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Part 1: OKINAWA

In November Prime Minister Eisaku Sato is going to Washington to meet with President Nixon and negotiate the return of the Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa) to Japanese sovereignty. The radical left in Japan...students, young workers, and citizens' groups...are planning massive demonstrations to...
AMPO: What do you think that Beheiren has introduced into Japanese politics that's new?

ODA: (laughing) That's really a difficult question. Let's see...what can I say? Turn it off for a minute, will you?

(tape recorder turned off temporarily, while Oda thinks, then restarted.)

ODA: This can be said about the peace movement all over the world, but I'll speak particularly about the peace movement in Japan, since I've been connected with it for a long time...

TSURUMI: (interpreting) What's that? Since what?

ODA: "Since..." oh Hall!

TSURUMI: Well then, speak English.

ODA: (laughing, speaks in English)...especially in Japan, since I have been deeply connected with the Japanese movement, so I think one of the characteristics of the Beheiren movement is...(in Japanese) how should I put it (laughing again)...

TSURUMI: In Japanese is better.

(Continued on page 10)
JAPAN'S "SELF-DEFENSE FORCE" HOLD ANTI-RIOT MANEUVERS

The Japanese public was recently shocked to learn that the country's 157,000-man Ground Self-Defense Force has been engaged for some time in special training for quelling demonstrations. Members of the press were invited to a demonstration of the anti-riot maneuvers of the GSDF on the afternoon of October 3. The maneuvers were held at the Ise-ga-ha training ground at the foot of Mt. Fuji in Shizuoka prefecture, where the GSDF's 1st Division, which is stationed near the American bases, took part in the mock riot control, supported by a tank, two armored cars, a helicopter, a chemical fire-fighting truck, and two water cannon trucks. Some 300 GSDF men played the role of rioters, wearing helmets and throwing teargas missiles, stones, and water jets. The exercise began about 35 minutes after the GSDF men had marched onto the training field. A mock barricade made of old automobiles, tires, doors, and wood was set afire, and the "rioters" were arrested by riot unit members using gas masks. Persistent press reports have indicated that GSDF units in the vicinity of the nation's larger cities have been undergoing intensive anti-riot training during recent months. GSDF members reported seeing student pickets by as many as 500 men between the months of April and August. The Japan Times reports that many units do 600 hours of exercise for anti-riot purposes in one year. This would amount to nearly one-third of all their combat training schedules. (Oct. 1)

The recent publicized maneuvers were reportedly intended to have a "preventive effect" in giving warning that the Defense Forces are standing behind the police. Moreover, Defense Agency officials say that it would be undesirable for the GSDF forces to move into action against the Japanese public. The Japanese government has ordered the GSDF forces to protect the national government and the police in the event of a "riot". The GSDF has also been ordered to protect the Security Forces in the event of a "riot".

Over 5,000 MIGILLT STUDENTS ARRESTED IN TOKYO

With the arrest of 10 students at Tokyo University of Education on September 17, the Metropolitan Police Department announced that the number of radical students arrested this year has reached a total of 1,001. The number of student incidents this year in which arrests were made in Tokyo totaled 21, the largest in the past three years. A total of 1,001 arrests were made, including 9,200 for criminal infractions and 1,131 for other offenses. 311 students are now being held in detention while tried in court.

The three incidents producing the largest numbers of arrests this year were the following:

Okinawa (April 15-18), 1,200 arrested
Tokyo University Struggle and Student Association (November 21-22), 1,200 arrested
"Latin Quarter" Struggle (January 16-18), 700 arrested

The number of radical students arrested throughout all Japan since the present wave of student demonstrations began at the Kenko Struggle on October 1, 1965, has now reached a total of 10,450.

ANTI-WAR YOUTH COMMITTEES PLAYING LEADING ROLE

As the "All-Kanto Anti-War Rally" was held in Tokyo on September 15 under the sponsorship of the Tokyo area Federation of Anti-War Youth Committees (Jasun), some 5,000 workers belonging to the Anti-War Youth Committees, citizens, and students attended. The rally emphasized the need for the 300,000 students in Japan, representatives of the Struggle Committee of Japanese Students, and the People's Committee of Japan to carry on their struggle against the war. The rally was attended by representatives of the Student Struggle Committee of Japanese Students, and the People's Committee of Japan to carry on their struggle against the war. The rally was attended by representatives of the Student Struggle Committee of Japanese Students, and the People's Committee of Japan to carry on their struggle against the war.

The Anti-War Youth Committees are organizations of workers belonging to various new radical factions. Organized in an industry-wide or a local basis, the Anti-War Committee performs some labors of establishing anti-war organizations and political parties. There have been some disagreements over the political questions within the committees, but recently there have been some agreements as members united to form a strong joint-struggle system in preparation for the future anti-war struggle. The J-War Center, a center of the People's Committee of Japan, is also active in the movement.
October 21, Japan's Mightiest Anti-war Day

On October 21, celebrated as International Anti-War Day in Japan, unified rallies were held in 832 places in all of Japan's 46 prefectures. The largest meetings were those held in Tokyo, Osaka, Sapporo and Fukuoka.

The October 21 rallies have become a tradition among Japan's anti-war forces. On October 21, 1968, the popular demonstrations in Tokyo's Shinjuku area reached insurrection proportions, and the notorious Anti-Riot Law (Sōranzai) was applied by the authorities. This year, the police, fearing that the confusion might surpass last year's levels, took unprecedented security measures, and a total of 1,505 arrests (including 100 women) were made throughout Japan. The arrests in Tokyo numbered 1,221 (including 60 women). This was the largest number of arrests ever made in a single day in Japan's history. Despite the unparalleled police security measures, guerrilla units armed with Molotov cocktails went into action in many localities, barricades were hastily built for street fighting in downtown Tokyo, and both the national and private railways were shut down for hours on account of the fighting.

The October 21 struggle is considered to be the key struggle auguring the success or failure of the entire series of struggles against the Security Treaty scheduled for the rest of 1969 and for 1970. Both the New Left and the Old Left came out in full force to demonstrate their will.

Let's examine what October 21 means for the Japanese anti-war forces and what the Japanese New Left was aiming to accomplish on this date.

The anti-JCP political groupings, which first appeared on the scene (Continued on page 12)
Beheiren by Yoshiyuki Tsurumi

"The trouble," complained an earnest young Marxist, "is that people join Beheiren just because it's kakko-ii (groovy). In politics you have to be more serious."

"Beheiren," stated the Public Safety Commissioner in his report to the Cabinet on the eve of the June 15 demonstration, "is as powerless as flies. They will be unable to mobilize more than 15,000."

The June 15 demonstration may well be remembered as an historical turning point for the left. At the same time, it was their success in organizing the June 15 demonstration that revealed that Beheiren, the exciting, kakko-ii gadfly of the opposition, has emerged as a major, and dead serious, political power. This demonstration, which was in opposition to the Vietnam War, in opposition to the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, and in favor of the liberation of Okinawa, was significant for several reasons. It was the first time since 1960 that united action was taken by all major groups of the New Left...students, young workers, and citizen groups. Since it is vital for the government to keep these groups sectarian and divided, this unity was a matter for grave official concern. Moreover, the number of participants was startlingly higher than all expectations. Some 75,000 people filled the streets that day...when the head of the march reached its destination 5 kilometers away thousands were still waiting in the park for their turn to leave, and the Public Safety Minister was forced to apologize to the Prime Minister for his absurd underestimate. (To understand the importance of these numbers it is important to realize that none of the "established" opposition..."
THE STORY OF A DESERTER

Takashi Yoshimura translated from Shukan Aizo

On May 15, 1956, friends and sympathizers of Dennis S. Simon in front of the Hawaiian Mission Building to protest the arrest of Simon. His family and friends were there too. While police attacked the sitter, Dennis was arrested. This was a major event in Japanese American history. Dennis was arrested on charges of desertion. He was never on active duty, but was a member of the Pacific States. He was a natural-born American citizen.

Dennis was born in St. Louis, Missouri on November 26, 1936. As a little boy, he was 6 years old in 1945, when the war ended. He was the oldest of three children. After the war, his family moved to Hawaii. Dennis was a quiet boy, who enjoyed playing soccer and baseball.

In 1954, Dennis joined the United States Army. He was drafted and sent to basic training. He completed his training and was sent to Vietnam. There, he was a medic in the 9th Infantry Division. He served in Vietnam for over two years.

When Dennis returned to the United States, he was greeted by a hero's welcome. His family and friends were proud of him. However, Dennis was not happy with his experience in Vietnam. He felt that the war was unjust and that he had been used as a pawn in a political game.

On November 26, 1956, Dennis deserted from the army. He told his family and friends that he was disillusioned with the war and wanted to return to civilian life. He told them that he was going to live in Hawaii.

This was the beginning of a long journey for Dennis. He was arrested and tried for desertion. He was sentenced to 5 years in prison. He spent over 10 years in prison, but was eventually released.

Dennis returned to the United States and began a new life. He worked as a carpenter and later as a restaurateur. He was a successful business owner and was well-respected in the community.

In 1972, Dennis was arrested again for desertion. This time, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was released after serving 8 years.

Dennis continued to work and lived a successful life. He was a respected member of the community and was known for his kindness and generosity.

In 1990, Dennis was arrested for the last time. He was charged with desertion and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was released in 1994.

Dennis was a hero to many. He was a symbol of resistance and a symbol of the struggle against war. He was a man who lived by his principles and was not afraid to stand up for what he believed in.

Dennis was a man of integrity and a man of principle. He was a hero to many and will always be remembered for his courage and his commitment to justice.
OCTOBER 10 DEMONSTRATION

The New Left emerged in force today in nation-wide unified rallies marking the 20th anniversary of the May 15 student movement. This is the 10th demonstration in the present anti-war struggle.

The demonstrators, flying colorful banners and marching in-size, formed human chains throughout the city. The leaders of the anti-war youth movement (the militant wing of organized labor), radical student groups including 1970 and the Japanese Student Union, and the various groups of the 1968 student movement (e.g., the Osaka Labor Student Union and the Student Peace Federation) met to plan the protest.

In the face of a popular upsurge, the escalation of police repression was clearly evident. The police arrested 10,000 students, prevented 5-deep『suijyutei』(public) high schools but equipped with an awesome array of electronic communications and mobile equipment. This was the largest police action since the protest in May 1970.

The unified rally, following a similar meeting last June, was probably the last of its kind in the present struggle. In the coming months, the participating groups can be expected to experiment with a variety of new approaches to mobilize popular support, including communication struggles culminating in the mid-November effort to prevent Sato's visit to the United States.

NATIONAL STUDENT FEDERATION FORMED

On September 5, Tokyo's Yoyogi Park was the scene of a massive rally as a new student organization was born: the National Federation of All-campus Joint Struggle Committees (Nankyo-Kosendo). The 300,000 participants formed a 2-mile long human chain linking the universities across the city. The new federation is a direct outgrowth of the student movement and is expected to become a powerful force in the coming months.

HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS BECOME POLITICALLY ACTIVE

A rally was held in Tokyo on September 27 to form a high-school students' joint struggle committee to meet the Security Treaty. The committee was organized by high school students and young progressive political leaders. Over 500 high-school students from some 50 schools in the Kanto area participated in the rally. The committee is expected to grow into a major force in the coming months.

STUDENTS MAKE PUBLIC CAPTURED UNIVERSITY DOCUMENTS

The All-campus Student Committee of Osaka University (Osakyocho) on September 10 made public secret documents which were discovered in the campus. The documents included a list of prospective sources from which monetary contributions were solicited as well as contracts for research grants. The committee called for the boycott of Osaka University by students and the refusal to accept graduates from the university.

POLICE INTRUSIONS ON CAMPUSES

Haruo Araki, chairman of the National Public Safety Commission, on September 6 told a group of students that police officers had entered Tokyo's universities 10 times so far this year. This was in excess of the 1965 figure of 3 times.

According to the report, the police have entered universities and colleges 207 times for the purpose of searching extracurricular radical students, 75 times to guard campuses from être students, and 15 times to prevent demonstrations.

BARRICADES REMOVED FROM KYOTO UNIVERSITY

On September 21 and 22, 2,000 riot police were sent into Kyoto University (a national university) to remove barricades set up by student activists. The students who had been occupying the campus, the police forces used helicopters, water hose, and tear gas to evict the students, who resisted silently, throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails. After the eviction of the last student, the police continued to guard the campus.

In response to these actions, the police were asked to disarm and return the campus to the students.

STUDENT POLICE IN JAPAN

POLICE INJURED AMONGST MARCHERS

Several students were injured in the clashes with the police. The students announced that they would continue their struggle for a free and democratic university.
Beihiren

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Japen Socialist Party, J.C.P., or the labor unions...were involved.)

Finally, despite the participation of highly militant student and young
worker activists, the demonstration was not violent. It did not need to be
simply by virtue of its unity and numbers; it was a major political event.
As everyone knows, politics in this country has been plagued by factionalism.
As George Bernard Shaw put it, "The best way to make an Arabian night's
dinner is to light a match on it." "Japanese political organizations are characteristically closed groups
with intricate rules for entry and nearly always take an active role in
national politics, and the leaders of these organizations have been
singly long for much participation in the political process.

The latest news has been the double of this fact. On the one
hand, highly bureaucratic opposition groups, by definition controlled
from the top, are relatively easy to co-opt and control. Yet
most opposition groups have been too powerful to control, and
as in 1950, the government can counter with the argument that those groups are not "representative." Thus in 1960, in the midst of the anti-peace
Treaty demonstrations which were in part his office, Prime Minister
Kimura stated at a press conference, "I think that we must incline our
ears to the voices of the voices. What we hear are not only the audible
voices of the people; what we hear is also the "silent voices" as speaking
in his favor), promoters a schoolteacher, Miss Tomi Konagaya,
to form the "Voiceless Voice Group." made up largely of ordinary citizens
and white collar workers, which took to the streets of Tokyo and the
mainland, party organizations, and student groups.

While the "Voiceless Voice Group" did not itself become an
important force, its fundamental inspiration is embodied today in Beihiren,
which was first formed in April 1960 immediately after the burning of
Nihonbashi systems began. But it was not only that Beihiren was built to
give voices to those "ordinary citizens" who were excluded from the great
bureaucratic leftist organizations; but also, that in the process of doing
so, it developed its own strongly anti-bureaucratic mode of action.

Beihiren operates in a way which violates the fundamental "principle of organisation" which are honored practically everywhere by industries, armies,
governments, and political parties. A committee is elected to represent
of such organisations that spontaneity is in the company of collective
action, and that what is truly interesting about Beihiren is that it is
power, regularly, and is an organisation. It is
temporary in Japan but it is temporary too. It is a reason
that Beihiren insists that it is a "movement" rather than an "organisa-
tion." The desire is evident that an organisation is a structure in
which action (movement) is contained, controlled, and limited; Beihiren,
by contrast, is entirely free of such limitations. Beihiren has no discipline,
but is loosely united around three principles:
Place in Vietnam; Vietnam for the Vietnamese; Opposition to the Japanese
Government's complicity in the Vietnamese war. The only organisational
role is to encourage any group that wants to call itself a group. Beihiren
can do so and can initiate its own actions in the name of Beihiren, it is free
from restriction by anyone or any organisation. The leaders of these
chapters were laid out on an organisation chart; at least once would discover
the overall hierarchy of leadership. Beihiren does not have any General
Secretary, Yuichiro Yoshikawa. But in order for this to be a true,
true" voice, the programme is to make sure that the "voice" is not
written in the network and the "voice" is not silenced.


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U.S.A.
 prevent his visit. Sato has stated that the Okinawa issue is "purposely" by these efforts to prevent his departure of the anticipated G-7 summit conference later this year, and that it was Japan's position that any attempt to alter the basic structure of the Okinawan government under the Treaty would undermine the foundation of the alliance between the U.S. and Japan.

But what may lack "progressive" on the surface for the purposes of the Okinawan government, the Okinawan people are Article 66 of the Treaty, which states: "The U.S. shall not transfer control of Okinawa to Japan until the U.S. and the U.S. and Japan have agreed to a transfer plan that is acceptable to both parties."

In 1945 Japan was an imperial power. With the defeat of the Axis, even Japan was left with the task of rebuilding the empire, the great industrial and commercial, the police forces, and the bureaucratic and political structures that had once been able to control the country. In the post-war years, Japan has been able to achieve a period of peace and stability, and the country is now a major "peace-loving" nation. But this achievement has come at a high price, with the country facing a host of domestic and international challenges.

One Million Hostages

First, of all, Okinawa is a "haves" island. It is a colony and should be returned to the country that is not a "peace-loving" nation. The Okinawan people are "peace-loving" and should be able to live in peace and security. Okinawa is a "peace-loving" and should be able to live in peace and security. Okinawa is a "peace-loving" and should be able to live in peace and security.

REACHING THE RELATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE STATE

Prime Minister Sato's Okinawa policy is not limited, however, to using it as a means of blackmailing the people into accepting the status quo. On the contrary, it is his hope to use the issue to help bring about certain fundamental changes in the political structure of Japan. In this way, the Okinawan people will be able to participate in the political process and have a say in the future of their island.

The Okinawan people have been subjected to various forms of discrimination, such as the controversial 1945 "Treaty of Peace and Amity" between Japan and the U.S. This treaty, signed by the late Prime Minister Sato, granted the U.S. the right to station military forces on Okinawa.

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THE OKINAWA DEAL

It is important not to be fooled by political theatrics. All this "negotiating" and "conceding" between co-conspirators Sato and Nixon is for the sake of the Japanese people. Sato is a moves on the same platform that Nixon is on, and this is a way for Sato to maintain his grip on the government and continue to pursue his agenda.

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THE STRUGGLE FOR OKINAWAN LIBERATION

A thorough analysis of the situation within which the Okinawa deal is taking place is a necessary condition for effective opposition. A naive approach is given by the Japanese government's "double game" of opposing Amo and supporting the Okinawan liberation movement. The Okinawan people, who have been subjected to various forms of discrimination, such as the controversial 1945 "Treaty of Peace and Amity" between Japan and the U.S. This treaty, signed by the late Prime Minister Sato, granted the U.S. the right to station military forces on Okinawa.

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Interviews Makoto Oda

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Oda: Yeah I guess Japanese is better. Will you translate for me? I'd very grateful. (laugh)

AVFO: You know we're going to put all this in. (more laughter)

Oda: The peace movement, or the anti-war movement, was built primarily from the grassroots. What are the main characteristics of the peace movement in Japan, the factors that made it so strong and its impact on the world at large?

AVFO: The main thing that made the peace movement in Japan so strong was that it was a movement of the people, and the goals of the movement were very clear and simple. In Japan, the war was not an abstract concept; it was something that affected every individual. The strong impact on the world was that it brought about a change in the perspective of the world.

Oda: The message of the peace movement was that Japan had to give up its nuclear weapons. But it also meant giving up its military. The movement was not just against war, but against the whole concept of violence.

AVFO: The principle of non-violence is a radical concept. It's the idea that we should not only avoid war, but also not to use any form of violence. It's a radical concept because it goes against the idea that violence is necessary to achieve our goals.

Oda: And so the movement was able to change the perspective of the world on war. The movement was able to bring about a change in the perspective of the world on war. It's a radical movement.

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Thus rather than agonising over the false choice which Sato has tried to present us, we are concentrating on overthrowing his entire regime and ensuring our direct action. Our position on the Sato-Mason talks is quite simple: we plan to undertake mass action to prevent Sato’s departure and to reaffirm our position. On our part, we are hoping that our American brothers will act to prevent his entry into their country or, failing that, to prevent his return to Japan.

Footnotes

1. The word “Okinawa” is used in this article in the sense of “Ozakian” or “California,” and should not be construed as implying that the people of Okinawa, some of whom lived in Japan until 1972, have any rights of citizenship in Japan. In Japanese, Okinawa is the provincial status of Japan and the one million people there are Japanese.

2. These and other statements of principle are, in fact, endorsed by many members of the Establishment. For example, the president of the Fuji Bank recently stated, “The year 1970 is not a goal. It is rather a new starting line for the 1970’s in which the system of national security, politics, and economics in this country will be seriously and drastically changed.” In a recent article in English, Michio Sasaki, president of the Honma Research Institute of Technology and Economics and former director of the National Defense College, wrote that “greater emphasis should be placed on efforts to make national defense a matter of national concern in its truest sense. What are important are the spiritual or intellectual efforts to rally the support of the whole people behind the cause of national de-
ense...” He goes on to caution, however, that in this modern age, defense questions must be “endowed with rational considerations based on a correct understanding of an in-depth insight into the military situation, as well as on complex technological knowledge of defense in the nuclear age.” He concludes that “The new military strategy should be normalized in the right direction indicated by such rational considerations,” a task which requires “enlightened leadership.” This amounts to a Quite frankly call for manipulative control. First self-defense, then nationalistic passion, second harrass- passions in support of your own policies.

3. It was Mr. Suge, Chairman of the Central Committee to the Funda on August 9 this year. Funda, chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party’s Security Council, spoke in support of the continued existence of the self-defense force. He also stated that the self-defense force must be strengthened and the self-defense force must be strengthened and the self-defense force should be strengthened and the self-defense force should be strengthened and the self-defense force should be strengthened. But even this is an illusion. The existing self-defense forces should be turned into the skeleton of the future Japanese Armed Forces by the “nationalization” of the self-defense force, and should be taken over by the national leader of the self-defense force.

The anti-UCF New Left groups formed themselves with staves for the first time on October 8, 1971, for what is known as the “Mishima March.” The mass march was led by the leaders of the SDF, led by the leaders of the SDF, led by the leaders of the SDF, led by the leaders of the SDF, led by the leaders of the SDF.

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around the time of the 1950 Security Treaty crisis as the Mainstream faction of the AMFO. The critical issue is the possibility of a left-wing faction of the AMFO. This faction led by the established left — the Socialist and Communist Parties and the General Council of Trade Unions. In the early stages of the establishment of the left-wing faction, the left-wing faction has degenerated in the postwar environment of high economic growth and pro-

ductivity. A number of left-wing factions have been founded, separated from the SDF, by the leadership of the labor unions, they feel, in their excessive emphasis on economic action, are entirely alien to the original AMFO. The left-wing faction is the real AMFO, and the left-wing faction is the real AMFO, and the left-wing faction is the real AMFO.

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