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SUBJECT	Status of Former Japan Democratic Youth League Leader MAEDA Minoru	DATE OF REPORT	3 April 1963
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DATE OF INFO. Mid-January - mid-March 1963  
PLACE & DATE ACQ. Japan, Tokyo (15 March 1963)

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SOURCE  from a source described as a JCP member with antimainstream sympathies who obtained the information from a JCP Headquarters Youth and Student Department official. Appraisal of Content: 3.

1. Japan Communist Party (JCP) Central Committee candidate member and former Japan Democratic Youth League (Minseido) Secretary General MAEDA Minoru was hospitalized at Yoyogi Hospital, Tokyo, by order of the JCP mainstream faction before the 25-27 January 1963 Minseido Eighth National Convention. He was removed from the Minseido secretary generalship during this hospitalization.<sup>2</sup> MAEDA's illness was diagnosed as rheumatism, and he recuperated at his residence. MAEDA started work at the JCP Headquarters Youth and Student Department on about 20 February 1963.<sup>3</sup>
2. The JCP Presidium has decided to send MAEDA to Communist China in the near future. The ostensible purpose of MAEDA's travel will be recuperation from his illness, but the actual purpose will be to indoctrinate him in the Chinese Communist viewpoint.

Field Comments

1. FJT-8195, 16 May 1962, reported efforts by JCP mainstream leader HAKAMADA Satomi to remove MAEDA from Minseido leadership.
2. FJT-8938, 12 February 1963, reports the removal of MAEDA by the Minseido 11th Central Committee meeting on 10 January 1963. The 31 January 1963 Mainichi Daily News reported that a Japanese

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intelligence service had confirmed MAEDA's removal during the Minseido Eighth National Convention. The 31 January Akahata reported that four members of the Minseido Central Committee had visited the Mainichi offices charging that the Mainichi report had been untrue. Field Comment to FJT-9052, 20 March 1963, noted that MAEDA did not attend the Minseido Eighth National Congress.

3. MAEDA has not previously been a member of the JCP Headquarters Youth and Student Department.

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