JAP STATESMAN STABBED.

Socialist statesman Asamuma, addressing a three-party meeting in Tokyo, stood on the edge of death. A student rushed on the platform and stabbed him.

The stabbing was almost too quick to see. Watch it in slow motion.

Asamma was rushed to hospital and died on the operating table. The assassin, a 17-year-old student, was a fanatical conservative who objected to the socialist leader's policy.