

**Lecture 10:**  
**“Prostituted Daughter”: Okinawa and the Peace**

**1. “Keystone of the Pacific”**

- a. A Kinder Conquerer
- b. “Retain unilateral and complete control” (MacArthur, March 1948)
- c. “U.S. Civil Administration of the Ryûkyû Islands” (**USCAR**, 1950)

**2. The Prolonged Occupation**

- a. 9/8/51 (Signing of SF Peace Treaty) as “Day of Shame”
- b. “Government of the Ryûkyû Islands” (**GRI**, est. 1952)
- c. US High Commissioner is supreme power (six men, from 1957-1972)
- d. Dollar economy: No “economic miracle” for Okinawa during 1960s

**3. Political and Social Fallout of US Base Presence (slides)**

- a. “Permbase” largest US military complex outside US in 1950s (20% of land)
- b. Pollution, noise, traffic, GI crime (especially during Vietnam War)
- c. Psychological impact: Okinawans viewed as accomodating “tiny little people”
- d. GI “amusement areas” -----> VD, rapes, black markets
- e. Mass demonstrations against bases -----> **Reversion Movement** (1960s)

**4. Problems Since Reversion (May 15, 1972)**

- a. Mainland-owned beach resorts *and* US/SDF bases (still 25,000+ US military)
- b. Continuing economic and environmental problems: poorest prefecture
- c. Strong regionalism and continued discrimination from mainlanders

(Discussion of “The Cocktail Party” and “Child of Okinawa”)