

# Questions to ask yourself while reading *The Rongelap Report*

- Why did the US *drop the bombs* on Bikini? Look for the political context of why people in the US felt this had to be done.
- Why did the US drop the bombs *on Bikini*?
- Why did the US not consider the health of the residents when they dropped the bombs?
- Why did the US resist paying damages or doing more than the minimal amount for the victims?
- Why did scientists and administrators attempt to deny the risks to people of the return to Rongelap?
- Why did the US military scientists deny the Rongelap people access to the results of all their science?
- How did the bombs disturb the subsistence and lifeways of the people, and how did this lead to indirect effects on the victims?