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UOC Due absence morning papers, full press coverage Kuboyama ND death postponed until appearance afternoon press. MAINICHI OLT put out special morning edition on subject carrying among statements those by Minister Ando that Kuboyama death posed question for whole world, by Doctor Kuriyama ascribing death to "radiation" sickness, by Ambassador OCB USTA expressing regret, and various lugubrious biographic CIA OSD accounts of deceased. Ambassador's statement and million ARMY yen solatium payment for widow given favorable treatment NAVY by both press and radio.

Afternoon ASAHI somewhat more moderate in tone, but story given top play. Other vernacular press indulged in completely unrestrained reports. YEMIURI pointed out that during autopsy deceased found highly radioactive after skin removed. All papers carried demands that compensation figure be reviewed and speculated re advisability of future tests.

First press acounts appear less critical of US than might have been expected, but major coverage of event will come tomorrow.

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