

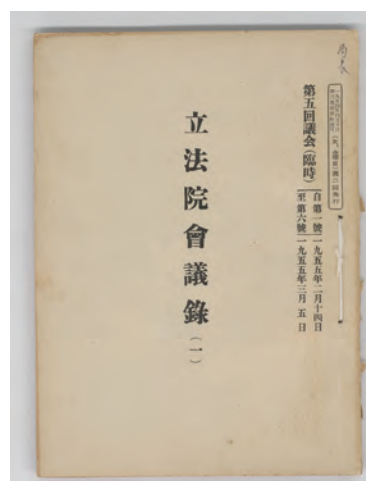
Period IV (3) – Documents related to the Daisan Seitoku Maru incident

Resolution by the Legislature of the Government of the Ryukyu Islands, requesting the cooperation of international organizations in relation to an incident that occurred under its jurisdiction

No.54 Minutes of the fifth meeting (extraordinary session), Legislature of the Government of the Ryukyu Islands [Resolution No.15, Daisan Seitoku Maru: March 5, 1955 by Kisaburo OWAN, Typography]

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Excerpt [English translation]

[Fifth Meeting: March 5, 1955]
 “Resolution No. 15: Resolution regarding the investigation of the shooting incident against the crew of the Daisan Seitoku Maru and the rescue of the crew” was submitted as follows: (text omitted)

The following incident was reported in newspapers: “Around two o’clock in the afternoon of March 2, at the location of 25° 48’ N, 123° 13’ E near Uotsuri Island of the Ryukyu Islands, the fishing ship Daisan Seitoku Maru (weight 15 t), owned by Seiyo TOMA of 4-han, Baten-ku, Sashiki-mura, Okinawa, was attacked by two junk ships with flags of the Republic of China, “Qingtian-bairi-mandihongqi (sun-in-the-blue-sky).” Two of the nine crew members of the Daisan Seitoku-maru were shot to death, and four are still reported missing.” (text omitted) This is an extremely serious incident of an international nature relating both to human rights and territorial sea. (text omitted)

To investigate this incident thoroughly, we must seek cooperation from international organizations such as the United Nations.

Therefore, the Legislature of the Government of the Ryukyu Islands shall establish a special committee (*1) to uncover the truth regarding the incident with the cooperation of international organizations, rescue the missing crew, and seek responsibility for these attacks. We shall delegate any examination related to this incident to this committee.

March 5, 1955

Legislature of the Government of the Ryukyu Islands (text omitted)

Overview

Minutes of a meeting of the Legislature of the Government of the Ryukyu Islands, recording the resolution requesting an investigation into the Daisan Seitoku Maru incident and the rescue of the crew. The Legislature of the Government of the Ryukyu Islands requested the cooperation of the United Nations and other international organizations to elucidate the truth regarding the incident. It adopted a resolution that called for the establishment of a special committee which would discuss all matters concerning the incident during the period that the Legislature would not be in session. However, the matter of the establishment of the special committee was deleted at the discretion of the chairperson.

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