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1. When TSUJI Masanobu arrived in Peiping, he immediately requested an interview with CHOU En-lai, but he was informed that CHOU was ill. TSUJI was entertained by LIAO Cheng-chih at a welcoming dinner attended by about 20 persons. During the dinner LIAO said to TSUJI: "We did not wish to invite you to our country because last summer you denounced us in an article you published in the Hokkoku Shinbun."² TSUJI replied: "I published that article because it was based upon reliable evidence, and I have no intention of retracting my statements in that article." LIAO was so infuriated with TSUJI's reply that he left the table, and the party broke up automatically.
2. Following this quarrel with his host, which amounted to a breach of etiquette TSUJI remained in his hotel room, expecting that he might be placed under "house arrest." Four days later, LIAO paid a sudden visit to TSUJI at his hotel and informed him that CHOU En-lai would give him an interview.³ LIAO escorted TSUJI to CHOU's bedroom where the interview took place. Throughout the interview, TSUJI took precise notes of the conversation, and before leaving, asked CHOU if he could make public the contents of the notes. CHOU replied that he too had taken notes, and wanted the notes compared before they were made public. TSUJI has not yet disclosed the contents of his notes.
3. Upon his return to Japan, TSUJI did not make a formal report to the Liberal-Democratic Party, but gave an informal talk to the KONO Ichiro faction of the Party, at the latter's request.
1. Field Comment. LIAO Cheng-chih is a member of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, Vice-Chairman of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, Chairman of the All-China Federation of Democratic Youth, and ranks high in the Chinese Communist hierarchy. He visited Japan in October-November 1954 with Mrs. LI Te-ch'uan and the Chinese Communist Red Cross delegation; he has made numerous trips to other countries as a delegate to various conferences and meetings of international Communist-front organizations. He has been in close contact with leftist Chinese in Japan and with Japanese prominent in leftist and liberal circles. FJT-139 reported that TSUJI had been invited by LIAO to visit China in April 1956, but TSUJI replied that he would prefer to postpone the visit until September 1956.

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2. Source Comment. LIAO was referring to TSUJI's article in the Hokkoku Shimbun stating that the Japan Socialist Party had received political funds from the Chinese Communist Party.

Field Comment. FJT-748 from a different source mentioned the publication of this article "in a small newspaper in Ishikawa Prefecture." According to information gained subsequently, TSUJI's article appeared in the 5 July 1956 edition of the Hokkoku Shimbun, a local newspaper published in Kanazawa-shi, Ishikawa-ken, TSUJI's native prefecture.

3. Field Comment. The above information tends to bear out the report by a different source in FJT-1962 that TSUJI's original request for an interview with CHOU was rebuffed because of CHOU's objections to statements made by TSUJI during the House of Councillors election campaign in 1956 concerning Chinese Communist transmittal of funds to Japan, but that, subsequently, TSUJI was able to meet CHOU.

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