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10-percent cut had been made in the 1954 defense budget and that further cuts in funds for naval personnel would be made unless the United States turned over to Japan 17 combat naval vessels. (SECRET)

12. Japanese radiation victim's critical condition caused by improper treatment: Ambassador Allison told Japanese foreign minister Okazaki on 2 September that the United States Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission (ABCC) doctor who had examined the critically ill radiation victim, , reported his condition appeared due to "serious overtreatment." The doctor noted the patient was given 73 blood and plasma transfusions and that there were a number of deficiencies and inconsistencies in his care and case records.

Okazaki acknowledged he had received similar views from Japanese doctors, but "not from the majority." (C Tokyo 535, 2 Sept 54)

Comment: An outbreak of anti-Americanism, fanned by leftist elements and a hostile press, is already under way over the condition of , victim of the 1 March radiation incident. In a renewal of the sensational journalism which characterized the initial event, the Japanese press is indulging in an emotional outburst combining self-pity, criticism of the Japanese government for its handling of the case, and general resentment against the United States.

Governmental irresponsibility has been suggested by the charge of a cabinet member that the United States has shown "insincerity" toward the bomb victims.

13. Floods continue to disrupt Chinese overland transport: The consul general at Hong Kong reports that flood waters are receding in the Yangtze and Huai valleys. A Dutch courier, however, making a round trip by rail from Hong Kong to Peiping, took 14-1/2 days for the trip, which is usually completed in six days. (C Hong Kong 468, Joint Weeka 35, 3 Sept 54)

Comment: The water level at Wuhan on the Yangtze dropped to 95 feet 3 inches on 3 September from the peak of 98 feet 6 inches on 18 August. Flood danger, however, will continue on the Yangtze for at least one more month.

The Canton-Peiping rail line through Hankow has been inoperable over long stretches since July. However, efforts are being made to keep the alternate north-south line from Canton

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