

4. The Demise of the Protest Movement, and Afterwards

(4) 〈 The Movement to Recall Mayor Nakayama and his Subsequent Resignation 〉

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The Uchinada Village Authorities agreed to move towards conditional requisition of the land, and on September 15th, the Village Executive Committee (excluding Onebu and Miyasaka) held a conference to determine their next course of action and collectively agreed that the continuation of the land requisition protests would now be meaningless. Thereupon, along with deciding to cease the sit-ins happening on the Teppan Road and in the Gongen Woods, the committee also agreed to focus on recalling Mayor Nakayama under the pretense that he had been responsible for extending the protest movement. They began in haste to collect signatures to oust him from his position, excluding Onebu and Miyasaka. In response, on October 13th, Mayor Nakayama handed in his written resignation.