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| 8. The LP decision to resign the Cabinet rather than dissolve the Diet was motivated by the desire to gain time to rally their forces while the JDP took the responsibility for the Government, rather than set up a weak new LP Cabinet which would fall after a short time; and the desire to put the onus for a Diet dissolution, which is both unpopular and inevitable, on HATOYAMA rather than themselves. YOSHIDA championed a Diet dissolution, but the Cabinet decision to dissolve the Diet must be unanimous and OGATA Taketora refused flatly to go along with YOSHIDA. YOSHIDA tried to get MATSUNO to talk to OGATA for him, but MATSUNO backed OGATA and even threatened to have YOSHIDA expelled from the LP if he would not agree. The showdown came when the YOSHIDA opposition produced statements by 130 House of Representative and 97 percent of the House of Councilors LP members stating that if YOSHIDA would not resign they would. | | | |
| 9. OGATA's stand, forcing YOSHIDA to the Cabinet resignation, has earned him the enmity of YOSHIDA's entourage, notably IKEDA, important for his financial sources, and SATO Eisaku. ISHII Mitsujiro, who replaced IKEDA as LP secretary-general, is an old friend of OGATA since they both worked on Asahi, but he | | | |
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lacks IKEDA's assets and capabilities. However, ISHII is on good terms with HATOYAMA and, working with MATSUNO, may be able to bring about a JDP - LP merger.

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