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SOURCE Former Japanese intelligence officer, from an adviser of YOSHIDA

A public opinion poll conducted recently on the instructions of Prime Minister YOSHIDA Shigeru revealed that 60 percent of the country favored rearmament, while 40 percent opposed it.<sup>1</sup> YOSHIDA feels that he should have the support of 70 to 80 percent of the people before attempting to revise the Constitution. Accordingly, should YOSHIDA be named Prime Minister again, the government will continue its policy of gradually increasing the National Police Reserve rather than reorganizing the Japanese army.

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1 Field Comment. Source does not state whether this was a private sampling of opinion or whether it was a poll conducted by a newspaper or some other public sponsor.