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VIEWPOINT

As a way of introduction to this month's CANE Newsletter, we would like to mention briefly how the major issues we're currently involved in tie together.

Last month's issue of the newsletter brought forward a proposal from CANE's coordinating committee to reorganize CANE to build an on-going campaign against Kintetsu's expansion and the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency's continuing evictions. Since then, we have been deeply involved in the question of internal reorganization to correct the 3 fundamental weaknesses of the CANE organization: the lack of leadership and democracy, the lack of education to the community about our concerns and the lack of active participation from our membership.

At the same time, we have just held an important demonstration in Nihonmachi to publicly denounce Kintetsu's plans to expand their already huge economic holdings in the community with a luxurious 40 lane bowling alley. We are also developing a plan of action to deal with the 3 main issues concerning housing that will be upcoming in the next few months: the Sutter/Laguna Sts. situation, the issue of empty units, and the Kintetsu campaign. This plan is part of our strategy to unite the community around our stand of, "We shall not be moved!" and our demand that, "RDA and Kintetsu, instead of building hotels and bowling alleys provide funds to repair existing low-rent housing and small business space and build new units to replace on a one-to-one basis those it has historically destroyed through the redevelopment process." (See campaign article)

In the near future, 2 issues of particular importance to our membership will be occurring. The first issue is the alarming/deplorable situation facing the residents and small businesses on Sutter/Laguna Sts. where RDA is planning to sell the homes and storefronts in the near future. CANE must take the lead in stopping this from occurring if we are to carry out our stand and demand. With a strong core of resi-

dents and small business owners and with the support of the CANE membership and our allies in the community and throughout the nation we can surely stop RDA's cold-blooded attempt to sell off this badly needed low-rent housing space and evict the people from their long time homes and places of business. (See Sutter/Laguna article)

The second centers around the question of who are our friends and our enemies in the struggle against Kintetsu and RDA. As you know, at the National JACL Convention held last summer, CANE passed a resolution calling for the JACL to support CANE's principles and lend whatever aid they can give towards stopping the destruction of Nihonmachi's across the country.

On Sunday, July 20th, the JACL consciously violated CANE's boycott of all Kintetsu owned buildings by holding a luncheon at Suehiro Restaurant as part of their opening of the National Headquarters in Nihonmachi. CANE demonstrated to JACL that the people of the Japanese community are firmly opposed to Kintetsu's expansion and picketed this affair along with our friends and supporters in the JACL and in the community (See boycott article)

Both of these issues are vitally important for the future of Nihonmachi. If Kintetsu is allowed to construct its bowling alley, then they will be continuing to expand their economic control over Nihonmachi at the expense of the people's right and need for low-rent housing and small business space. If RDA is allowed to sell off the property on Sutter/Laguna Sts. and evict the people, then RDA will be continuing its destruction and dispersal of the community.

We in CANE call upon all concerned individuals, groups and organizations to take a firm stand in the interests of the vast majority of people in the community, to boycott Kintetsu and to support the residents on the Sutter/Laguna Sts. site.

In this issue we hope to examine the above mentioned issues more deeply and put forward what we can expect in the coming months for the CANE struggle.

Community Demonstration Launches Campaign

I. Why the Demonstration and How it Fits into the Campaign as a Whole

At the last general meeting in March, we presented a proposal for a campaign for the general demand. We stated at that time that we would use all available tactics - boycotts, legal tactics, demonstrations, and City Hall appearances. After that we initiated the boycott and went to City Hall twice to block Kintetsu's expansion in the form of its 40 lane bowling alley.

In May the Campaign Committee was formed to oversee all the various issues of the campaign for the demand and to come up with a proposal for the campaign strategy. Looking over our past struggles we proposed a general strategy: In this strategy we see that we must:

- 1) Take a correct stand (our stand and demand);
- 2) Conduct thorough education on the stand to raise mass support;
- 3) Direct our mass support where it can be effective;
- 4) Have a plan linking together our various actions.

We also looked at the various forces we have at our disposal and defined who the main force is and who the main allies are:

Main force: tenants of the community

Allies: 1) progressive community and student groups and individuals;

- 2) other community groups and individuals (churches, clubs, etc.);
- 3) progressive groups and individuals outside the community;
- 4) politicians and government agencies;
- 5) lawyers and legal workers

Looking generally at how we saw the campaign developing, we saw 2 stages to it. In the first stage, the main aim would be to stop further destruction of the community and keep present residents here. This defined the 3 main issues we saw in this first stage:

- 1) Laguna St. residents who face being driven out of the community;
- 2) Kintetsu's expansion - the bowling alley and Kyoto Inn;
- 3) empty buildings in the community, which we want to preserve from demolition, and try to get people moved into.

In the second stage, after we have completed reorganization and therefore strengthened CANE, we should be able to go on the offensive against RDA and Kintetsu to pressure them to provide funds to repair and replace the housing they've destroyed, as in the demand.

At the time we drew up the campaign proposal, we saw the Kintetsu bowling alley site as the main immediate focus. From our investigation, we found out that construction was to begin soon. The bowling alley, of course, is mentioned in the demand. RDA has torn down buildings and kicked out people in order to build bowling alleys, hotels, and projects like the Trade Center. We felt that in order to live up to our stand and demand that we had to heighten our fight against Kintetsu. That is why we held the demonstration on June 21st.

II. What Happened at the Demonstration

Under the slogan, "Stop Kintetsu, Defeat RDA, We Won't Move", about 100 people demonstrated against Kintetsu's expansion on Saturday, June 21 as the first major action in the campaign to meet our demand. (See box)

The demonstration began with a short rally in the parking lot by the YWCA. CANE president, Saichi Kawahara explained in the keynote speech that the demonstration was just the beginning of our campaign against Kintetsu and RDA, the 2 main forces behind the destruction and dispersal of Nihonmachi. We also brought out the relation between Kintetsu's expansion and the continuing evictions, especially the critical situation of the residents and shops on Laguna St. (See article) Firm statements of support were given by representatives of Japanese Community Services, the International Hotel Tenants Association, the Chinese Progressive Association, and the J-Town Collective.

Following the rally, the demonstrators marched and chanted through the community along an S-shaped route - around Kintetsu's bowling alley site, past the Laguna St. tenants' buildings and down to the Peace Plaza. Community support was colorfully evidenced by the many CANE flags and banners in windows. At the entrance to the Peace Plaza, the demonstrators stopped while head monitors and the CANE legal advisor for the day talked with 2 police officers.

Defend the Rights of Laguna St. Tenants

The homes and livelihoods of community residents and small business people are again being callously threatened by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. During the past month, RDA has been moving to complete its plans for selling a number of buildings on Laguna street between Bush and Sutter. Hoping to force out Yamato Auto, Marcie's Beauty Shop, Jimmy's Barber shop, Kintoki restaurant, Weldon's grocery store, the Johnson family and Quincy Lay, all of whom are long-time members of the community.

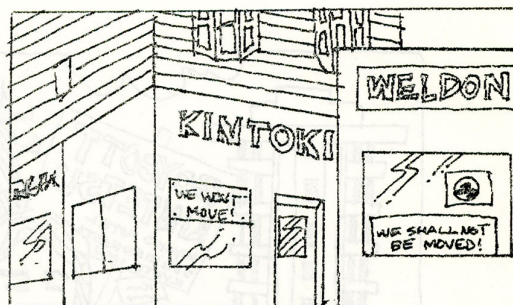
Our latest word is that RDA is planning to put these homes and shops up for bid where they will be grabbed up by real estate speculators, around the early part of August. We can then expect the first round of eviction notices soon after this occurs. In addition, a vacant building located right next door to the buildings to be sold is also slated for demolition.

While RDA is shamelessly scheming to evict more residents and shops out of Japantown, CANE has been promoting unity amongst the residents around the stand, 'We won't move' and 'No more destruction, no more evictions, no more dispersal.' Instead of issuing eviction notices we have demanded that RDA along with Kintetsu repair existing buildings so that present residents and shops can stay, while empty units be made suitable for present and past residents in need of low-rent housing.

CANE and the tenants have been developing an overall strategy that will unite all of our supporters. The key in our strategy is to build a core of residents who will organize all of the residents in the 10 block area to stand firm with the Laguna street tenants. Supporting this main force of residents are strong allies who can be an active part of the struggle. These allies include community groups, clubs, churches, politicians, lawyers and clientele of the affected businesses.

Utilizing the support of all these forces, we are working on different actions that must be taken to stop RDA from putting the buildings up for bid, such as an open community meeting where we could meet RDA and Kintetsu in the community and pressure them to meet our demand and to stop the bidding process.

All of us in the CANE general membership have the responsibility to help support our long-time tenants from being kicked out of the community and to stop RDA from destroying any more low-rent housing so that real estate speculators and



big business interests can profit off of the urban renewal process. This struggle must become the common fight of all members and supporters

DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF LAGUNA ST. RESIDENTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES!

STOP RDA'S EVICTIONS!

LOW RENT HOUSING AND SMALL BUSINESS SPACE FOR THE PEOPLE OF NIHONMACHI!

If you are interested in helping on this important issue you can;

- 1) Write letters supporting our demand and that RDA not put the following buildings up for bid:
Weldon's Grocery - 1697 Sutter st.
Kintoki restaurant 1698 Sutter st.
Jimmy's Barber shop- 1712 Laguna
Marcie's Beauty shop - 1710 Laguna
Yamato's Auto - 1899 Bush st.
1734-38 Laguna
1871-5 Bush st.

Letters of support should be sent to;

a. San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (Central Office)
939 Ellis st., SF
attn: Arthur Evans, Director

b. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
SF Area Office
1 Embarcadero Center
Suite 1600, SF

c. state and local politicians

- 2) Help us set up a speaking engagement with the organization, club, or church you belong to.

- 3) Set up an informal workshop at your home where we can discuss other ways to pressure RDA and Kintetsu to meet our demand.

4)

- 4) Contact CANE to help us plan out the different tactics we're working on developing.

- 5) Help us circulate petitions and leaflets in support of our demand and the residents' rights to stay.

Kintetsu Boycott Strengthens



On July 20, 1975 the National Japanese American Citizens League held a luncheon at the Suehiro Restaurant (Kintetsu-owned) as part of their dedication ceremonies for the new National JACL Headquarters. CANE viewed this as a violation of our Kintetsu boycott and held a picket of the brunch, in response. We also, leafletted the CANE Resolution--passed at JACL's 23rd Biennial Convention last year, and boycott information to all attending the luncheon. We wanted to expose the National JACL leadership in their failure to implement the CANE resolution and their failure to endorse our boycott. By taking this action we wanted to demonstrate to JACL, as well as other groups, that we're taking the issue of the boycott seriously. In the past we have sent three letters concerning our boycott to JACL and as of yet we have received no reply--except for the invitation to the luncheon held at Suehiro. The picketting on July 20th was our first major attempt at pressuring National JACL to endorse the boycott and we foresee continuing work being done to achieve this end. CANE would like to make clear that we do not feel the violations of the boycott by JACL represent the JACL membership as a whole, especially those delegates and chapters who enthusiastically gave us their support at last year's convention.

Just recently, we have received a letter from the Japanese American Citizens League youth group-- Japanese American Youths (JAY's) expressing formal endorsement which was very strong and supportive. The JAY's are a national human rights and educational organization consisting of twenty chapters across the nation. In June, the JACL had a national board meeting at their new headquarters here in Nihonmachi and was scheduled to stay at the Miyako Hotel (Kintetsu-owned). The National Youth Coordinating Council of the JAY's voted to stay at the Jack Tar Hotel for the duration of the National Board meeting to show their active support for CANE.

However, although urged by the JAY's and a letter from CANE, some of the remaining members of the National Board violated our boycott and stayed at the Miyako, again showing that no policy decision was made in regards to our boycott by the National Board.

Within the past months we have received support and encouragement from distant places. A CANE member, visiting Hawaii, brought back five petitions of signatures upholding the boycott. Also, news of the CANE struggle has crossed the Pacific to Japan--through the newsletter of the International Support Group for Sanrizuka. They have reprinted our letter to them which explained our situation in Nihonmachi and called for active support of our boycott in Japan (to boycott Kintetsu-owned businesses in Japan). The International Support Group for Sanrizuka represents a struggle of farmers against big business and the Japanese government. The farmers for eleven years have fought against the construction of the "New Tokyo International Airport" on their farm land--fighting against the confiscation of their land. Our next newsletter will cover the history of Sanrizuka and the current state of the situation there--for we can already see some parallels in their struggle and ours.

Positive response to our boycott has been increasing during the past months and we see the progression of the boycott as part of our campaign to stop Kintetsu and defeat RDA. We feel the boycott is a means to pressure Kintetsu and RDA to meet our demand and thus a means for people to show support to the overall CANE struggle. We are starting to see who are our friends and active supporters. We feel the boycott is moving successfully and we urge you to continue to honor the boycott and spread the word about it. Please remember this is an important way in which all of us can help in the struggle to save Nihonmachi!!

Boycott Scoreboard

The following organizations have thus far endorsed our boycott of Kintetsu-owned businesses in Nihonmachi:

- National Japanese American Youth
- Bay Area JACL
- Japanese Community Services
- Delegates at the Third World
- Social Work Conference

Reorganization Moves Ahead

If we are to truly carry out our stand of defeating Kintetsu, stopping RDA and saving Nihonmachi, we must build CANE into an organization capable of doing so. Presently, CANE is not organized to carry out the above stand; we are organized only to protest against Kintetsu, stall RDA, and fight to save Nihonmachi.

During the past few weeks, through meetings of the CANE cabinet, Coordinating Committee, standing committees, and workshops for our general members, we have managed to pinpoint three major problems that must be solved to move CANE forward. The three problems are:

1) The problem of leadership and general membership participation. We must clarify our leadership body and insure general membership involvement in decision-making and carrying out decisions.

2) The problem of incorporation. We must provide ways in which all who support CANE can lend their support, on a variety of different levels. One way is the creation of a CANE Tenants Union, whereby tenants of Nihonmachi can more actively take part in the decisions of CANE.

3) The problem of education. We need to improve our efforts of carrying out education to our own membership and our community as a whole. One idea under discussion is the expansion of our newsletter into a community newspaper capable of reaching thousands.

Identifying these three problems has only been the first step. We must now set as our task solving the problems.

One way in which the problems may be solved is through investigation --- going out and talking with other organizations similar to CANE and finding out how they are dealing with problems we face.

The Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee has begun to set up investigation teams to talk with groups in the Bay Area. With the approval of our general membership, we would also like to send CANE representatives to other parts of the country. Groups we would like to contact are mass organizations involved in struggles against government agencies and big business interests, other organizations which produce newspapers, and existing tenants unions.

Among the list of groups which have so far been suggested in the first category are the Chinese Progressive Association in Chinatown, the Union of Democratic Filipinos, the United Farm Workers Support Committee, La Raza En Accion in the Mission, and the International Hotel Tenants Association in Chinatown-Manilatown.

Among newspapers which have so far been suggested are the Bay Guardian, New Dawn, Chinese Awareness in Los Angeles, East/West in S.F. Chinatown, Rising Up Angry in Chicago, the Guardian in New York, and the Call in Los Angeles.

Among tenants unions which have been suggested are the I-Hotel Tenants Assoc., Berkeley Tenants Organizing Committee and tenants groups in New York and Cambridge.

During the July 4 weekend, CANE had the opportunity to host six visitors from Seattle who are active in the Committee for Corrective Action Program, which is fighting against destruction of their community by corporations and the government through projects such as a domed stadium, a train terminal and tourism. Through meetings with the Seattle people, we exchanged valuable experiences and perspectives on educating, organizing and mobilizing our communities against the powerful forces attempting to drive us out.

Also, during the last week in June, CANE president Saichi Kawahara, during his vacation to his birthplace of Hawaii, established contacts with tenants organizations fighting evictions.

In short, by talking with other organizations about the problems we in CANE face, we are gaining valuable perspectives on how we can go about solving these problems.

The Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee will be consolidating this wealth of information and put forward a proposal to the CANE general membership concerning a new structure, one that is able to effectively carry forth our slogan of "Stop Kintetsu, Defeat RDA, We shall not be moved!"

Are you interested in the reorganization investigation now taking place? Here's the ways you can become involved:

1) Raise your suggestions about organizations you feel should be contacted by the investigation teams.

2) Take part in the investigation team meetings with other organizations.

3) Raise your ideas for improving CANE.

CANE general meeting
Friday, July 25th; 7:30pm
at the YWCA - sutter st.

STREET FAIR DRAWS HUNDREDS

On June 29th, Nihonmachi came alive to the vibrant sights and sounds of the second annual Nihonmachi Street Fair. Coordinated by the Japanese Community Youth Council and students from an Asian American Studies class at S. F. State, the Street Fair attracted thousands of people and involved the participation of 28 Asian organizations and church groups. Through music, dance, arts, crafts and food, the Street Fair was successful in bringing Asians together and strengthening our community ties.

This year's CANE booth provided an opportunity for many people to learn about and support our organization and our activities through silk-screened T-shirts, banners, buttons, pamphlets and petitions. In addition, a photo display provided the booth's backdrop, enabling visitors to get a glimpse of Nihonmachi before the ravages of redevelopment.

The Street Fair has become an important event in the life of our community and we wish to extend our congratulations to those who organized and worked on the Street Fair. In addition, we want to thank those who patronized our booth and all the workers who make this year's CANE booth so successful.

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The rally had originally been scheduled for the Peace Plaza, but National Breamar Corporation, which owns the Plaza, flatly refused to grant us permission to use the Plaza, and instead notified the police of our intentions. Under protest and in order to have an uninterrupted rally, we changed the location. Still, we wanted to march once around inside the Plaza mall to protest National Breamar's unjust policy. Our legal advisor told us we were within our rights since the plaza was semi-public, open space and there were no "No trespassing" signs anywhere.

After it became clear the officers would not listen to reason, we peacefully and orderly began to enter the plaza. The officers, however took out their sticks and began to push people. The crowd just went around the officers and the entire march went inside the plaza.

After marching inside the plaza, the marchers went up to Post St. to picket and chant in front of Kintetsu's Miyako Hotel. During the picketing a United Farm Workers support March appeared up the street on Laguna, heading for Lucky Supermarket. Two individuals from the UFW march came down to our picket, and spoke about the UFW boycott and gave support to our demonstration. After our demonstration was over, a number of CANE supporters went over to support the UFW demonstration. The picketing lasted about 45 minutes, then we headed back to the office and heard a brief summation talk by one of the head monitors.

The demonstration is still in the process of being summarized as to its strong and weak points, a more thorough summation will be presented at the upcoming general meeting scheduled for Friday, July 25th.

After the demonstration the campaign committee looked again at the various issues facing us. We have decided that the most important and pressing issue in the community is the situation facing the Laguna st. tenants. The reasons for the shift in focus from the bowling alley to Laguna st were;

- 1) The tenants on Laguna st. face eminent eviction.
- 2) RDA is clearly the enemy, and NCDC is not involved
- 3) Our stand of, 'We shall not be moved' is clear in this issue.
- 4) Bidding for the buildings is coming up and we are unprepared.
- 5) The tenants on this site feel strongly about our stand and our willingness to fight!

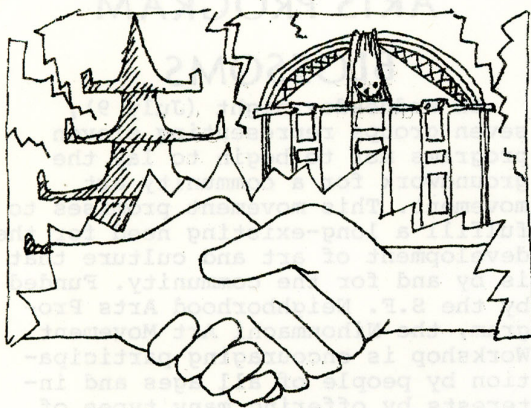
But at the same time as we focus on the Laguna st. situation, we must not stop work on the other issues that exist. The 2 major issues besides Laguna st are: a.) Kintetsu's expansion- the bowling alley and the opening of the Kyoto Inn and Miyako extension, and b.) 1772 Sutter st. and other empty units.

We are keeping an eye on all empty units and will work to prevent RDA from demolishing them. At the same time we are trying to develop a list of individuals and groups wanting a place in Nihonmachi and we will pressure RDA to repair these units and move people in.

Around the issue of Kintetsu's expansion, generally we are planning to intensify outreach on the boycott - we have to really get the word out to make the boycott effective. We are in the process of getting support from various JACL chapters and other friendly forces in the community.

The future of our community is at stake, whether we have a 'Kintetsu-town' or a small business and residential community depends in part on the success or failure of this campaign. We hope you will give your support to the campaign committee, if you have any ideas or time to donate to the campaign please don't hesitate to call us at the CANE office, 921-8841.

Cane Meets With Seattle Group



The struggle for low-rent housing is being waged by organizations and communities throughout the nation. A rewarding relationship was developed between CANE and a similar group from Seattle when we met to share information and discuss ways to help each other.

The brief but extensive meeting, taking place during the July 4th weekend, was held with six members of the Committee for the Corrective Action Program (CAP), an organization fighting to preserve Seattle's International District. CAP is fighting against the destruction of the community by such corporate and governmental projects as a domed stadium, a train terminal and tourism.

The International District is the home of the city's Asians, mainly Chinese, Japanese and Pilipino. Additionally, it contains a great quantity of low-rent hotel units that are empty and will possibly be destroyed in the name of "progress". According to CAP, of a total of 44 hotels, 28 are currently closed. CAP is working to get these buildings rehabilitated in order to meet the community's need for low-rent housing.

For this eventful meeting between the two groups, three goals were set: 1) establish on-going communications, 2) share information and organizing experiences, and 3) examine ways to support each other's work. Meeting each day until evening, a great deal of information was exchanged that will surely advance our struggles and strengthen both groups.

Since summaries of the meeting are still incomplete, a more detailed report will be given in the next Newsletter. As for future work both CAP and CANE have agreed to keep consistent correspondence and set up another meeting possibly before the end of the summer. The friendships formed and the unity established at these meetings stands as living proof of the growing resistance to those forces that would destroy our communities for the sake of profits!

Housing Legislation Initiated

For many years now, the poor and Third World communities of San Francisco have been struggling for survival. In the continuing fight for low-rent housing, an ordinance which would regulate the issuance of demolition and alteration permits has been introduced to the Board of Supervisors by the International Hotel.

The International Hotel provides housing (as it has for decades) for low-income people, mostly elderly Pilipino and Chinese men living in the Manilatown-Chinatown area. The I-Hotel is owned by a private corporation, the Four Seas Corporation, which hopes to demolish the hotel so that a more profitable enterprise can be constructed. The I-Hotel Tenants Association sees the proposed ordinance as part of the strategy to save the Hotel from this demolition.

This important ordinance provides regulation of demolition and alteration permits for not only private land-owners (such as Four Seas Corp.) but also governmental agencies (such as S.F. Redevelopment Agency). This much needed legislation is not only for the I-Hotel, but would provide protective legislation for all existing housing units (particularly low-rent housing) throughout all of San Francisco.

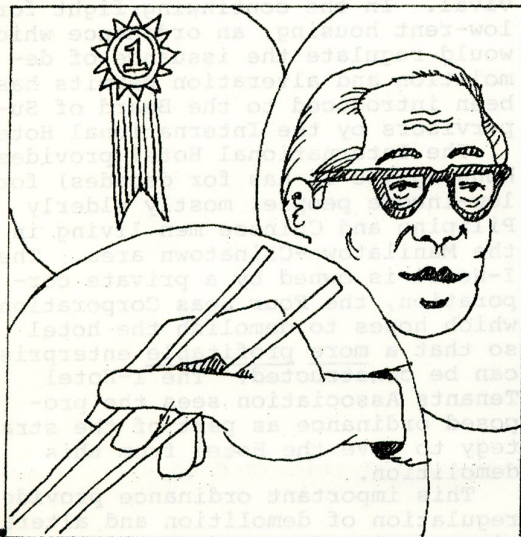
Since this ordinance affects not only the I-Hotel, but all existing communities in San Francisco, mass support is needed to pressure City Hall for its passage. The International Hotel Tenants Association encourages people to either call or write the Planning, Housing and Development Committee of the Board of Supervisors in support of the ordinance. If you wish more information around this ordinance, you can contact the I-Hotel Tenants Assoc. at 982-4249.

We in CANE fully support this ordinance and urge all of you to offer your support too, for only through mutual support and unity can we realize the right of the people to decent low-rent housing!

Surprise Party!

Clarence Spear, of Weldon's Grocery fame and a long-time CANE member, was the focus of attention at a surprise birthday party held for him at the home of CANE Cabinet-member, Helen Jones. Held on the night of July 5, the party was a fun and lively affair attended by friends, relatives, and CANE members. We once again wish a hearty "Happy Birthday" to Clarence, whose friendly service to the community and staunch support of CANE is deeply appreciated and respected by all.

Kimochi Lunch Program Commended



The Kimochi lunch program, a federally funded project directed at meeting the nutritional needs of Issei in the area, recently received recognition for the quality service it has provided to the Japanese community. Kimochi's accomplishments were reported in both the Hokubei and Nichi Bei newspapers as well as being lauded by city and state officials.

From Monday thru Friday, Kimochi serves Japanese meals, planned by dietitians, to about 100 Issei in San Francisco. For those persons who live outside of Nihonmachi and are unable to obtain transportation into the area, there is also a take out service.

According to Lucy Kubota, who helps with the lunch program and is an active member of CANE, the need for such take out service was created by the disbursal of Issei through redevelopment.

She sees the lunch program as one approach to the struggles of retaining Nihonmachi - at least the spirit within the people and their feeling of community. "The feeling of community", Ms. Kubota stated, "comes from living and sharing together. Redevelopment is forcing us apart...and in doing this, is destroying something which belongs to all Japanese-Americans."

David Ishida, Lunch Program Director, attributed Kimochi's accomplishments to the fact that workers and participants alike believe in the program and what it is doing. "Support from the community, for the community."

CANE would like to express our support for the Kimochi lunch program, particularly the workers and staff personnel who work hard to make the program what it is, an important service for the Issei members of the community.

ARTS PROGRAM BLOSSOMS

On Wednesday night (July 9), seven groups representing eleven programs met to begin to lay the groundwork for a community art movement. This movement promises to fulfill a long-existing need for the development of art and culture that is by and for the community. Funded by the S.F. Neighborhood Arts Program, the Nihonmachi Art Movement Workshop is encouraging participation by people of all ages and interests by offering many types of programs. Among the many programs are classes in video, singing, writing, dance, silkscreen and photography.

The Art Movement Workshop is more than just a series of classes, or a group of artists getting together, for it has several goals that are very worthy of mention. These goals are: to promote the concept of "art with a useful purpose for the people", to use art to advance the struggles in the community, and to combat the use of art for profit-making purposes and the exploitation of artists.

So, if you are a struggling artist who wants to do something for the community and yourself, or just a person with ideas or similar interests, there will be a meeting for YOU to voice your ideas and to find out more about this worthwhile and exciting project.

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, August 15 - 7:30 p.m.

UJCS - 2012 Pine Street

or call Boku Kodama at 387-8861.

CANE Speaks Out

CANE members Dr. Kazue Togasaki and June B. Hibino will appear on the "Asian Now" television program on Saturday, Aug. 2, 9 to 9:30 a.m.

The program, dedicated to the coverage of affairs in the Asian American community, is bilingual, with special programs set up in Japanese, Chinese, Tagalog, and Korean languages.

The Aug. 2 program was coordinated by show host Kazuko Takai and will be devoted entirely to CANE. Dr. Togasaki will speak in Japanese about Issei housing and the effects of redevelopment on the elderly. Ms. Hibino will speak on present CANE activities, focusing on our campaign against RDA and Kintetsu.

Show host Kazuko Takai had on a previous program editorialized in support of CANE and our boycott against Kintetsu.

Meanwhile, CANE member Tracy Takano was recently featured on the "San Francisco Today" program over KBHK, channel 44. Show host Marianne Bowdrey interviewed Takano about CANE activities.

Community Forum A Success

On the evening of June 21, 1975, an eager and diverse crowd assembled at Morning Star School. The occasion was an educational forum sponsored by a S.F. State Asian American Studies Class entitled "Urban Renewal and the Destruction of Nihonmachi."

Following a warm welcome, an absorbing pictorial essay of the history of the people of Nihonmachi was given via a slide show accompanied by music. A candid panel of residents and small business-people of followed. Through discussion, the panel revealed stirring personal experiences and feelings about the redevelopment of Nihonmachi and exposed how the Redevelopment Agency and large corporations have been transforming the community into a tourist showcase.

During intermission, many people perused the display of photos of the community spanning the years from its birth to the present day. A penetrating slide show followed which explained how the destructive redevelopment of Nihonmachi is tied into an overall Bay Area Masterplan which is systematically destroying neighborhoods in order to turn S.F. into "Wall Street of the West." CANE cabinet-member, Mr. George Iwao, then spoke, offering CANE as a means of fighting redevelopment and emphasizing the need to unite with our allies and become better organized. A heart-felt summation speech, given by a member of the class, acknowledged how the struggle for Asian American Studies (which made the forum possible) and the growing resistance against destructive redevelopment are part of the ongoing historical struggle of Japanese Americans for Justice and Dignity.

All in all, it was a highly informative forum and one that was well-received by an open and appreciative crowd of people.

International Support

News about our campaign against Kintetsu and our recent June 21st demonstration has reached Japan and is causing great interest.

Recently, CANE was contacted by the Bay Area correspondent of the Yomiuri newspaper, one of Japan's three largest newspapers. The correspondent said she had received a call from her Tokyo office asking her to find out what was happening in Nihonmachi between CANE and Kintetsu. The Yomiuri correspondent also mentioned that at the recent International Women's Conference in Mexico City, delegates from San Francisco told delegates from Japan about Kintetsu's destructive actions in Nihonmachi. The Japanese delegates were outraged and said they would begin organizing demonstrations against Kintetsu in Japan.

Meanwhile, a number of other Japanese news correspondents and magazine writers have contacted CANE for information on the current struggle. A correspondent from "Shukan Posuto" (Weekly Post) is now preparing an article.

Also, the International Support Committee for Sanrizuka in Japan, which is supporting the struggle of small farmers in a village outside Tokyo against the construction of the Narita airport, carried in its last newsletter an appeal from CANE asking for the people of Japan to boycott Kintetsu.

American news media have also expressed increasing interest in the CANE struggle. Recently, we have been interviewed by staff writers from the New York Times Sunday supplement magazine and New Republic.

In Sympathy

Hikoichi Shimamoto and his oldest son, Shoji, both dear and highly respected members of Nihonmachi were given last respects by an emotional, overflowing crowd of friends and relatives last Friday, July 19.

The funeral, taking place at the San Francisco Buddhist Church, corner of Pine and Octavia, was attended by over 500 people, who were shocked and saddened over the coincidental, dual deaths occurring earlier in the week.

The elder Shimamoto, 73, was the founder and owner of Shima Transfer, a well-known local drayage company. His son, Shoji, 45, worked with the company and was respected by all who knew him. A resident of Larkspur, Shoji had been in ill health recently, as was the father, a longtime resident of Nihonmachi.

Many people have remembered with fondness how the Shimamoto family had always helped in times of need; quickly and unselfishly. The loss of two such well thought-of individuals is tremendous. We, in CANE, send our deepest sympathy to the Shimamoto family and its relatives.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

CANE Needs Better P.R.

By HOWARD M. IMAZEKI
Editor, English Section

Even after two years of zealous efforts, the CANE has yet to arouse the people of Nihonmachi to whatever it aims to accomplish. We wonder why . . .

The acronym stands for Committee Against Nihonmachi Eviction, giving us the impression that a lot of people in our town are being evicted forcibly without mercy.

First, this group of young people bucked against the Nihonmachi Community Development Corporation demanding that the latter stop turning the Nihonmachi into a "tourist trap," giving us the impression that it was something "evil" to obtain government assistance to remake our area in San Francisco into a respectable place to live and to do business.

Next, this group of young people bucked against the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, giving us the impression that this government agency was something akin to an ugly monster gobbling up people and houses to satisfy its "capitalistic" appetite.

And currently, this group of outsiders, who seemingly have very little root in our communal soil, are bucking against the Kintetsu Enterprises, USA (a California corporation), giving us the impression that this Japan-based commercial organization is here to promote its dirty "imperialistic" expansion.

Presumably, it is the CANE's intention to help the residents and small merchants to stay in

Nihonmachi to continue their residence and maintain their places of business here. It is an admirable intention. But CANE has no monopoly on such an intention. All of us are deeply concerned with the welfare of the residents and the small merchants who make their living here.

Intention alone, however, is not enough. Those who are really interested in the welfare of the people here would have some definite workable plans and feasible ideas to help revitalize our community. CANE must have its plans and ideas and it feels frustrated because NCDC and SFRA lend no sympathetic ears to their plans and ideas. If so, then, there is something utterly lacking in its Public Relations strategy and tactics.

The easiest thing in our community life today is to do nothing. The easiest thing, for instance, for the Hokubei Mainichi is to stay put where we are and continue our small newspaper and printing enterprises ensconced in this dilapidated structure on Sutter St. But we have committed ourselves to renew ourselves, for which we will be spending more than \$300,000 to re-establish ourselves in a new building on Post St. sited by the NCDC committee. All of us will have to suffer sacrifices for many years to come. And many of us will not be able to see or gain the benefit of this sacrificial investment. But we have made our decision to do so for the Nihonmachi people who come after us.

The decision to rehabilitate

and revitalize our Nihonmachi was made more than a decade ago when some of the young people who now compose CANE were still in public schools, and when some of its leaders were still not in the Western Addition or in San Francisco, or even in California. They now speak of "Boycott Miyako Hotel, Boycott Suehiro Restaurant, Boycott Kyoto Inn, Boycott Bowling Alley," all Kintetsu enterprises. We question the seriousness of their intention, for if they could be 100 per cent successful in their activity it will mean the retrogression of our Nihonmachi. Surely, it is not their intention to bring death on Nihonmachi.

From the looks of the extremely slow progress we are making in redeveloping our Nihonmachi, we are quite certain that the SFRA and NCDC are giving their utmost consideration to the moving or re-moving of the people and business places involved. From the looks of the situation, it will undoubtedly take another 10 years before the Nihonmachi redevelopment project is brought to its final conclusion.

We sincerely hope all these hue and cry being raised by the politically-conscious CANE people will not end in mere masturbatory efforts of their youthful energy.

CANE SETS IT STRAIGHT

DEAR EDITOR:

As elected officers of the Committee Against Nihonmachi Eviction, we would like to respond to the June 24 editorial of Howard Imazeki. We ask that our views be presented so that others in our community can weigh what we say against what was said in the editorial and to decide for themselves which reflects an accurate picture of the redevelopment situation in Nihonmachi.

(1) According to Imazeki, the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and Kintetsu Enterprises, a large corporation from Japan, are "revitalizing" Nihonmachi. But what has this "revitalization" really meant?

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It has meant the removal of hundreds of Issei families and children. It has meant the seizure of land from community people by large corporations, such as Kintetsu, the American subsidiary of Japan's largest private railway company, which now controls nearly a quarter of the land in Nihonmachi, including half the Japan Trade Center, two major hotels, and other businesses. It has meant the degradation of our culture and heritage into tourist commodities to be sold for the profits of these corporations.

CANE does not see the "revitalization" of Nihonmachi in terms of high rise tourist hotels, lavish office buildings, high rent housing and bowling alleys. We believe that a community is people — but it is these very same people that RDA and Kintetsu are driving out.

(2) Imazeki contends that the Nihonmachi Community Development Corporation (NCDC), a select group of property owners, is concerned with the welfare of our community. In reality, NCDC members, as property owners, are obsessed with their own economic self-interests. It's this perspective which has led NCDC to turn its back on friends and neighbors by supporting the

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building of Kintetsu's hotels and bowling alleys at the expense of needed low-rent housing.

NCDC members talk of the "sacrifices" they are making to survive in Nihonmachi. What they fail to grasp is why these "sacrifices" are being made. The economic hardships they now face are a direct result of Kintetsu and RDA's destruction of homes and shops, the destruction of the historic interdependent relationship between residents and small merchants that has long characterized Nihonmachi.

Today, many NCDC members feel that the only way they can survive is to join hands with RDA and Kintetsu by building expensive apartments with rents starting at \$250-month for a studio unit. However, by joining hands with RDA and Kintetsu, NCDC far from promoting its survival is actually ensuring its own death. For we can see that just within the past ten years in NCDC, small property owners have been pushed out of the area while large corporations like Kintetsu have grabbed up more and more land. In short, NCDC's perspective of self-interest, glorified as "self-sacrifice," is being promoted at the expense of Nihonmachi's need for low-rent housing and small business space.

(3) Imazeki characterizes our organization, CANE, which formed three years ago to challenge the injustices of redevelopment, as basically "young people" without "communal roots" who put forth no "workable plan" for saving our community. These are false accusations.

Firstly, the young people of CANE are a minority. Two-thirds of our 300 members are over the age of 36. What is serious, though, is Imazeki's condemnation of CANE simply because of its "young people." The issue is not whether a person is young or old but what he or she

advocates. It is on this basis that CANE should be evaluated.

Secondly, the members of our organization are deeply rooted in all aspects of community life. We are active in churches, clubs, service organizations, political associations. The real outsiders without "communal roots" go by the names of National Braemar (from Hawaii), Kintetsu (from Japan), the Redevelopment Agency. They are the forces responsible for the hardships faced by our community.

Thirdly, CANE has put forth what we feel is a "workable" plan to save our community. We have demanded that RDA and Kintetsu, instead of building tourist hotels and bowling alleys, provide funds to repair existing low-rent housing and small business space in Nihonmachi and build new units to replace on a one-to-one basis those they have historically destroyed through the redevelopment process. And furthermore that these units be made available first to past and present residents and small business in need of them and second to all others in need of low-rent housing and small business space. We have called for a boycott of four Kintetsu-owned businesses until this demand is met.

Among the buildings in Nihonmachi that we feel should be repaired with the rents kept low are those in the vicinity of Sutter and Laguna. RDA is now attempting to sell off these buildings to land speculators and to evict tenants such as Clarence Spear and S. Freddie Powell of Weldon's Grocery, Mrs. Otani of Kintoki Restaurant, Marcie Suarez of Marcie's Beauty Salon, Jimmy Fujisada of Jimmy's Barber Shop, March Dobashi of Yamato Auto, Quincy Lay and the Johnson Family. We have asked for the support of others in the community to prevent these people from being driven out of their homes and shops. Significantly, NCDC has shown no compassion for these individuals, although many have been long time neighbors.

In summary, the struggle of tenants on Laguna Street brings into sharp focus just who is or

is not working for the survival of our Nihonmachi. RDA, Kintetsu and NCDC have put forward no "workable plan" to fix up the buildings to insure that present tenants can remain and former tenants can return. Instead, RDA is trying to sell the buildings to land speculators.

Contrary to this, we in CANE have secured the passage of a resolution by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission calling for RDA to stop the sale of the buildings, to fix them up, and to maintain them at low rents to guarantee that present tenants may remain. Is this the type of activity that would bring "death" to Nihonmachi, as Imazeki claims we are doing?

Lastly, we are aware that Imazeki's June 24 editorial was not his first attack on CANE. Back in July 1974 when we went before the National JACL Convention in Portland with a resolution asking support of CANE, Imazeki editorialized that we had no right to do so. He claimed that our resolution would be flatly rejected. In fact, the resolution passed by a vote of 68-3.

Imazeki's faulty analysis in July 1974 was based on his isolation from issues in our community. Similarly, his shallow analysis contained in the June 24 editorial reflects this very same lack of understanding of the key issues involved in redevelopment.

Let this be a lesson for all to become truly knowledgeable of the issues and on that basis to take an informed position. We have found from past experience that once the facts are made clear and the issues understood, the vast majority of people have supported our position.

Sincerely,

Members of CANE Cabinet —
Saichi Kawahara, Joyce Nakamura, S. Freddie Powell, Glenn Omatsu, Helen Liveritte, Sue Wong, George Iwao, and Helen Jones.

Our stand: NO MORE DESTRUCTION AND DISPERSAL, and WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED!

Our demand: Kintetsu and RDA, instead of building bowling alleys and hotels, provide funds to repair existing low-rent housing and small business space in Nihonmachi and to build new units to replace on a one-to-one basis those they have historically destroyed through the redevelopment process; and furthermore that the repaired and new units be made available on the following lines:

- 1) First priority be given to past and present residents and small businesses of Nihonmachi in need of low-rent housing and small business space;
- 2) Second priority be given to any others in need of low-rent housing and small business space.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

I would like to . . .
(check one or more)

- ☐ join CANE
- ☐ receive your newsletter
- ☐ make a donation

A POEM FOR NIHONMACHI

The following poem was written by David Ruiz, a talented writer-poet who lives in the Mission District - a community that is struggling against its destruction by BART. Here, in his own words, is a brief introduction to the poem:

I came in contact with CANE haphazardly one weekend in the Fall of 1974 when I was walking around Buchanan and Post. There, I met a couple of the CANE workers distributing literature. Prior to this, I wasn't aware that there was a struggle in existence against RDA and Kintetsu as such - primarily because it didn't seem like there was a community left to do anything about Kintetsu's growth. My blindness soon recovered when I saw, through the help of others, a neglected low-income community behind the walls of the Trade Center, Suehiro Restaurant, and the Kokusai Theater...

In my poem, I speak in concern of the Nihonmachi community and the decay that's left. Nevertheless, the people form a bond holding loose pieces together that no monstrous corporate machine has power to destroy.

NIHONMACHI REVISITED (to Al Robles)

I

Your streets are deserted of bodies and voices
Full of sandfilled lots and driveways,
Only the whisp of the wind is heard
.....Nihonmachi, where are you?

Your buildings just hang there,
The plywood planks hang loosely like leaves on a tree,
shedding, making way for new and brighter ones to come.
.....Nihonmachi, where are you going?

At a distance far beyond, around Buchanan and Post,
I see this new corporation ousting you out.
Bowling alleys and swimming pools you will find,
Hot baths and a steam room at Kabuki Hot Springs, so it's called,
Kintetsutown they'll call you.
.....but Nihonmachi, where will you go?

Your Mimatsu Restaurant stands there,
Decaying from age,
Kintoki, where people still go,
still at home. But how long, Nihonmachi?
.....Nihonmachi, what will you do?

New paths will be paved, tread by strangers,
Seeking a plastic exotic mecca - Chinatownized
By the creeping corporation,
Destroying what's left,
Spreading like a cancer and rebuilding for itself
.....Nihonmachi, what does this mean?

II

Nihonmachi, I am a stranger in your deserted streets,
though I try not to be.
The Kyoto Coffee Shop stands there and is still yours, and I
guess I am the kind they try to avoid.
Everytime I go in the Kokusai Theater, there's a white face
everywhere I look. Why Nihonmachi?
Even those new restaurants thay built on your streets serve
American food - pork chops and veal cutlets.

III

The peace pagoda, surrounded by stones and water seems even
lonelier
Where has everybody gone?
Your sidewalks remain clean.
Your buildings continue to fall apart from the power of the
moving crane, and the decay from neglect.
Slowly, slowly they will all come down
one by one
piece by piece
And your lots filled with debris and sand will remain
vacant with the breeze going by, for a long time ahead.
Nihonmachi, why?
.....and Nihonmachi, where are you going?

に ちがいありません。そして開発局のサター街 ラグナ街の不動産売り出しが許され、人々が路上に放り出されるのなら、再開発局は この我々のコミュニティの破壊を、続けることでしょう。

我々 ケンメンバーは 心ある人々、グループ あまいはその他の団体に呼びかけ 我々コミュニティの大多数の人々のために 立ちあがり、近鉄を本拠とし、サター街 ラグナ街の住民に更替を与えようでは ありませんか。

最後に さらに一度 ケンの直面している諸問題を再検討し、そして 前向きな姿勢で この我々の戦いを 続けていこうでは ありませんか。

CANE は、気持会昼食又ログラウイ
を断固と持する。

日系社会の一世の人達の為に栄養ある食事を供給する連邦政府基金計画に基づく気持会昼食又ログラウイは、その社会の高齢層への極だった奉仕な高く評価され、この度正式に連邦政府より承任された。この又ログラウイは、東港再開発局による日本町破壊の過程で、立ち退きを余儀なくされた多くの人達をも含み、週に五度、一日百人以上にも及ぶ人達へ温かい心のこもった食事を用意される。そしてこの又ログラウイは、同時にニホを通じて日系社会の一世の人達と共に心を分かち合い、日本町に於ける日系社会魂の再昂揚に大きく貢献しているという事にも注目せねばならないだろう。

我々日本町強制退去のき反対委員会(CANE)は、その又ログラウイの日系社会に対する極だった奉仕を高く評価し、賞讃すると共に、特にその又ログラウイに日々、献身的に我々身を費しているスタッフの方々に厚く感謝の意を表したい。又この又ログラウイな、いつまでもそして皆に日々の大きな喜びを与えていくように強く願うものである。

近鉄とRDAの無謀に一致団結して反対!

今月のケンニュースレターの始めとして 我々が最近直面している
問題点を簡単に述べたいと思います。

先月のニュースレターには ケンのコーディネイティングより提案された ケンの
再編成、並びに 近鉄の拡大 及び サンフランシスコ再開発局の強制立ち退き
反対キャンペーンをふしすすめるという事を述べました。以来我々は ケン本
部の内部の三つの基本的弱点に 取り組んできました。

- 一. 指導力 及び デモクラシーの欠如
- 二. コミュニティー一般のケンに対する認識不足
- 三. メンバーのケン活動への積極的参加不振

又同時に我々はずむに 我々日本街コミュニティに 資本の手を振った 近鉄の
40 レーンを跨る ホーリング場 建設プラン阻止の重要な デモをおこなったところです。
そして又我々は 今後 数ヶ月にわたって サター街と ラグナ街の件、現在空家
となっているところの件、近鉄キャンペーンの件、と三つの問題についても計画を
立てつゝあります。このプランは '私達はもう動かない' という スローガンの下に
再開発局 及び 近鉄に対して 一致団結することを目的としたもので、ホテル、ホー
リング場よりもその資金を 現在生き残っている 低家賃家屋の修理 及び 小商店
のスペースにまわし、長い間 再開発の名の下に破壊されたところに それぞれ新し
いユニットをたてる事を 要求する事です。

又 近いうちに 次の二つの重要な件について我々ケンメンバーは 検討
しなければなりません。第一に 再開発局が差りに出そうとしている サター街
ラグナ街の現在の住人と小商店の立場ですが、もしこれが実行されるならば
我々ケンメンバーは 我々の建前である '大資本の投入に対する反対' '住民のため
の町' という主張をもって この人々と共に立ちあがるべきでしょう。我々は 我々の
コミュニティに限らず 全口にわたって 長年 住みなれた安い家賃の家、そして商店から
再開発の名の下に追いたてられようとしている人々と手をつなぎ、戦おうでは ありま
せんか。第二に 一体誰が我々の敵か 味方か ということです。
周知の如く 昨年の JACL(市民協会)の ナショナル コンベンションでは JACL が
ケンの建前を支持し、全口に呼びかけ 日本街の破壊防止にあらゆる協力をお
という事になりました。この約束にもせよわらず 7月20日、日曜日には、JACLは
ケンの 近鉄 ポイントを承知のうえで 近鉄資本の スエヒロ レストランにおいて
JACL ナショナルヘッドクォーターの落成祝賀行事の一として 昼食会を開こうと
しています。そこでケンはこのに対して 口を張りデモを行わなければ
ならない立場に追い込まれました。(ポイント宣伝用紙をみて下さい。)

以上の二点は 日本街の将来に かゝる大きな問題です。
もし近鉄の ホーリング場 建設が許されるのなら 近鉄は 人々の権利、低家賃家屋、
小商店の発展をふみ台にして ますますその力の拡張を続けやがて 日本街を支配する

日系米人市民協会の青年部(アムリカ)は、強い支持を
示す公式の是認書を受取った。この青年団体は全国の人権
擁護と教育を司さしている団体で二十のチーフ・グループを
持つ。この六月に市民協会は全国幹事会を此度日本町に
新しく出来た本部で行う事と決めた。此の時、近畿の
所有する都ホテルにメンバーが宿泊する事になった。この会
議開催中、青年部の幹事達はアムリの支持を表明して
ゴッド・フリー・ホテルに泊る事を投票して決定した。然しそ
此等アムリ・ホテルの年次総会に依る西遊講にも拘らず、何人か
の幹事は都ホテルに泊った。

全国日系米人市民協会に対しては、秘達は昨年八月水
た彼等、三年毎の総会が三十三回に於て決定し、秘達も亦
アムリ運動に因する決議案に就て三度手紙を出して、
るが、今迄の所、何の返答も受けて居らず、又、来ている
は七月二十日に行われる新一本部の開新式への招待状で、
水には、近畿の所有するアムリ・ホテルで、食事会が金持ち
いる。このアムリ運動の違反に抗議して、秘達も、食事会
に於けるアムリを行つ事に決定した。このアムリに依りて秘達
は、市民協会の昨年の決議案を履行とあはく事を願う。そ
又、水に依り、市民協会、その他の団体に對してもアムリ、木
アムリ運動を大変要面目に考えて、この事を示感する事が出
来ると考えている。併し乍ら又一方、秘達は、市民協会に依
るこの違反行為を市民協会全体のものであるとは考えてい
ない。アムリや、昨年の総会で又水又熱心に支持を与えて下
る代表者に対しては、そうである。

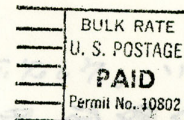
全般的に云えば、このアムリ運動は、暗黒いところある支持の
基に成功への道を辿っているといえるだろう。此の人も是非
このアムリに懸けて頂きたい。此の人の友人や団体、グループ
もこの運動を振上げて下さい。日本町を守る上で、水は此の
が、助ける事の出来る大いなる道である事を心に留めて下さい。

近鉄ボイコトは強化しつつある

過去数ヶ月の中に、松達は近鉄が所有する企業に対するボイコトへの影響は積極的に増加しつつある。松達はこの前進を松達の近鉄を阻止し、再開発局を打ち負かそう、と云うキャンペーンの一端を担うものと理解している。このボイコトは近鉄と再開発局に圧力をかけ、ケーシの四つの要求条件をのさせる手段であると同時に、一般の人々がケーシの年かいに、行動で支持を示す事の出発点となる積極的な手段でもある。松達は今や誰か松達の友であり、強い支持を得ようとする人々であらうかも見極める事が出来る様になった。

過去数ヶ月の間に、松達は人々への支援や勇気づけを得てこのボイコト運動を進めて来た。ケーシの或る一員は又、ハワイを訪ねた際、ボイコトを支持する五つの署名状を持ち、帰った。ケーシの側は、このニュースは太平洋を越えて日本に伝わり、三里塚の国際支持団体のニュースライターを通して報じられた。彼等は、松達の日本での状態を説明し、日本に於いて松達のボイコトを積極的に支持する様を請し、手紙とその尽、彼等のニュースライターに載せてくれないのである。この三里塚の国際支持団体は、大企業や日本政府に対する闘争を続け、この農民連を代表するものである。此等の農民連は過去十一年もの間、新東京国際空港の建設用地として彼等の農地が取り上げられ、壊れてしまふのを防ぐ為に闘っているのです。松達の次のニュースライターは三里塚の丁史と親がとを記載する積りである。と言うのも彼等の側は、松達の側と幾つかの点で相似していると思われるからである。

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