

For a detailed exposition of this disturbing and sorry period in the church's history, see Reid 1979<sup>1</sup> and Phillips 1981.

1. Reid. "{Secularization theory and Japanese Christianity: the case of Nihon Kirisuto Kyodan}." *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 6 no. 1-2 (1979): 347.. This paper is *highly recommended* for those who have a desire to further understand the state of the Japanese church today; it is also republished as chapter 4 of Reid 1991.