



Discrimination Problem in Japan Discussed by Lorish

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Jury's Verdict Favors Defendant

By FRED LORISH
I have been amazed for the past few weeks at the Japanese English press coverage of the racial problems in the south and north.

A circuit court jury returned a verdict favoring the defendant, Ashland Fireman Richard G. Cash, this week in a trial arising from a collision between an Ashland fire truck and a car.

Measles Tops List Of County Diseases

Measles led the list of diseases in Jackson County last week, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, director of the Jackson county health department, reported.

Whereas one would expect such news to rate page one coverage, it has always been placed on page two or three.

There were 41 cases located in Medford, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, Central Point and Rogue River. Medford had 18 and Rogue River 1.

The screaming headlines that no doubt were used in the States were non-existent here. The same held true of the Japanese language papers and magazines. Invariably, news of the GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, I think) conference, the NATO ministers conference, the African Summit meeting, the arrival of the King and Queen of Thailand in Japan, were given top priority.

Frail Rationalization

It then occurred to me that perhaps the papers did not want to offend their American readers, who account for most of the paper's circulation. But this seemed a rather frail rationalization, particularly with the words found on the masthead of one of the dailies, "All the news without fear or favor."

But I finally found the answer, I think. I was working with a group of Japanese recently at the United Nations Institute of Japan, trying to aid their nearly faultless English. Our discussion eventually led to the Negro problem in the States.

I expressed my view to them, telling them of what little I knew of the southern problem, and mentioned that the problem was not confined to the south, but the northern states and, as far as that goes, Medford.

Throughout the discussion I noticed that their expressions were not of shock—they seemed to show no ill feeling toward Americans for their actions—but rather were of.

what appeared to be, pity. Then they explained to me a little known problem of Japan; a problem of great significance to the Japanese, but little known elsewhere. It was racial discrimination, too, but of a slightly different nature.

More Than Superficial

Whereas the Negroes and whites are considered to be of a different racial stock, the problem in Japan is not one of different stock or different color. In fact, if you were to line a group of Japanese up and place outcasts among this group, by mere looking, it would be difficult to distinguish them apart. And so, the problem is more than a mere superficial problem—color—as it is in the States, it is a problem that can be traced throughout all of Japan's cultural tradition.

The Japanese race, according to mythology, was formed by the gods and every Japanese is a descendant of the first Emperor. As a result, the Japanese consider themselves to be a divine and royal race, and because of this consider themselves a superior race.

(This attitude was nearly completely removed after Japan's defeat in the War, but many of the older citizens still hold this feeling.)

When the first immigrants came from foreign lands (mainly Korea) they were relegated jobs considered "lowly" or "dirty," particularly grave digging, tanning, and butchering. Later, social outcasts, criminals, and those unable to pay taxes were added to this group of outcasts known as the "ETA."

Not Allowed in Cities

This group was not allowed to live within the cities nor could they talk with the Japanese. Their "villages" had no sanitary facilities, roads, stores; the Japanese tried to ignore them, in fact attempted to pretend that they did not exist.

With the Meiji Restoration in the 1870's, the ETA were given a new social status comparable with the warriors and farmers—the "Heimin." But this was only on paper, and though the outcasts were not called ETA any longer, they acquired a new name, the

"Shinheimin" (new ordinary class), and the discrimination continued.

Even at present the racial problem exists. A few weeks ago, a group of Korean high school students were attacked by a gang in one of Tokyo's busiest railroad stations during the rush hour. No one tried to stop the fight, and as a result one of the Koreans was seriously injured.

And so, it seems to me that the Japanese see no need in harping on and sensationalizing the American racial problem—they have an unsolved one of their own.

Senior Veterans At Domiciliary Honored at Event

White City—One of the last events of Senior Citizens Month was a party given by the Red Cross Community Service club in the theater of the Veterans Administration Domiciliary, White City, honoring senior veterans 75 years of age and over.

The program, arranged by Flora Price, combined the talents of four local Senior Citizens groups, the Medford 50 Plus club, the Senior Citizen Activity Center orchestra, the Security Benefit club and the Red Cross Community Service club.

As guests arrived, they were registered by Ida Evans, had name badges pinned on them by Grace Sutton, and were ushered by Mary Fredricks, refreshment chairman, to tables-for-four at each of which a hostess presided. Adding to the atmosphere of hospitality was a large, main refreshment table set with silver tea and coffee services among arrangements of white peonies and lavender iris.

Introduces Musicians
Polly Offutt, a member of the orchestra, acted as master of ceremonies and from the stage decorated with varicolored iris, introduced fellow musicians: Frances Barrett, Edith Willock, Leona Robertson, Flora Price, Irma White, Clarence Evans and William Pickell.

During the afternoon, prizes were awarded and cigarette favors given to each guest. The five oldest veterans attending, Clarence B. Carter, William H. Gilbert, John A. Cress, Fred W. Machgan and Claude C. Treagle, received small gifts. Of these, Cress, Machgan and Treagle, together with William Hunter and John W. Moon who also attended, are Veterans of the Spanish American war.

Mrs. Rita M. Holmes, coordinator, expressed the hope that such events would become a regular feature of Senior Citizens Month at the Domiciliary.

Contract Signed to Remove Gravel

The Jackson county court Friday signed a five-year contract with the Oregon State Game commission for removal of gravel on game commission property along the Rogue river east of Modoc orchards.

The state game commission contract stated the gravel removal will be of benefit to the fishery. However, the contract may be terminated at any time when the commission decides the gravel removal is harmful to the fishery.

The county is to pay the equivalent of 10 cents per cubic yard in the form of services. County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen estimated the county has removed about \$10,000 worth of gravel from the area in recent years.

Two Patients Are Flown to Hospitals

Two persons have been flown recently by Mercy Flights Inc. to Portland hospitals for medical treatment.

Mrs. Vera Daugherty, Rogue Valley Manor, was flown Thursday to the Good Samaritan hospital, and Donald Parrett, Gold Beach, was flown from his home to the Veterans Administration hospital.

To date, 1,567 patients have been flown by the non-profit air ambulance service since it was started.

Two little soap or detergent may cause black specks to settle on silks, so use enough to maintain a foamy topping.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

<p>MAR 21 9-22-39-42 44-78-84-89</p> <p>APR 21 2-8-23-24 25-67-69</p> <p>MAY 21 18-19-24-31 32-57-76</p> <p>JUNE 21 14-35-38-40 41-46-50</p> <p>JULY 21 29-43-44-45 71-73-77</p> <p>AUG 21 3-28-54-74 75-76-83-88</p>	<p>1 New 2 Dream 3 Good 4 There 5 Friend 6 Keep 7 And 8 Up 9 Seek 10 Advise 11 Near 12 And 13 Entertain 14 Can 15 Will 16 Travel 17 And 18 Now 19 The 20 Sweet 21 You're 22 Information 23 Country 24 Time 25 Be 26 Apple 27 Drive 28 News 29 You 30 Surprising</p> <p>31 To 32 Perfect 33 For 34 And 35 Left 36 Money 37 Turn 38 Risk 39 Write 40 Advise 41 No 42 Let 43 Will 44 Do 45 Refuse 46 Trust 47 Buy 48 News 49 No 50 Strangers 51 It 52 Over 53 Or 54 More 55 Good 56 Now 57 Clothing 58 Clothes 59 It's 60 Automobile</p> <p>61 News 62 Effect 63 Year 64 Day 65 For 66 Air 67 Someone's 68 Favored 69 Low 70 For 71 Love 72 Friend 73 And 74 Money 75 Better 76 Home 77 Affection 78 Call 79 New 80 Win 81 Compromise 82 Accessories 83 Conditions 84 Do 85 Gift 86 Leaf 87 Your 88 Indicated 89 Friends 90 Spirit</p> <p>Good Adverse Neutral</p>	<p>APR 21 32-33-47-56 58-60-82-85</p> <p>MAY 21 1-11-20-20 29-43-80-81</p> <p>JUNE 21 13-16-17-25 27-66-68</p> <p>JULY 21 41-46-51-55 61-70-72</p> <p>AUG 21 4-14-25-30 45-57-62</p> <p>SEP 21 1-5-7-10 15-35-87-90</p>
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Five Mile Folly

New York—(UPI)—The deepest oil well ever drilled in the United States exceeded 25,000 feet, nearly five miles, at an estimated cost of \$3 million but never produced a drop of oil, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

Chief Witnesses Testifying

for Cash were L. P. Swink, assistant fire chief; Police Officer E. G. Childreth, men riding on the fire engine, and Mrs. Barbara Richardson and Mrs. Barbara Torrey, both residents of the immediate area who said they heard the fire siren. Mrs. Strong contended she had not heard it. Cash testified in his own behalf.

Chief witnesses testifying for Mrs. Strong were her husband; R. E. Biddle, Grants Pass, who was following the truck in his car; and Jack R. Hall, who was driving an oil truck at the intersection.

Earlier, Circuit Judge James Main had sustained demurrers for Swink and the city of Ashland who were party to the suit originally. Judge Main ruled only the driver was directly involved.

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