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1. THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) AND JAPANESE LABOR UNION LEADERS WERE VERY SHOCKED AT THE ASSASSINATION OF JSP CHAIRMAN ASANUMA INEJIRO ON 12 OCTOBER 60, BUT AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF EMOTIONAL REACTION, LEFTIST LEADERS HAVE SETTLED DOWN TO FIGURE OUT THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION. CHAIRMAN OTA KAORU OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS OF JAPAN (SOHYO) CALLED UPON THE NATIONAL RAILWAY WORKERS UNION (KOKUTETSU) TO STAGE A HUGE WALKOUT BUT KOKUTETSU REJECTED THIS AS TAKING TOO EXTREME AN ADVANTAGE OF THE INCIDENT. IT IS UNLIKELY THERE WILL BE ANY VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS OR STRIKES. THE JSP AND SOHYO WILL KEEP THE VOTERS CONSTANTLY REMINDED OF THE ASSASSINATION, HOPING TO REAP THE BENEFIT OF A SYMPATHY

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VOTE. THE BIGGEST RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION IS ITS EFFECT ON JAPANESE WORKERS WHO NOW ARE MUCH MORE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HELPING THE JSP CAMPAIGN BY GETTING OUT THE VOTE AND DONATING MORE MONEY TO THE JSP.

2. THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) WILL SUFFER FROM THE INCIDENT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF ITS WEAK STATEMENT ON THE DEATH. THE JAPANESE WORKERS ARE IRRITATED THAT THE DSP DID NOT TAKE A STRONGER STAND AGAINST THE POLICE AND GOVERNMENT AND DID NOT EXPRESS MORE SYMPATHY FOR ASANUMA.

3. IT IS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT FORMER JSP CHAIRMAN SUZUKI MOSABURO WILL BECOME JSP CHAIRMAN AT THE FIRST JSP CONVENTION AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

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