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### PRIME MINISTER YASUHIRO NAKASONE

360 feet 10 min.

1. (DIET, AERIAL VIEWS) Japan's National Diet building in the heart of Tokyo.
2. (DIET, SIDE VIEW) In late November of last year, the Diet was the scene of elections to name the successor to Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki.
3. (VOTING SEQUENCE) The people's choice: Yasuhiro Nakasone, a 35-year veteran of Japanese politics.
4. (TV CAMERAS) Under the watchful eye of nationwide television cameras, the Speaker of the House of Representatives confirms the results and Mr. Nakasone is designated the 45th Prime Minister of Japan.
5. (TENTS) That night, the press gather outside the official residence as the new Prime Minister begins the task of selecting his Cabinet ministers.
6. (NAKASONE ARRIVES) The first to arrive is the Prime Minister himself.
7. (ABE ARRIVES) His choice for Foreign Minister is Shintaro Abe, former Minister of International Trade and Industry.

extends an invitation to the Prime Minister to confer with the U.S. President in Washington.

16. (HUSSEIN) King Hussein meets with Prime Minister Nakasone to discuss Middle Eastern situation.

17. (SHANGHAI MAYOR) Mr. Nakasone later receives the mayor of Shanghai.

18. (ASEAN) He also meets the Ambassador of the 5 ASEAN nations to talk over issues of mutual interest.

19. (CHILDREN) But the Prime Minister does not neglect his future constituents: the young people of Japan. Here, Mr. Nakasone is almost mobbed by a group of enthusiastic elementary school students visiting the National Diet.

20. (RESIDENCE ENTRANCE) Home for Mr. and Mrs. Nakasone up to his inauguration was this house in a quiet residential suburb of Tokyo.

(LAWN) Although this was a comfortable setting, they chose to move into the Official Residence in mid-December.

21. (COLOR TUBES) The Prime Minister likes to paint and is considered quite an accomplished artist in oils. He is an active member of the Association of Artist Parliamentarians and has regularly submitted his works for the association's exhibitions. One of his oils won a prize last year.

22. (MEDITATION) Mr. Nakasone has long recognized the demanding nature of the life of a politician. Ever since he entered public service, he has made it a point to practice Zen meditation at least once a week to cleanse the mind, to strengthen it to meet the challenges of his work.

23. (BRUSH) Another aspect of Mr. Nakasone's artistic talents involves the art of calligraphy.

His penmanship is bold, but the results are graceful.

24. (SIGNING NAME) He signs his name under the title of "Prime Minister."

25. (LONG SHOT OF WORDS) The meaning of what he has written -- "Encourage Justice."

26. (READING ) Reading occupies his private hours whenever possible. Mr. Nakasone has made it a rule to set aside time every day to keep up on his reading. He is also the author of a number of books on politics and his political philosophy.

27. (ORCHIDES) Mr. Nakasone's interests cover a broad range of hobbies as well. One of his favorites is orchid-raising. This is a cooperative undertaking and he and Mrs. Nakasone work together, carefully tending the delicate blossoms.

Sports also enter the picture and the Prime Minister enjoys swimming, tennis, and golf, in that order.

28. (ORCHID CLOSE-UP) The focus of the Prime Minister's private time, however, is his rather large family. Mr. and Mrs. Nakasone have one son and two daughters, all married, and five small but active grandchildren.

(SON) His son, Hirofumi, and his wife.

(DAUGHTER) His daughter, Mieko, and her husband..... Michiko, the other daughter, is presently living in Australia.

29. (PM CLOSE-UP) Prime Minister Nakasone enjoys these moments with his family ..... Whether in the swimming pool, on the tennis court, or at play with a granddaughter, his youthfulness belies his 64 years.

The Prime Minister stresses his hope, his wish to try to create a society where people's hearts will be in harmony, a society with respect for freedom, creativity, and the joy of life.

Mr. Nakasone is a man of vigor and forward-looking leadership who has taken up the challenges of the future.