

# Nation-wide Campaign by JRU7 is now in progress

No.15 May 20, 2009 “Calling us Kakumaru , they made up the case”



Today, on May 20, we are in Fukushima to have a rally. It was held at Korasse Fukushima in the city. The rally was kicked off by Mr. Kobayashi, Head of the Support Association of Fukushima. We heard addresses by two guests.

They are Mr. Ibe, an emeritus professor of Fukushima University and Mr. Yoshihara, one of the organizing members of the Support Association. They referred to the Matsukawa Case, an alleged derailment and rollover accident 60 years ago, and firmly stressed the importance of creating strong fighting outside the court and forming a more powerful scrum between defendants, legal team and supporters.

Brother Yanaji said, “I have met Mr. Y (an alleged victim) only three times. He didn’t know me then. I only received his notification of withdrawal from JREU. The prosecution, however, made me a key plotter in order to cook up the case as the one induced organizationally by JREU as well as the one Kakumaru faction was involved in. But the court didn’t presume me to be the plotter of the case, which is quite in the natural order of things. We didn’t force Mr. Y to leave the union and quit his job. 120 years ago Chichibu Konmin-to (uprising farmers’ group) was called ‘Insurgent’. 60 years ago alleged defendants who were said to plot the accident were called ‘Reds’ (communists). Today we are harassed and rabeled as ‘Kakumaru’.” He condemned the attack, insisting that this case hadbeenfabricated in order to crush JREU.

