

1.The Beginning of the Struggle

(3) 〈Uchinada Unites, and the Protests Delay the Requisition〉 (September-October, 1952)

On September 21st, the Uchinada Villagers ' Conference deliberated the terms and compensation of the land requisition, and eventually voted to reject it in its entirety. The Uchinada Struggle had officially begun. The next day, the Uchinada Village Authorities and the Village Council sent a petition opposing the land requisition to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ishikawa Prefectural Governor Wakio Shibano, and Congressman Kamejiro Hayashiya of the Ishikawa Prefecture electorate. Many citizens were also involved in a signature-collection campaign, and on September 26th they sent a petition to the Cabinet Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Because the vigor of the protest movement far exceeded the government's expectations, the land requisition was temporarily halted on October 8th.