

For a detailed exposition of this disturbing and sorry period in the church's history, see Reid 1979¹ and Phillips 1981.

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.