

behave ~~x~~ as if the cumulative effects of the Salt Lake City resolution, Shosuke's appeal for action, the Days of Remembrance, the signatures to the Open Letter to Hayakawa, the press conferences in Chicago, ~~xxx~~ Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle, the ~~xx~~ Chicago/Seattle ad in the P.C., and the creations of the National Council, have resulted in raising enough questions to warrant introduction of S1647.

In a meeting with Ron ~~x~~ Ikejiri, Ruthann ~~xxx~~ ~~x~~Kurose on Lowry's staff was assured that the ~~x~~ JACL would not do anything to block Lowry's bill. I don't know what Ikejiri's word ~~xx~~ is worth, but we have that on record. And the events since August 2 appear to bear him out for the time being.

Now let me develop some facts ~~x~~ about the campaign ~~x~~ we face in the House of Representatives. Here's where we've entered a new ballgame.

1. We met with ~~ex~~ Lowry on Aug. 22. He allowed as how we hadn't really sat down together and cracked skulls on the ~~x~~ shape of the bill he would introduce. ~~Ruthann~~ Ruthann had earlier confided to me that the redress bill was the next ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ priority item on Lowry's calendar, and only the ~~xxxxxx~~ second Lowry would introduce in his entire Congressional career. His aide for last summer explained the draft she and two H.D.C. "experts" had come up with. Shosuke ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ made speeches thanking Lowry for 1) being the ~~xxxxxx~~ only man in the House of Reps to support ~~xxxxxx~~ a redress bill, 2) supporting the concept of individual payments, 3) adhering to the provision for the rights of inheritance. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Henry made some background on how ~~xx~~ he and Shosuke had ~~xxxxxx~~ developed the original draft through discussions with the community, and had worked out computer simulations on Nikkei income base flow. Shosuke then laid out nine points that needed restoration in the draft Lowry's aide ~~xx~~ prepared. Lowry listened, made notes, Shosuke's presence and knowledge commanded the large ~~xx~~ room. Lowry asked slowly, "Have we moved away from the original intent of redress (with this aide's ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ draft)?" ~~xxxx~~ Henry said yes. Lowry looked to his aide and said ~~xxxx~~ ~~xx~~ to the room and half to her that "obviously there would be some revisions made in the language." ~~xxxxxx~~ Before he left for his 4:00 appointment, Lowry said he wanted to ~~xxx~~ make ~~none~~ final comment, a pitch for two of the finest men ~~who~~ knew in the House, Norm Mineta and Bob Matsui. They're ~~xxx~~ decent and honorable men, he said. Now Norm faces a tough election in his district next time around, he said, and now I don't know if that's true or not, but that's how he perceives it, Lowry added. And I want to make sure he knows that he has your support. That's my pitch, he said, and ~~xx~~ left.

Lowry gave every signal that he's going to go ahead with the bill. He said he didn't work ~~xxx~~ with timelines, but ~~xxxxxx~~ that after his staff makes revisions in further consultation with Shosuke, he anticipated he could ~~x~~introduce it sometime after Labor Day, how much ~~x~~ after left open. He mentioned no pressure or interference from ~~w~~ either Mineta/Matsui or from the JACL. He ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ gave as ~~x~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ broad a hint as he could without ordering us, ~~xxxxxx~~ that the key to the bill's success in the House lay in mending fence with Mineta/Matsui, at no practical cost to our program, at no inherent compromise to our program of winning redress for the camps. Where ~~xx~~ earlier we ~~xxxx~~ heard that Mineta/Matsui were having ~~xxxx~~ lunch with Lowry every other day and pressuring him to drop the thing, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and worried that Lowry would drop it because ~~xx~~ didn't want to cross Mineta and Matsui, we saw that now ~~xxxx~~ Lowry did not yield to pressure or influence, and that once Lowry introduced the bill, that the shoe ~~xxxxxx~~ would change feet, and it would be Mineta and Matsui ~~xx~~ ~~xxx~~ who

