

### 3. The Struggle Goes Nationwide

#### (2) 〈The Impact of the Protest Movement on National Politics: Temporarily Halting the Weapons Testing〉 (April-May, 1953)

The protest movement also had a significant impact on elections. In the House of Councilors election that took place on April 24th, Kamejiro Hayashiya—who had previously been offered a position as Minister of State to persuade him to change his mind in the land requisition debate—was unseated by Tokuji Imura, a member of the Reform Party who publicly pledged his support for the land requisition protest movement. As a result, the government could no longer ignore the opinions of the faction that protested the land requisition, and thus decided that the original end date to the testing of April 30th would be upheld, thereby temporarily ceasing any further weapons testing.