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Vietnamese restaurant victimized

SAN JOSE—A Vietnamese restaurant was set on fire and a racial slur was spray-painted on the wall in the early morning hours on Dec. 2.

The restaurant, Tu-Do, owned and operated by Dinh Tran, was discovered ablaze by nearby neighbors who reported the fire at 3 a.m. Monday morning. Spray-painted on one of the walls was "Merry Christmas Chink." Tran was not informed of the fire until he arrived for work in the morning.

At the moment we're investigating all possibilities including extortion and hate crime," said Rich Garcia, a fireman with the Arson Unit. Garcia said the fire was deliberately set, but would not reveal specifics of the investigation.

According to Garcia, the day before the incident, the owner of the restaurant had been confronted by two Vietnamese men demanding extortion money for protection. There have been incidents of arson directed against Latinos and African Americans in San Jose in the past, but this is the first incident against a Vietnamese American said Garcia. Local authorities are seeking any information on the crime. Call: 1/408/274ARSON.

Hate crime hits California city

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif.—In the fourth hate crime in a month in the south Orange County area, the home of a Chinese American was recently broken into and racial epithets were spray-painted on the walls.

According to an Orange County Register story, the vandals spray-painted the message "Oriental Out," "Chinese Out," swastikas, and other unidentifiable marks on the walls.

Commenting on the incident, Sgt. Ray Lardie said, "We haven't had a chance to interview the resident, but we did classify it as a hate crime because of the slurs and swastikas."

Alfred Lee, the homeowner, is vacationing in Europe, the Register reported. The damage was discovered by a friend taking care of the home on Nov. 26.

The attack was the latest in a series of occurrences in south Orange County. On Nov. 7, racial epithets were drawn in the dorm room assigned to a Latino student at the University of California, Irvine. On Nov. 6, racist graffiti was painted at a local preschool owned by an African American woman. On Nov. 18, swastikas and white supremacist graffiti were spray-painted at Trabuco Hills High School in Mission Viejo.

Pacific Citizen's holiday schedule

Pacific Citizen's next issue will be the big Holiday issue scheduled to be mailed out Dec. 20.

The holiday schedule continues with the New Year's edition dated Jan. 3, 1992. Advertising and editorial deadline is Jan. 3.

Pacific Citizen resumes the normal weekly schedule with the Jan. 17, 1992 issue.

Recollections

An Issei story . . .

By HARRY K. HONDA
Senior editor

The Rev. Thomas R. Okano, 54, minister of Hilo Hongwanji, remembers the painful experience of his family in the wake of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. His father, Rev. Ryoshin Okano, then 33, minister of Pearl City Hongwanji and principal of Pearl City Hongwanji Gakuen, was attending Bodhi Day services at Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin on Fort

Street in Honolulu. By mid-morning, the Okano family evacuated with other Japanese to the hills, into the cane fields pitching their tents, bringing along blankets, goza and canned goods. In the evening, "my father made a short stop at the church, picked up a 100 pounds of rice and drove up looking

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A Nisei GI's story . . .

The late Sen. Spark Matsunaga was one of the 1,500 Americans of Japanese ancestry soldiers who were in the 298th and 299th Infantry Regiments of the Territorial Guards on Dec. 7. They became known as the 100th Infantry Battalion. Longtime Democratic party worker Mike Tokunaga, also with the group at Schofield Barracks, spent the afternoon and evening of Dec. 7 filling sandbags and loading trucks with barbed wire to string along Oahu beaches for fear of an anticipated Japanese invasion. "Then they took us to the Schofield stockade to spend the night."

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PEARL HARBOR

The 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor became a major media event with local and national news discussions, forums, arguments, debates, and feature and TV films . . . JACL prepared and braced for the event in Honolulu where media swarmed over the city for months ahead of the Dec. 7 anniversary date . . . With this kind of attention, Pacific Citizen takes a look at the event itself from various perspectives . . .

Perspectives

And the world tunes in . . .

The commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor became one of the biggest events of this year. Attention began stirring as early as summer, and comments from U.S. and Japan officials, media, pundits, and eyewitnesses have cross-fired across the ocean.

Here are some comments about the event:

● **ADM. RONALD HAYS (Ret.)**, former commander-in-chief, U.S. forces in the Pacific, and chairman of Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration executive committee—"On the emotional side, the committee is aware that all the attention focused on the anniversary is making some people nervous. I will say there is a certain level of anxiety on the part of the Japanese American community about there being a backlash. I hope and believe that the activity that is pro-

grammed . . . will prove that the anxiety is not well-founded and there won't be a problem."

● **HON. MASAJI TAKAHASHI**, in his farewell speech as Japanese consul general in Honolulu Oct. 26 before the Japan-American Historical Society of Honolulu—"We cannot rewrite history. We cannot ignore the past. We cannot reverse the tragic action of a previous generation. But fortunately, we can learn from history and thereby avoid repeating the same mistake."

● **MAJ. GEORGE S. ISHIDA (Ret.)**, in a letter to the Sept. 20 Hawaii Hochi—Hawaii "should encourage a Congressional investigation to determine the true cause (since) there are many speculations. The U.S. ignored the Japanese invasions of Man-

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Looking ahead

Will Pearl Harbor anniversary worsen situation?

Will the 50th anniversary and commemoration of the bombing of Pearl Harbor heighten anti-Japanese emotions and sentiment in the future?

No one can say for sure—and an informal check around the country doesn't point to any definite trend. Outbreaks of violence before and near the event seem to be spotty. In the Los Angeles area, a week before the Dec. 7 event, Pacific Citizen received some reports of vandalism and racism.

Yet some scholars and political commentators see an ongoing smoldering resentment between the U.S. and Japan.

While downplaying an "ominous turning point in trans-Pacific relations," Time magazine reported in its Dec. 2 special issue that the event "still colors relations between the U.S. and Japan that has yet to come to terms with its history."

Time questions whether or not Japan has fully faced its past. "But for many nations, what remains troubling about Japan is a sense that its economic engines are escaping history at full steam. They fear that the lessons of Pearl Harbor and the other traumas that attended Japanese militarism have never been squarely faced, let alone digested."

In yet another special media focus, the Los Angeles Times devoted a special section to the commemoration. Squaring off in one article, Shintaro Ishihara, a member of the lower house of the Japanese parliament from the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, says "it's time for the United States to stop blaming Japan for its economic troubles. Corporate America is the real scapegoat."

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Man formerly charged in murders sues for false arrest

PHOENIX—Leo Valdez Bruce, one of the four men who were recently released in the Aug. 10 murders of nine people at a Buddhist Temple near, is suing for false arrest.

Charges against Valdez and three other men were dropped because confessions were judged to be illegally obtained.

In his suit, Bruce claims he has been defamed and has suffered emotional distress from his arrest as well as violation of civil rights, assault and battery, and malicious prosecution.

In the meantime, two teenagers remain in custody, still charged in the crimes.

In the case against the four men, prosecutor Richard Romy dismissed charges because of a lack of evidence linking them to the crime.

The other men released were Michael Lawrence McGraw, 24, Mark Felix Nunez, 19, and Dante Paraker, 19.

Japan business helps L.A. museum

LOS ANGELES—Scheduled to open April, 1992, the Japanese American National Museum received a significant pledge of \$10 million Nov. 28 from Japan's leading business group, the Keidanren. The donation is the largest to a Japanese American cause, according to Irene Hirano, JANM president and executive director.

"It was an important recognition of the roles, as consultants, friends and attorneys that Japanese Americans have played to overcome distrust and gain a foothold after WWII for Japanese firms doing business

in America," she pointed out.

Keidanren's deputy director for international economic affairs, Yoshio Nakamura, told Los Angeles Times writer Teresa Watanabe in Tokyo the group hopes to collect the \$10 million by April from its member firms and some prefectural governments.

Yoshihiko Ishikawa, of Keidanren's committee for better corporate citizenship which approved the Little Tokyo museum project, said that it is a belated recognition of the debt Japanese owe their U.S. cousins.

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In response, Lee Iacocca, chairman of the Chrysler Corp., said that "The 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor comes as tensions between the United States and Japan are probably higher than at any time since World War II. And that has some people in high places on both sides of the Pacific very nervous."

Across the country, there are feelings of both hope and quiet anxiety as Japanese Americans look beyond Pearl Harbor and the media frenzy surrounding the 50th commemoration.

"It's exciting, because we're on the cutting edge of an international political event," said Bill Kaneko, president of the Honolulu chapter of JACL. The Honolulu chapter has established the JACL Media Center to coordinate interview requests and provide information for the many media representatives in Hawaii to cover Pearl Harbor.

Kaneko emphasized the importance for Japanese Americans to confront the issues brought up by the 50th anniversary. "If you close your eyes, it doesn't go away," said Kaneko.

The chapter president added that he wasn't aware of any incidents of backlash against Japanese Americans, but this was to be expected because of the large percentage of Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans that live in Hawaii.

"In the national perspective, JACL chapters have been able to establish relations with media folk throughout the country to mitigate any potential backlash, and create greater consciousness about Asian American issues," said Kaneko.

In California, there has been an escalation in racist acts against Asian Americans in the months prior to the anniversary. Andy Noguchi, co-chair of the redress and civil rights committee for the JACL Florin chapter, recounted several recent incidents including the vandalism of the gravesite of one of the first Japanese settlers in the Sacramento Valley; a caricature sent to a Japanese American lieutenant in the West Sacramento Police Department depicting him as "slant-eyed, buck-toothed," and wearing an executioner's hood; and the harassment of a four-some of Chinese American and Japanese American golfers with calls of "Remember Pearl Harbor," and "Go back where you came from."

"Many Americans don't distinguish Japanese Americans, or other Asian Pacific Americans, from Japanese. We're all lumped into the same boat and held accountable for the actions of a foreign government," said Noguchi. Discussing recent incidents against Asian Americans, Noguchi said, "We see a lot of these types of incidents continuing. We're working with other civil rights groups to build a stronger, more organized, civil rights community."

Noguchi noted the success of the Florin chapter and other JACL chapters in responding to Pearl Harbor and the ensuing media coverage. "We're trying to do a lot of public education to try to defuse sentiments."

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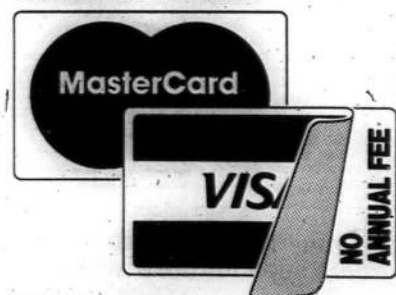
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Japan plans apology for bombing of Pearl Harbor

One apology doesn't always elicit another.

Japan's Parliament plans to formally draft an apology for the bombing of Pearl Harbor, but President George Bush, responding to the move, said a similar sentiment would not be given for the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

According to an Associated Press story, the resolution was scheduled for adoption before Dec. 7.

Bush appeared on ABC television and commented that "no apol-

ogy is required. I think what we have done with Japan, helping restore that country, is appreciated by Japan, and so I don't think there's anybody looking for apologies one way or another."

Bush was quoted in the Los Angeles Times as saying, "Not from this president. I was fighting over there. I had my orders to go back there when the war ended."

Bush was a World War II Navy pilot who was shot down over the Pacific by the Japanese.

On television, Bush said that

American lives were saved by President Harry Truman's decision to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. "Do we mourn the loss of innocent civilians? Yes. Can I empathize with a family whose child was victimized by those attacks? Absolutely. But I can also empathize with my roommate having been killed in action."

The same ABC program quoted Taizo Watanabe, a foreign ministry spokesman, as saying that Japan was not expecting a recip-

rocal apology for the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings.

Asahi Shimbun, a major Japanese newspaper, was said to have urged adoption of a resolution to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor by accepting responsibility for the war.

It is further expected that the resolution would also express appreciation for U.S. help in restoring Japan after the war was over, and an intention to remain a peaceful nation.

An editorial in the newspaper said that "It is a fact that at the bottom of Asia's distrust of Japan is an image that Japanese... have evaded responsibility for the war."

Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa supports the measure, acknowledging Japan's "aggressive-like... serious damage."

Mineta highway-transit bill passes U.S. House

WASHINGTON—Rep. Norman Mineta's highway and mass transit legislation that would create a comprehensive network of roads and bridges and transit systems across the country was approved Nov. 27 by the U.S. House of Representatives.

The six-year, \$151 billion legislation, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Infrastructure Act (HR 2950), was approved by a vote of 372 to 47.

"This is groundbreaking legislation for a new transportation era in America," Mineta said. "But as importantly, our two-and-a-half years of work will now result in two million jobs over six years at a time when the nation and California need that kind of economic boost and leadership."

The act includes more than \$630,150,000 million in extra federal funding that will be dedicated for specific Santa Clara

County and San Francisco Bay area highway, bridge, transit, and other projects.

"On the national level, our system of interstate highways begun by President Eisenhower 35 years ago will now mature into a comprehensive network of roads and bridges and transit systems that will move people and goods, build our economy, enhance safety, and improve our quality of life," Mineta said.

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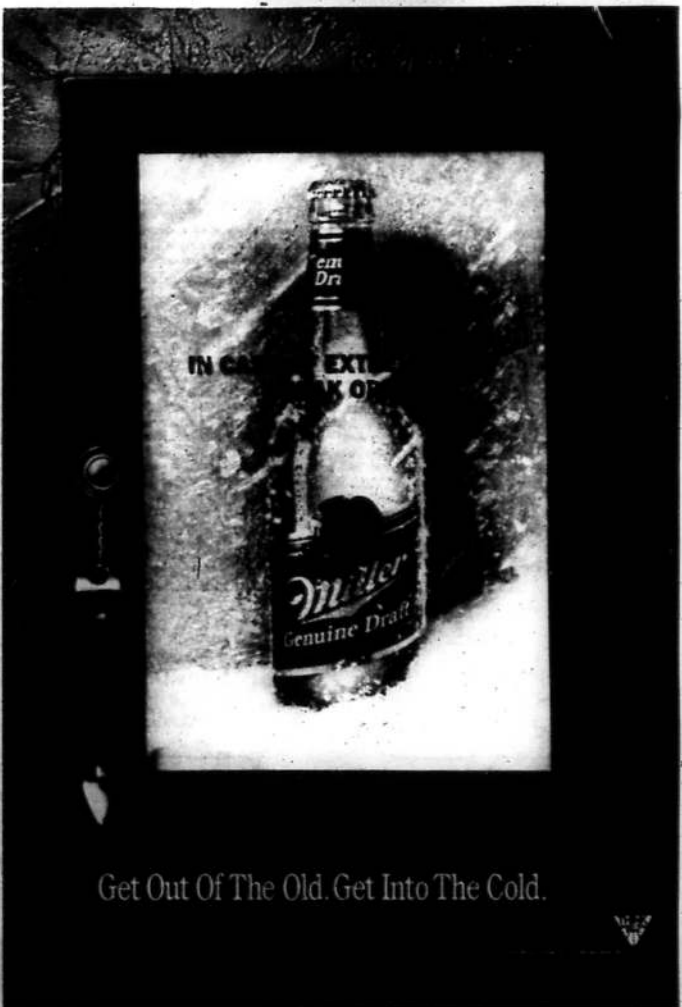
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From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Richard Sakakida's undercover mission

For Hawaii-born Richard Sakakida and Arthur Komori, the war with Japan began nine months earlier than for most Americans. They were recruited by U.S. military officials in the spring of 1941 and assigned as intelligence agents in Manila long before the outbreak of hostilities. Their job was to find a place in the Japanese community and report what was going on.

When war broke out Philippines security agents rounded them up along with the Japanese. U.S. intelligence operatives arranged for their freedom.

In danger of being captured with the impending fall of Corregidor, Sakakida and Komori were among the few chosen to be flown to safety. Sakakida gave up his seat to another Nisei, a civilian attorney who had been working in Manila. Sakakida's Japanese captors identified him as an American spy, but for some reason spared his life.

Bits and pieces of their experiences have been known for some time but

Komori and Sakakida have been reluctant to talk. Finally, at the 50th anniversary reunion of the Military Intelligence Service recently in Monterey, Sakakida, now retired in northern California, told his story in public for the first time.

Some 750 vets and their wives listened in fascination. It was an emotional speech as Sakakida, tall, balding, quietly impressive, revealed details of his ordeal. That included torture at the hands of the Japanese and injuries that still require pain-control pills three times a day.

As Sakakida spoke his voice broke occasionally, his eyes misted at the memory of episodes hidden until the moment. But throughout the story was one of dedication, courage, love of country, fear and danger, and so very, very much to be proud of.

Sakakida did a service to his fellow Nisei by sharing his story. They desired to know the depth of his commitment to his country. Yet there was much more to be told than could be covered in a 75-minute

speech. There were questions crying to be asked:

Who were the military agents who had picked Sakakida and Komori for their mission and what criteria had been used in the selection? What were his innermost feelings as he undertook a duty that led to torture and well might have led to death? Were there moments when he was almost overwhelmed by fear, when he was ready to chuck it all to save his skin? And what in his training and background enabled him to keep the faith to duty, honor and country?

Sakakida's story should open the way for other Nisei soldiers to tell of their undercover experiences in postwar Japan, matching wits with Soviet and North Korean agents assigned to sabotage and compromise the Allied occupation, ferreting out agents and provocateurs among Japanese ex-soldiers returning home after indoctrination in Soviet POW camps.

Fifty years after the outbreak of war, there is still much to be told about the service of individual heroes. □



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Japan's vaunted efficiency

WE OFTEN TEND to think of the Japanese as being the masters of efficiency and in many respects they, of course, are. And in many other respects they are not. My own non-expert observations would indicate some substantial gaps in their commercial operations, starting with something readily observable as operating a department store where there are a surplus of clerks, useless elevator attendants, escalator "greeters"—although this at last has been replaced by electronic voices as a mechanical doll bows. And just the other day, I observed a small pastry shop in the Kyoto railway station where at least four men were working the dough while still others were engaged—or seemingly engaged in other phases of the shop. Now fairness requires one to acknowledge that some of these men were *arubaito's* (part-timers) or after working the dough they not only operated the ovens, administered the glaze and fillings, stocked the shelves, handled the sales (none was involved in my mod-

est transaction) but also the packaging and so on. Then, too, the way Japanese retailers handle a sale, even of a single donut, is quite different and more involved than pop-the-donut-into-a-bag process of the U.S. Wrapping a purchase is an art form in Japan.

SERVING FOOD—or as we say, "dishing it up"—even in a modest *udon-ya* (noodle shop) can be an elaborate affair. Inefficient perhaps in terms of time-cutting (although the food appears mighty fast) but generally pleasing to the eye before the stomach savors the fare. In rice production, one can see the stalks carefully stacked, obviously by hand. And fruits, such as some apples and pears, are laboriously covered by hand while still on the tree. And we've all seen the Japanese packaging of fruits whereby individual fruits or bunches (grapes) are given the royal packaging treatment (with prices to match).

SO, IT MAY not come as too big a surprise that in terms of per capita productivity, Japan is not at the top nor even near

the top. It ranks number 10 among developed nations. Behind nations such as Australia, Italy and Spain. The three top leaders: Canada, Belgium and then our U.S. Other nations also doing better than Japan: Britain, France, Germany and Sweden. In the field of agriculture, forestry and fisheries, Japan ranked 11th. For example, Japanese farmers were only one-third as efficient as our U.S. and Belgian farmers, and only one-half as efficient as farmers in Australia, Britain, Canada and France. Now, the average size of a Japanese farm is only one-eighth the typical European Community farm—and our U.S. farms are about 110 times larger.

THESE FINDINGS were made as a result of a study by the Japan Productivity Center. The study concluded that Japanese farmers, retailers and wholesalers were largely responsible for the low per capita productivity rate. Shucks, I could have told them that from gazing out the train window or munching on a donut at a Japanese train station. □

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for us, and while mother was tending to settling down, an MP with a rifle called for Rev. Okano and took him away. Okano told Honolulu Advertiser writer Vickie Ong. His father was on the FBI list of suspected nationals: Buddhist and Shinto priests, Japanese language school teachers, newspaper reporters, community leaders, and commercial fishermen. (Robert Shriver, wartime FBI chief in Hawaii, told a Congressional committee later that there were 1,440 suspected Japanese and that 981, or about one percent of the adult Japanese population in Hawaii, were interned in camps on the mainland.)

His father was first taken to the Honolulu immigration station, later to the Sand Island Detention Camp. Within the week, 300 Japanese were detained there.

In February, 1942, his father was in the first of six shiploads of 675 Japanese nationals (some were Nisei) to mainland detention camps. Rev. Okano was sent to Wisconsin, Tennessee, and Louisiana before ending up at Crystal City, Texas. He and his family were reunited there in the spring of 1943. Later that year, the Okanos and other Japanese families boarded the Swedish exchange ship, Gripsholm, in New York for a two-month voyage to South America, around Africa, and then to India, where Japanese from America were swapped for Americans in Japan.

The Japanese were transferred to Tein Maru that stopped in Singapore enroute to Yokohama. His father was asked to serve as chaplain for the Japanese navy. Accepting it, the Okanos disembarked and stayed until February, 1945, as the war worsened. A priority was established for the Japanese in Singapore for return to Japan.

It was then that Rev. Okano and his son Thomas had priority to return on the army transport Awa Maru, leaving behind Mrs. Okano, sister Grace and Singapore-born Francis. The Awa Maru did not make it to Japan—it was torpedoed by U.S. submarines. "We were saved, but returned and stranded in Singapore," Thomas Okano recounted. In the meantime, my father became ill. Fortunately, that allowed him to go back on a Red Cross hospital ship and we (the entire family) were able to ride with him... and finally made it safely to Japan.

The elder Okano died in 1976 at the age 68. His mother, Kimiko, lives in Kaimuki. She said the U.S. contends her family, like others on the Gripsholm, is not eligible for the \$20,000 redress because they chose to go back to Japan. However, she said the family was ordered to board the ship.

Still, she holds no bitterness for what happened.

COMMENTS

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churia in 1931, of China in 1937 and into Indochina. However, during the Battle of Britain (June-December, 1940), FDR boycotted Japanese goods on July 5, 1940, then froze her assets and placed economic sanctions and an oil embargo—all serious acts of war... Such an inquiry would strengthen relations between U.S. and Japan... The 2,400 dead at Pearl Harbor and the 300,000 during World War II may not have died in vain. Better to be remembered as heroes who helped England and the U.S., rather than as unfortunate victims of a "sneak" attack which Roosevelt may have perpetrated.

William Kaneko, JACL vice president of Planning & Development and president of the Hawaii Chapter, said that he had written President George Bush prior to the event, asking him to acknowledge the Japanese Americans who were interned during the war and those who fought and died fighting for the United States.

The message and the tone and the content of what the president says will have a bearing on the world," Kaneko said.

GI STORY

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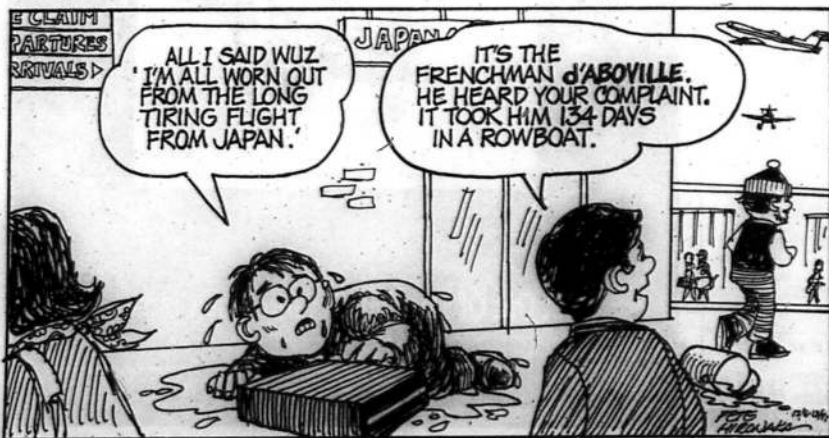
The commanders said the move was for "our protection," Tokunaga said. "All along we had the feeling the Army brass didn't trust us."

Two weeks later, the commanders took guns and ammunition away from the Nisei GIs. "They said they heard the Japanese were going to riot in Honolulu, and as a precaution they wanted to take our rifles and ammo from us. I didn't think the Army brass had any confidence in how we would do in combat."

As the 100th left Oahu to train on the mainland (Camp McCoy, Wis., and Camp Shelby, Miss.) and finally shipped to Europe, with one stop in North Africa, Tokunaga, recalling the *Star-Bulletin* writer Richard Borawski, said: "Going through our minds was the thought of how we would be treated when we came back. Coming from the plantations, we had some concerns. My primary concern was to get to the University of Hawaii."

The biggest thing (upon returning home after the war) was the GI Bill. If it wasn't for that, my family couldn't pay for my college. It was the GI Bill that changed the Nisei group.

—HARRY HONDA



A surprise attack—or was it?

Historians have been debating this controversial issue for decades. And most recently in the *Wall Street Journal*, John Lehman, secretary of the Navy in the Reagan administration, wrote: "My own view is that FDR expected and wanted a Japanese attack to get us in the war."

A retired investigator with the San Diego district attorney's office, Paul R. Maracin, in exploring the question, seems to agree. He introduces, upon this much written-about catastrophe of Pearl Harbor, the Dutch naval attaché in Washington, D.C., Capt. Johan Ranneft, who was visiting the Office of Naval Intelligence on Dec. 6, 1941.

Ranneft's diary, still on file in the historical department archives of the Netherlands Ministry of Defense, notes that day the ONI headquarters staff had pointed out to him on a wall map the location of the Japanese Task Force only 300 to 400 miles northwest of Honolulu. Ranneft then reported this information verbally and by cable to his government.

Apparently this incident credits those Japanese signals logged by radio operators on the Matsun line Lurline enroute from Los Angeles to Honolulu on three consecutive nights, commencing Dec. 1. The operators calculated the signals emanated from a mysterious source north and west of Honolulu. (Layton explains the facts were Lurline's direction finders were "relatively unsophisticated" and that "north and west of Hawaii" was also in the general direction of Japan—or Vladivostok and it appeared the signals were being repeated by small craft on the lower marine frequencies. Their apparent mid-Pacific

origination could be explained by atmosphere anomalies—or misidentification of the daily position reports radioed out by Uritaky," which was a Russian freighter out of San Francisco, Nov. 28, in the North Pacific.

But Maracin notes that all of the Lurline information was hastily delivered to Naval Intelligence at Honolulu as soon as the ship docked on Dec. 3, and that there are no records in Navy files concerning the Lurline reports.

Maracin also recently cites declassified material refutes the contention that the Japanese Task

Force maintained radio silence enroute to Hawaii. Author Robert Stinnett, in his research for a book about George Bush's wartime service, has uncovered confidential information that Navy listening posts on Oahu and Dutch Harbor, Alaska, picked up signals of Japanese advance submarines headed for Pearl Harbor.

And none of this information was ever provided to the Hawaiian commanders, Army Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short or Navy Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, who became the scapegoats of the Pearl Harbor investigation.

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He is survived by his son Daniel (Lela) Tawa, daughters Julie (Fumihiko) Watanabe, Janice (Tom) Williams, Joanne (Gordon) Nakai-Hansen and Yoshiko (Byron) Petersen, grandchildren Aaron and Jonathan Watanabe, Jessica Taylor, Eric and Sydney Hansen, sister Maki Tawa of Los Angeles and brother Ken Tawa of Palco Valley, Nevada.

Japanese American exhibit announced

LOS ANGELES—Paintings and drawings of Japanese American internees will be the focus of a traveling exhibition co-sponsored by the Japanese American National History Museum, UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, and the UCLA Wight Art Gallery.

The exhibit, curated by Karin M. Higa, is scheduled to open Oct., 1992, at the Wight Art Gallery on the UCLA campus. Higa is currently looking for examples of artwork from the camps. The exhibit, planned in coordination with the 50th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, will present the artistic response to the internment.

Before becoming the curator for the exhibit, Higa worked at the Whitney Museum of American Art of New York City under an Helena Rubinstein Fellowship. Before this, she worked for the New York Foundation for the Arts as coordinator for artists and audiences.

So far, over two dozen artists have been identified for possible inclusion into the exhibit. Higa is still investigating other candidates. Anyone knowing of any camp artists should contact Karin Higa at the Japanese American National History Museum at 213/625-0414.

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