

Economically-Better Okinawa Wants To Get Americans Out

Editor's Note: Okinawa is the keystone of American military bases in the western Pacific. It is within 1,500 miles of every trouble spot in Asia. Forty thousand American troops are stationed there. Yet, last week its biggest city elected a Communist-backed mayor. This dispatch examines why.

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Tokyo—(U)—Uneasy is the mantle of a democratic conqueror.

That, over-simplified perhaps, is the story of Okinawa today.

Twelve years ago, Okinawa was conquered. It cost the United States 30,000 young men killed or wounded. Since then, America has:

—Poured billions of dollars into Okinawa.

—Virtually doubled the gross national product.

—Raised sharply the per capita national income.

It now has modern primary and secondary schools and its first university, a modern series of hilltop buildings still going up. TV antennas poke up over shack settlements.

There are four-lane highways and there are rutted, muddy roads that would swallow a small car and make even oxen movement tough. It is not unusual to see a wizened, stooped cleaning woman take a taxi to work. The girls are pretty and well-dressed.

Don't Like Americans
Yet, the Okinawans don't like Americans. They show-

ed last week how they felt by putting into the Naha mayor's office a slick little political go-getter, Saichi Kaneshi, who had heavy Communist backing.

This reporter was in Okinawa for 10 days covering the election. My ear is still bent to the shouting by various factions who wanted me to know "what is really wrong."

They included Okinawan politicians and businessmen, Okinawans in general and Americans in general.

There are many specific reasons why the Okinawans voted against an America that helped them, and voted for the return of a Japan which exploited them. But, though logic has no place, it boils down to:

The Okinawans want to kick the Americans out because they are there.

Knew Japanese Ways
They want the Japanese back because that is what they knew.

Everyone feels the United States has made mistakes. Each has some point. For instance, when military-licensed taxis driven and occupied by Okinawans come to a military police gate, the driver is stopped, questioned and often his auto is searched. But if an auto is driven by an American citizen or the passenger in the car is obviously American, the car is waved through.

Militarily, it's sensible. But to Okinawans, it's discrimination.

However, as one hard-headed American told me: "You can't fool around with democracy. You either got to go all the way or your got to go the other way and run a real authoritarian operation."

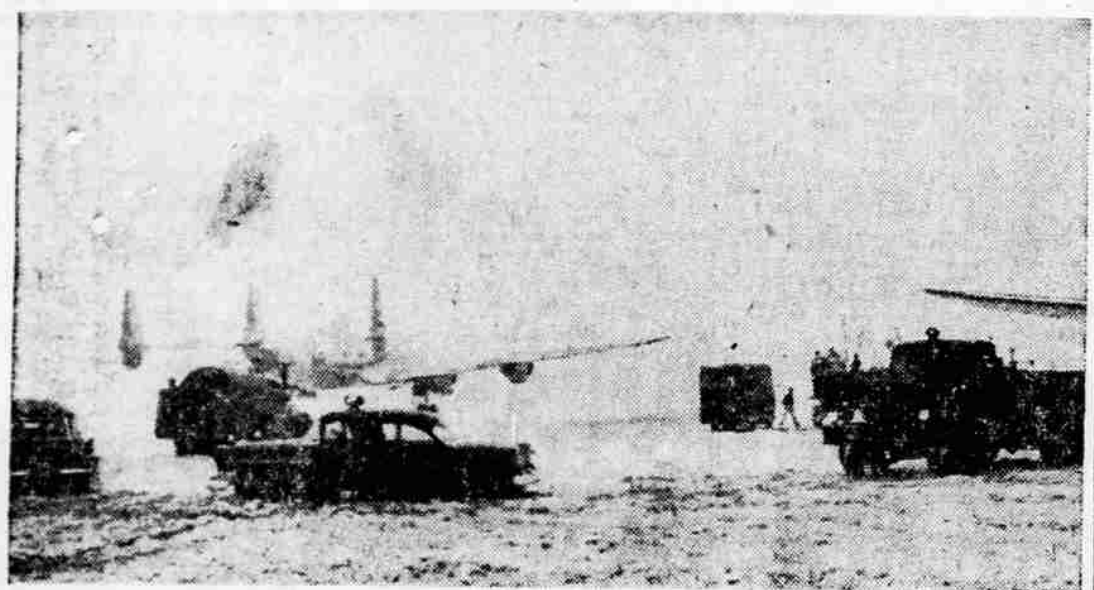
In this man's opinion, the U.S. military would be advised to bottle up talk of democracy so long as Okinawa is considered a base whose military potential must absolutely be protected.

Slick Maneuvering
Take the case of U.S. high commissioner Lt. Gen. James Moore in getting rid of former Mayor Kamejiro Senaga, an outright Communist. Moore was under pressure to get Senaga out. The Communist had slipped in with 40 per cent of the popular vote.

By some slick maneuvering Senaga was voted out of office by the city council when a number of his supporters were absent.

No one would defend the action as really democratic. But it wasn't clear cut and autocratic either. And because it was pretty much a slipshod compromise, it boomeranged.

Okinawans I talked to weren't for the new Mayor Kaneshi. They were against the United States' way of "doing things."



PRESIDENTIAL PRECAUTIONS—President and Mrs. Eisenhower left Chicago to return to Washington, after attending a GOP \$100-a-plate dinner in the Windy City. Due to the heavy snow and high winds, precautionary vehicles were with the plane as it took off from Midway Airport. Seen in the foreground as the Columbine took off were fire trucks, an ambulance and the fire marshal's car.

Prosperous West Berlin Puts Communism To Greatest Test

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Berlin — (U)—Prosperous West Berlin is putting Communist propaganda to its greatest test.

Just inside East Berlin, and within sight of the jagged ruins of Hitler's Chancellery, a sign over the Communist Youth Movement building proclaims:

"Youth is for Socialism—that is Germany's future."

But thousands of East Germans living in rubble and the gray world of Communism say: "What future?"

Could Get Three Years
At the rate of more than 500 per day they risk Communist imprisonment to pour into West Berlin along one of the few routes left open for escape to the West. Failure could mean up to three years

in prison.

A thin, jagged, at times almost invisible line, eight miles long running roughly south-east to northwest, separates Berlin into Communist East and the capitalistic West.

It creates out of West Germany an island 110 miles in diameter, Communist East Germany. It also creates an irritant which not even the best Communist propagandists can explain away.

Forty thousand East Germans work daily in West Berlin. No propaganda can erase for them the glittering West Berlin shops, the restaurants, the new automobiles and the flashing neon signs.

Never Forget
West Berliners never forget their divided city or their divided country. They support passionately the hard line against Communism.

But in the 12 and one-half years since World War II, West Berliners have rebuilt their city from rubble, recaptured their gaiety and achieved a tranquility seemingly impossible in the face of the Communist menace surrounding them.

Three 20-mile-wide air corridors come to West Berlin with West Germany. They are tiny cracks in the Iron Curtain, patrolled on either side by Communist Mig jet fighters.

West Berlin's impact makes itself felt almost as soon as the big airplane sweeps into Tempelhof Airport, its wing tips almost seemingly to brush apartment houses on either side.

There is still war damage here. But each year West Berliners clear more debris and put up more buildings than has been accomplished by the Communists in all the years since the war.

Empty blocks still appear like gaping teeth. The broken steeple and tumbled remnants of the Kaiser Wilhelm Church remain as a grim memorial at the end of the Kurfuerstendamm, West Berlin's smartest shopping street.

The Difference
The people make the difference. There are the pretty girls with smartly clipped French poodles on the end of leashes. There is the hotel doorman who summons the taxi which is more than likely to be a new Mercedes. There

is the friendly waiter serving food the equal of any in Europe in a restaurant equally as smart.

There are the shops selling everything from automatic washing machines to Persian rugs, from a man's white shirt to the smartest gown.

Then there is East Berlin, a city of mile after mile of ruins, of empty streets and silent people, physically divided from West Berlin only by the Brandenburg Gate but a world apart.

Here are the ruins of the Chancellery and nearby a vast field of fallen bricks and broken masonry where only a huge upended rock is a memorial to the bunker in which Hitler and Eva Braun died.

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Oregon Poison Control Registry Furnishes Information to Physicians

Portland — A 15-month-old Oregon child recently ate rug cleaner, an 11-month-old swallowed paint brush restorer, and a two-year old consumed a batch of skin freshener.

Fortunately, all survived, thanks in part to the prompt action of Oregon's newest and least known life-saving service, the Oregon poison control registry.

Since it was started last August as a cooperative venture of the state medical society, University of Oregon medical school and the state board of health, the registry has furnished attending physicians and hospitals with on-the-spot information about ingredients and proper treatment in dozens of accidental poisoning cases.

Clearing House
The registry is basically a physicians' central clearing house of information, operating around the clock every day of the year. Whenever the need arises, the registry and its sponsoring agencies will also conduct educational programs to keep the general

public informed of new or particularly dangerous products.

Health officials are generally agreed that the question of what constitutes a dangerous problem in preventing accidental poisoning. Most people can't bring themselves to admit their homes aren't safe, even in the face of national safety council statistics showing about a quarter of a million accidental poisonings and a thousand deaths a year in the United States.

The average American parent, for example, stores detergents and household cleaners under the kitchen sink, within easy reach of small children, without stopping to realize their potentially lethal

qualities, health officials said. According to the experts, a small amount of some detergents spilled into the eye can cause blindness. If swallowed, some of the under-sink products can cause death.

Insecticides
Not all substances used in a modern home need be swallowed to be dangerous. Registry officials feel positive many Oregon homes contain insecticides.

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