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1. The 11th Central Committee meeting of the Japan Democratic Youth League (Minseido) was held on 9 and 10 January 1963; the first day at the Bunkyo Ward Hotel Association office and the second day at the Futaki Ryokan, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo. This meeting was held to prepare the central committee report for the 8th Minseido National Convention to be held from 25 to 27 January 1963 at the Nihon Seinen Kan in Meiji Park.
2. On the second day of the meeting, 10 January, Central Standing Committee member OBIKAWA Junichi asked for a vote of no confidence against Secretary General MAEDA Minoru and explained in detail the reason for such an action. As a result, by majority vote, MAEDA was voted out. Central Standing Committee member TSUCHIYA Yoshio was elected acting secretary general until the national convention.
3. The reasons given by OBIKAWA for the vote of no confidence were as follows:
 - a. MAEDA has been maintaining regular weekly contact with MITA Kazumi, a member of the Socialism Reform Movement (SRM) and a purgee from the Japan Communist Party (JCP);
 - b. MAEDA without proper authority embezzled over ¥500,000 from the Minseido Finance Department. Over half of the amount was spent by MAEDA in his campaign to become a JCP Central Committee candidate member. He obtained the money just before

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the 8th JCP National Convention in the summer of 1961 from Minseido Headquarters Finance Department chief OZEKI Kiyoko, who made available the money from the organization fund. At that time, OZEKI had been a sympathetic follower of MAEDA. She recently became a mistress of TSUCHIYA Yoshio and under TSUCHIYA's questioning exposed MAEDA's misconduct.

- c. MAEDA is guilty of "loose talk" especially in discussing confidential internal problems of Minseido, in public.
 - d. MAEDA has failed to unify opinions within Minseido.
 - e. MAEDA's moral conduct is increasingly being criticized by Minseido members. MAEDA's affairs with female members are too numerous to be ignored.
 - f. MAEDA is responsible for the split within the organization by following and advocating the Soviet line of strengthening the organization through the peace movement. OEIKAWA and TSUCHIYA, on the other hand, advocate the HAKAMADA Satomi line of strengthening the organization first and then participating in struggles.
4. As a result of Minseido's action against MAEDA, the case has been taken up by the JCP Control and Audit Committee for appropriate action.
1. Field Comment. The 31 January Mainichi Daily News reported that a Japanese intelligence service has confirmed the removal of MAEDA as secretary general during the Minseido 8th Convention. The report said MAEDA's removal is allegedly the result of internal conflict within Minseido, reflecting the current Sino-Soviet dispute. The new Minseido secretary general was identified as TSUCHIYA Yoshio. The 31 January Akahata reported that four members of the Minseido Central Committee had visited the Mainichi main offices to protest this report, charging that it was utterly unfounded and a malicious frame-up designed to slander Minseido. See also FJT-8937 from a different official Japanese service for late 1962 information regarding the increased power of the Minseido pro-Chinese Communist faction led by OEIKAWA Junichiro.

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