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ASSESSMENT: We got local media, good local media, ~~in~~ in the ~~citys~~ cities we control. We ~~a~~ have a handle on Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, and Chicago. San Francisco has reactionary elements without the spirit of action and individualism that Los Angeles has, even in its redevelopment and communist ~~special~~ special interests. New York is under the thumb of the Nikkei dragon lady Ruby Schaar, and Frank is puzzled by it. Denver is a Hosokawa ~~in~~ and Yasui city, with good folks like Marge Taniwaki and Chiyo Horiuchi overworked.

Chicago ~~is~~ is knowledgeable on reparations and Hayakawa is not an issue there. LA is hard on ~~the~~ anti-Hayakawa sentiment, and Tricia worked ~~the~~ the story. SF is afraid of Hayakawa and the Japanese redevelopment monied interests that supported Hayakawa, on the one ~~side~~ side, and the home of the JACL headquarters on the other, ~~in~~ the Mas Satow Memorial Hospital. Seattle is redress central, and Dave Horsey we owe a favor. ~~for~~ Portland is Alan Ota's territory, us and him vs. his editor Richard Nokes.

National media: we have the girl ~~at~~ AP working her story and freelancing to the NY Times. The NBC affil in DC wants us to telephone-debate Hayakawa. The news ~~magazines~~ magazines are still ~~in~~ cold to the issue. Until we submit a bill we have ~~no~~ no basis there. The Post is ~~following~~ following the story but won't catch up with us ~~until~~ until the Pomona event. ABC has yet to use their Puyallup ~~footage~~ footage. The guard tower is still a possibility. ~~The~~ The intellectual ~~magazines~~ magazines have no ~~writer~~ writer working a ~~story~~ story for them we know. ~~Karen~~ Karen and I could start working on the story from the inside. ~~But~~ But as for the open letter: no network, no radio network, lotta local ~~coverage~~ coverage, and still potential of the wire service and ~~Hayakawa's~~ Hayakawa's response giving us another day of play.

JAPANESE AMERICANS BREAK THIRTY SEVEN YEARS OF SILENCE

Japanese Americans interested in pursuing a more active campaign.

KNX: Today Japanese Americans all over the nation have broken ~~what~~ what they call 37 years of self-imposed silence by taking out a paid ad in the Washington Post. The ad was in the form of an open letter to California Senator SI Hayakawa, critical of his characterization of Japanese Americans as a people who came through WWII unscathed. Actor ~~George~~ George Takei who was interned as ~~young~~ a young man, read the letter ~~to~~ to Senator hayakawa. .."You were not here with us in camps...." The letter went on to say, barbed wire etc made them concentration camps. Meanwhile, efforts in Seattle are continuing to get a bill passed through the Congress for financial reparations for those Japanese Americans who were interned from 1942 to 1958. --Mal Adams.

~~KFWB~~ KFWB: Japanese Americans call SI Hayakawa their public enemy number 1.... The Japanese American Citizens League says Sen SIH is insulting ~~all~~ all Japanese Americans by his outspoken opposition to a reparations bill for WWII Japanese Americans. TV actor George Takei and several other Japanese Americans held a news conference ~~at~~ at the former Japanese Union Church in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo. Asked why continue complaints about a generations old event, Takei ~~says~~ says:

"I think there's a period of distance from ~~that~~ that event ~~itself~~ itself to occur. We're told that ~~someone~~ ^{real} someone who's been raped ~~requires~~ requires some time before ~~they~~ ^{they} can deal with that experience. and I think the same analogy applies ~~to~~ to Japanese Americans. It was a very, very with

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~~xxxx~~ traumatizing experience. And there was ~~me~~ a need for ~~the~~ regaining of ~~a certain~~ sense of ~~that~~ balance.
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Takei says he and others ~~are~~ are asking for a congressional committee to investigate reparations claims~~px~~ . ---Frank Gonzales

KNBC-TV: ...redress from Congress for their internment in American relocation ~~camp~~ camps. Last summer Ca Sen. SIH said the forced relocation of JA was understandable, and done for their own safety, and the notion of redress is ridiculous. There are still reverberations from that today. Tricia ~~was~~ covered that story, Ticia...

Well Jeff, Senator Hayakawa statements about the relocation~~x~~ camps have angered many Japanese Americans. Today a group call~~ing~~ itself the Days of Remembrance took out an ad in the Washington Post, an open letter signed by 2000 Japanese Americans protesting Hayakawa's ~~poor~~ position. Here In Los Angeles committee spokesmen talked about their frustration in dealing with Senator hayakawa. That happened at a news conference at the Old Union Church in Little Tokyo and the site of one of one of the assembly centers set up on this day 37 years ago by the U.S. Army, that was part of the full evacuation of all Japanese Americans from the West Coast. Speakers ~~included~~ included Members of the ~~H~~ highly ~~decorated~~ decorated 442nd Combat Team and former internees of the relocation camps.....

"You, Senator Hayakawa, were not here with ~~us~~ us on the West Coast... They were concentration camps....."

"From an obscure Canadian immigrant....."

(cut to) Ashley somebody: "Senator Hayakawa has always ~~stated~~ stated that the camps were an unjust act of the American government. He fully understand~~s~~s there was discrimination. He fully understands ~~w~~ there was suffering at that time. But simply, in 1942 the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, ~~the~~ the first time American was ever attacked on its shores. Indeed, There was panic, there was confusion, ~~there~~ there were unjust act~~s~~s that followed."

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George: "...really boils ~~our~~ our blood to~~us~~ have that brought up again, at this point, reinforcing again those myths that Senator Hayakawa persists in, and that ignorance, that ~~ignorance~~ ~~is~~ ig....he, he really ~~has~~ has a Canadian vantage point, ~~as~~ I must say, on this. We are Japanese Americans. Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese. And we must have you communicate that clearly, and precisely, to the Senator."

~~Tricia~~ Tricia: I spoke with Senator Hayakawa late this afternoon. He says he is very angry about the open letter, he finds the whole thing incredible, and inexcusable. He says he plans to publish his own open letter, talking about the groups' own moral insensitivity. The ~~at~~ Japanese American groups meanwhile say they are going to continue to press for legislative redress for the ~~time~~ time they spent behind barbed wire. ---Tricia Toyota