater enemy than former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida," said Shigemitsu in an interview with the Associated Press.

The new Hatoyama government "has no fight with Yoshida's opposition to communism, but we want to oppose them effectively," he said. "Yoshida did nothing to cope with anti-American propaganda launched by fellow travelers in Japan, thereby tacitly encouraging it. We want to put a period to it."

Shigemitsu is 45. He was foreign minister during the war and served seven years as a war criminal before he was pardoned.

He called his conviction "a very unnecessary thing," but added, "I suppose it was a necessary evil."

Shigemitsu has served in Mexico, China and a number of other posts. He is a neat, balding man who lost his right leg in Shanghai in 1932 when a Korean nationalist threw a bomb into a Japanese celebration. He speaks English fluently.

He uses crutches in addition to his wooden leg. He balances a cup of tea with the offhand manner of the diplomat, likes American cigarettes and bow ties. He is serious, wears glasses, seldom laughs aloud but smiles frequently.

He wants more trade with Communist China as one way out of Japan's economic difficulties, but "we don't expect much. We had a great deal of trade with China before the war but we don't expect anything like that. It is not easy to do business with a Communist-controlled state."

"We will trade with Communist countries within the limits set down by international agreement among free nations. We will not go beyond those limits," he said.

Japan will, however, "consult with other democratic countries to try to narrow down the limitations on trade."

Safe Driving Day Planned

LAKEVIEW — Members of the Lake County chapter of the Highway Lifesavers Committee of Oregon Citizens met December 6 at the county court house to make plans to observe "Safe Driving Day," December 15. W. H. (John) Buell, chairman of the Lake County unit, presided.

In compliance with the wishes of President Eisenhower and his Action Committee for Traffic Safety, the Lake County committee is concentrating its efforts toward achieving a "deathless" driving day on Wednesday, December 15 in Lake County.

Working with Buell on his committee are: Homer O. Powell, president of the Lake County disaster unit; Robert L. Welch, district attorney; Julian Herndon, town attorney; Milton Deter, state patrolman; Charles Waldron, PTA safety chairman; Guy Miller, president of the chamber of commerce; John Blair, Lakeview mayor; Frank Andrell, town marshal; Thomas Elliott, sheriff; John Hanson, director of the safety rally; C. A. Fessler, police judge; Tom S. Farrell, justice of the peace; Gene Mitchell, chief of police; Leslie Shaw, editor of the Examiner.

Working with the committee are H. B. Ferrin, superintendent of the Lakeview schools and Delbert M. Holland, principal of Lakeview High School, who have volunteered the cooperation of the Lakeview schools in the campaign. Notices of the event will be sent home to parents and art posters will be made in the art classes. Hanson is to distribute the completed posters to the local mills and service stations.

Service clubs and the Lakeview ministers will be contacted by Mitchell, Buell, Waldron, Herndon and Elliott, announced Chairman Buell.

Former Klamath Resident Dies

WEED — Funeral services will be held in Redlands, California, Thursday afternoon for Allen White, 61, a former resident of Weed and Klamath Falls.

Mr. White was born January 29, 1893, in Trayer, Kansas. He came to Weed in 1906 and attended the Weed schools. He was a veteran of World War I and was a charter member of Weed American Legion Post 71.

White was an employee of the Long-Bell Lumber Company for 42 years. He resided in Klamath Falls from 1927 until 1942 when he returned to Weed and upon his retirement from the lumber company, October 1 of this year, was resident sales manager. A position he had held for several years.

Following the services in Redlands Thursday, interment will be at the East Lawn Memorial Park, Sacramento, on Monday. The family has requested that no flowers be sent.

Survivors include his widow Gladys; three brothers, J. M. White, Longview, Washington; Irvin White, Weed; William White, San Carlos; two sisters, Mrs. Alta Cremer, Weed and Mrs. William Pries, Redlands; one nephew and four nieces.

White passed away suddenly Monday morning at the home of his brother-in-law and sister in Redlands. After his retirement in October he and his wife had made their home in Palm Springs, California.

Navy Transport Crashes In East

HATBORO, Pa. (AP)—A Navy Super Constellation overturned and caught fire while landing at the Johnsville Naval Air Station yesterday, injuring 10 men, none seriously.

Ten others escaped unhurt. The 10-million-dollar craft, described by the Navy as a WV2 type on a radar test flight, was reported a total loss.

The Navy said the plane struck a rough spot, skidded and flipped over on its back but the occupants climbed out before the fire had a chance to spread.

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State Payroll Figures Told

SALEM (AP)—Payroll of firms covered by the Oregon unemployment compensation law decreased 2.56 per cent in the first half of this year, compared with the similar period of 1953.

The Unemployment Compensation Commission said the payrolls of the 15,020 employers totaled \$606,298,497 in the first six months. The total was \$622,216,315 in the first half of 1953, and \$593,519,441 in the first half of 1952.

Payrolls in the logging and lumber industry were \$123,23,554, about \$11,000,000 under the previous year. Construction wages totaled \$46,337,337, a drop of \$2,000,000.

Food processing payrolls were

\$25,579,200, a gain of two per cent. Payrolls in the metals, paper products and textile industries were higher.

Thirteen counties had larger payrolls. Most of these were in Eastern Oregon.

Counties with the biggest increases were Sherman, up 23.7 per cent; Curry 21.2; Gilliam 18.7, and Morrow 15.2.

Multnomah County, with a six-month payroll of \$278,753,991, had 46 per cent of the state total. It was down less than one per cent. Clatsop, Hood River, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wheeler and Yamhill counties had declines of more than 10 per cent.

Lane County had the second largest payroll, \$31,578,470. This was a drop of \$2,400,000 from a year earlier.

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