For a detailed exposition of this disturbing and sorry period in the church's history, see Reid 1979\(^1\) and Phillips 1981.

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1. Reid. 1979. “Secularization theory and Japanese Christianity: the case of Nihon Kirisuto Kyodan.” *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* (6)1-2:347. 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.