

U.S. military policemen prepare to disperse striking workers in front of the Second Army Supply Unit, Naha, Okinawa



U.S. SAID TO KEEP
NERVE GAS ABROAD
AT MAJOR BASE

Report of Okinawa Accident
Sets Off Furor in Japan—
Tokyo Asks Explanation

PROTEST IS STRONG
IN JAPAN, OKINAWA

Effect on U.S. Pact Is Seen
If Gas Report Is True

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OKINAWA

U.S.—

Get out of

JAPAN and OKINAWA

DEMONSTRATION —
HIROSHIMA DAY

U.S. MISSION to U.N.

799 U.N. Plaza (opposite U.N.
Plaza, East River and 45th Street)

WEDNESDAY — August 6th
12 noon to 2 P.M.

HEAR: Anti-War GI formerly stationed at Okinawa
and Mrs. Mary Kochiyama

This Demonstration is part of HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI WEEK, a week-long series of actions from August 2-9, sponsored by the FIFTH AVENUE VIETNAM PEACE PARADE COMMITTEE, 17 East 17th Street, New York City 10003; telephone : 255-1075.

IT IS CLEAR THAT:

- ➡ The presence of 45,000 U.S. troops on the Japanese mainland under the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty is a vital part of U.S. efforts to contain movements of national self-determination in Asia. At the same time, pressure is being exerted by the Nixon administration on the Japanese government to rearm themselves so that "free world" Asia can stand off the "Red Menace" while the U.S. pulls back.
- ➡ Okinawa is being used as a base for U.S. aggression in Southeast Asia. The bases on the island are being used to: (1) send B-52 bombers on raids to Vietnam, (2) train troops for guerilla warfare, (3) maintain nuclear missiles, and (4) plan the supply missions to support the entire U.S. war effort in Vietnam, including logistical support, port calls, and hospital care.
- ➡ The occupation of Okinawa is a clear case of U.S. imperialism abroad. In a recent election, the overwhelming sentiment of the Okinawan people was for the reversion of their homeland to Japan. At present, however, the U.S. military government exercises direct colonial rule and places military priorities over all others, including the welfare and human rights of the Okinawan inhabitants.
- ➡ Living conditions in Okinawa are at once deplorable and dangerous because of the extensive military build-up. Trucks loaded with live ammunition trundle through the heavily populated downtown district nearly everyday. The rivers which the people depend on for drinking water are polluted by radioactive wastes from the nearby U.S. bases. And just recently, 25 Americans were hospitalized when they were accidentally stricken by nerve gas, just one of the many dangerous and lethal weapons which are stored by the U.S. military installation in Okinawa.
- ➡ Even under such an oppressive military system, the Okinawan prefectural people are bravely fighting for the removal of bases and against the aggressive war in Vietnam, in order to win their self-determination and freedom. They are joined in this struggle by their brothers and sisters in mainland Japan, who are struggling to abolish the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty in 1970.

The reversion of Okinawa has been formally agreed upon at this time. What is in the process of being negotiated and what will probably be decided on during Premier Sato's visit to the U.S. in November 1969, are the conditions under which the existing military bases will continue to operate.

Therefore, we demand the following:

- 1) THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF ALL U.S. FORCES, AND ALL NUCLEAR AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS FROM OKINAWA.
- 2) THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL REVERSION OF OKINAWA TO JAPAN.
- 3) THE END OF THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY.

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