3. The Struggle Goes Nationwide

(1) (Worries of a Permanent Land Requisition) (April, 1953)

Even as the weapons testing range entered the final month of its planned usage, the American military and Japanese government gave no indications of having plans to leave the testing range, and because talks of permanent land requisition became more and more inevitable, the goal of the protest movement changed into the "absolute opposition to the permanent land requisition." This movement grew to include not just residents from Uchinada and its surrounding areas, but also groups within Ishikawa such as labor organizations, young person's organizations, women's associations, and the Hokuriku Railroad Labor Union. As support began to gradually come from outside the prefecture as well, the Uchinada Struggle soon captured the attention of the entire nation.