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Rep. L. Stokes Cites 'Gruesome Procedures'

Second Round Coming Up For Title II

(It now appears that the concerted drive to have Congress repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 — more familiarly known as the concentration-camp bill because of its provision for the detention of "probable" subversives — which has been conducted for the past year by the JACL and other organizations will have to have a second go-round in the slightly altered House. Although at this writing it is not known what possibly new strategy will be put into motion by proponents of Title II repeal, it is certain that efforts toward that end will be intensified by the national JACL committee which was organized for that purpose and by Rep. Spark Matsunaga, whose repeal measure failed to get the approval of the House Internal Security Committee (HISC). When that committee in October instead reported out for House consideration the Ichord-Ashbrook amendments to the Internal Security Act, its report included the "Dis-

this infamous occurrence stops short of the ultimate question — why were only Japanese American citizens detained? Several witnesses testified that there was not a single recorded act of espionage or sabotage by a Japanese American during the entire war. On the other hand, both the history books and court reports are full of 'incidents' involving German-American spies and saboteurs.

"Numerous pro-German alliances existed within our country, often as a matter of common knowledge. Yet, not one German American was rounded up and placed into a concentration camp without any form of due process of law. Why?"

"The most obvious answer to this question, at least to non-whites, has been that these actions were racially motivated. Because of their distinctive eyes, skin color, and names, Japanese Americans were far more easily identifiable than those citizens whose ancestors immigrated from the Caucasian countries with whom we were

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Having noted that most unanimously teacher and that

JACL. It has been ac-

...the history of
senting Views of Congressman
Louis Stokes." Rep Stokes, brother
of Mayor Carl Stokes of Cleve-
land, was one of four Democrats
on the HISC to vote in favor of
the Matsunaga bill. The others
were Claude Pepper of Florida,
Edwin Edwards of Louisiana, and
Richardson Preyer of North Caro-
lina. Rep. Stokes was the only
member to vote against the
Ichord-Ashbrook measure. Portions
of Rep. Stokes' dissenting view
follow.—Ed note).

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"The (Ichord-Ashbrook) amend-
ments to Title II of the Internal
Security Act suggested by the
Committee effect virtually no im-
provement in that rancid measure.
For this reason, I have dissented
from the majority views.

"The Committee's work leaves
far too much undone, and it re-
mains clear that all the king's
horses and all the king's men
could not make the Emergency De-
tention Act into an acceptable piece
of legislation.

"The gruesome procedures of the
(Internal Security) Act can still
be triggered by the President
upon declaration of war on 'foreign
invasion,' regardless of the actual
degree of threat to the United
States. If Congress declared war
on North Vietnam tomorrow after-
noon, the President could begin de-
tention before nightfall, despite
the unanimously accepted fact that
our Vietnamese enemies constitute
absolutely no direct menace to our
shores.

"Undoubtedly my colleagues are
familiar with the shameful incar-
ceration of 112,000 Japanese Amer-
icans, two-thirds of whom were
natural-born citizens, during the
early days of World War II. If
not, the majority report describes
it in detail. Everyone, including
our distinguished chairman, has
described the incident as an hour
of national disgrace.

"But too often the analysis of

at war.
"Moreover, it was only because
of those naturally segregating
features that the Relocation Au-
thority could make the decision to
'play it safe' and round up all
Japanese Americans rather than
trying to ferret out those few
whose freedom actually did pose a
threat to national security.

"This irrefutable history still
weights heavily upon members of
racial minority groups when they
view title II. More recent events
have not helped calm these appre-
hensions. For example, on May 6,
1968, the predecessor to this com-
mittee issued a report (H. Rep. 90-
1351) entitled 'Guerrilla Warfare
Advocates in the U.S.' in which it
was suggested that detention
camps 'might well be utilized for
the temporary imprisonment of
warring guerrillas.' Shortly there-
after, the chairman of the com-
mittee at that time (Mr. Willis)
was publicly quoted as stating that
this reference was to 'mixed Com-
munist and Black Nationalist ele-
ments across the Nation.'

"The fears that such statements
and other related materials have
created in the black communities
in our country have reached epi-
demic proportions . . .

"The committee's bill pretends
to answer this grave situation with
an amendment stating that 'no citi-
zen of the United States shall be
apprehended or detained pursuant
to the provisions of this title on
account of race, color or ancestry.'
It is difficult to imagine any pos-
sible effect such a clause would
have.

"Certainly it is of negligible
legal value. It would be a most
awesome task for any individual
defendant to prove to that Attor-
ney General-appointed hearing of-
ficer that his arrest was one step
in a nationwide pattern of pro-
scribed discrimination . . .

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"Nor will such a naive amendment do anything to quash the fears and rumors in the black community. Quite the contrary, if the House of Representatives accepts the recommendation of the committee and passes this meaningless clause in lieu of repeal, it seems certain that those tensions will be exacerbated. Non-whites in this country have seen hundreds of such clauses in statutes, Federal contracts, and administrative rules, and they know the clauses are no better than the enforcement.

"That is why every non-white who testified before our committee wanted repeal of Title II, and why the majority's argument that repeal would increase the chance for discrimination is a specious one. No one can guarantee that when a crisis comes, increased racism will not accompany it. But if that crisis does come, non-whites would much rather be arrested for probable cause on a warrant issued by a judicial officer, given a prompt arraignment, an opportunity for bail, and a jury trial in a court of law complete with rights of cross-examination, confrontation, and prompt appeal.

"In other words, history forces a recognition that someday another attempt may be made to suspend the Constitution for non-white Americans — but that affords little reason for guaranteeing in advance that it will be suspended for everyone."

Edison Uno-

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charges, such as conspiracy, the alleged presence of other men at the alleged rape scene, and degenerate sex acts were not being considered," he explained.

"I say bravo for Uno. He comes off looking like a man.

(Uno had excused himself from a grand jury session which was to hear testimony in the case of Plotkin who had been arrested in the kidnap-rape of a young woman, saying that he "felt the case was not comprehensive enough." To quote from one report of the case, "Former Assistant U.S. Attorney Jerrold M. Ladar, a lifelong friend of Plotkin, was involved in a possible attempted coverup." Implying privileged treatment of Plotkin, Uno also regarded it strange that the arrested man's companions have not been apprehended.—Ed. note).

"Uno already was in trouble with his fellow grand jurors before his walkout. They had censured him for making a surprise inspection of the jail.

"Hells bells, they should have given him a medal. A surprise in-

spection is the least that's worth a medal for knowing it.

"We all remember the military inspection brass came via the passed days at the time we were plunged of polishing a taking down the

"The result is gratifying to the public but it was a hard truth. And that's the most insipid of all the jurors. They go through a walk-through.

"What's more, they don't realize that way. Let's get through. Perhaps that's the body. Let's pl-

"I say bully for you prefer illusions, he's

(Edison Uno with Ray Okanaka for the repeal of the 1950 Internal Security Act as an advocate of the program and program JACL. He also man crusade

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Chief Justice Earl Warren to re-
pudiate his actions as attorney
general of California in encour-
aging the evacuation of Japanese
Americans from the West coast
during World War II. Sansei mem-
bers of the JACL have said that
he is one of few established
Leaguers with whom they can
communicate. — Ed. note).

Student Papers Biblio On Asians Published

DAVIS, Calif. — The Asian
American Research Project at the
University of California campus
here has recently published its
Working Publication No. 3, "Asians
in America. Selected Student Pa-
pers," edited by David Mar and
Joyce Sakai. Copies may be ob-
tained, at \$2.50 each, by writing to
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Call Slain Brazilian Nisei a Top Terrorist

SAO PAULO, Brazil — The Bra-
zilian Japanese named Yoshitane
Fujimori who was shot to death
by police in a street encounter last
month was described by authori-
ties as "a man who killed, robbed
and kidnapped in a two-year car-
eer of opposition to the govern-
ment."

The 23-year-old Nisei, whose real
name was Akira Kojima, was the
son of a Japanese couple who
lived on a farm in the interior of
Sao Paulo.

In the two years since his first
brush with the law as a bank ro-
ber, he is said to have become the
"brains" behind an organization
called the Popular Revolutionary
Vanguard led by Carlos Lamarca,
a former Army captain. At the
time of his death, Fujimori was
on the wanted list which until last
May had also included the name of
Masafumi Yoshinaga. The latter
gave himself up in May.

Fujimori was said to have been
involved in the kidnapping last
March of Nobuo Okuchi, consul
general of Japan in Sao Paulo,
who was released by his abduc-
tors in exchange for five prison-
ers.

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quire aging, sake tastes best when served
fresh, and it is recommended that it be
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tle has been unsealed.

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