

The Life of Luxury

- (1) The Japanese Government announced yesterday that it would investigate the expense account payments of several members of the Liberal Democratic Party.
- (2) The action was caused by recent newspaper reports that several politicians were living very luxuriously on taxpayers' money.
- (3) Two weeks ago, some famous ritzy restaurants claimed that several high-ranking officials had spent a great deal of money on liquor and expensive dinners.
- (4) Other sources say that four politicians have chartered private airliners for vacation trips, and that one official spent 3,000 euros for a three-night stay at a five star hotel in Paris.
- (5) Although the politicians have denied any improper payments, they have promised to cooperate with investigators in establishing more careful accounting procedures for their expenses.

語注

- (1) investigate 調査する expense account 必要経費、交際費
- (2) cause 引き起こす luxuriously ぜいたくに taxpayers 納税者
- (3) ritzy 豪華な、高級な high-ranking official 高級官僚 a great deal of money 大金
- (4) source 情報源[筋]、消息筋 private airliner 民間航空機
- (5) deny 否定する improper 不適切な cooperate 協力する establish 定める  
accounting procedure 会計手続き[処理]