

WILD MELEE IN TOKYO MARKS SECURITY PACT VOTE

The situation is not exactly calm and peaceful as the House of Representatives meets in Tokyo to ratify the new security treaty with the United States. Outside, a large crowd of Leftist demonstrators protest against the treaty, which would keep U.S. bases in Japan for at least ten more years. They claim that the presence of American forces could get Japan into a war it does not want. But the rioting outside is nothing compared to what happens inside the Diet building. As members of the two Socialist parties that oppose the treaty try to prevent pro-Government representatives from meeting, a bit of a scuffle takes place. This calls for the police: Five hundred members of the Tokyo force go after the opposition members who are sitting in the hallway, stopping traffic. With four policemen handling each objector, a semblance of order begins to return. It takes a little while, though. In the House chamber, they wait for Speaker Ichiro Kiyose to arrive so the session can begin. After being barricaded in his office, he needs some assistance to get to the Speaker's chair. But by now the pro-Government and pro-treaty forces definitely have the upper hand, and Speaker Kiyose makes it. The House approves the treaty.