

#### 4. The Demise of the Protest Movement, and Afterwards

##### (1) 〈The Protest Movement in Shambles〉 (August, 1953)

Though the villagers received support from all over the country, the longer the protests persisted the more household incomes fell, and daily life became difficult for the people of Uchinada. The fierce resistance seemed to have no effect, and the security around the testing range only strengthened.

In response, the Uchinada Village Authorities struggled to find a solution while still respecting the feelings of the indignant residents, and moved forward with a compromise plan that would "use the reparation funds to implement policies for developing the sand dunes and reclaiming land from the Kahoku Lagoon." There were some villagers who supported the protest movement that increasingly felt as though conditional acceptance of the land requisition was the only option.