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Editor
The New York Post
210 South Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

We were outraged by the headline "No Nuke Japs Protest Visit by U.S. Carrier," which appeared on page 5 of the March 21, 1983, issue of the New York Post. We found the use of the racist pejorative "Japs" particularly insulting and insensitive in the context of the news item: the protest of Japanese people against nuclear armaments. It is important to remember that the Japanese people were the first victims of nuclear arms in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The use of this racist pejorative is reminiscent of anti-Japanese propaganda prevalent in mainstream media in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. This racist media helped foment a climate which allowed the unjust and unconstitutional incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

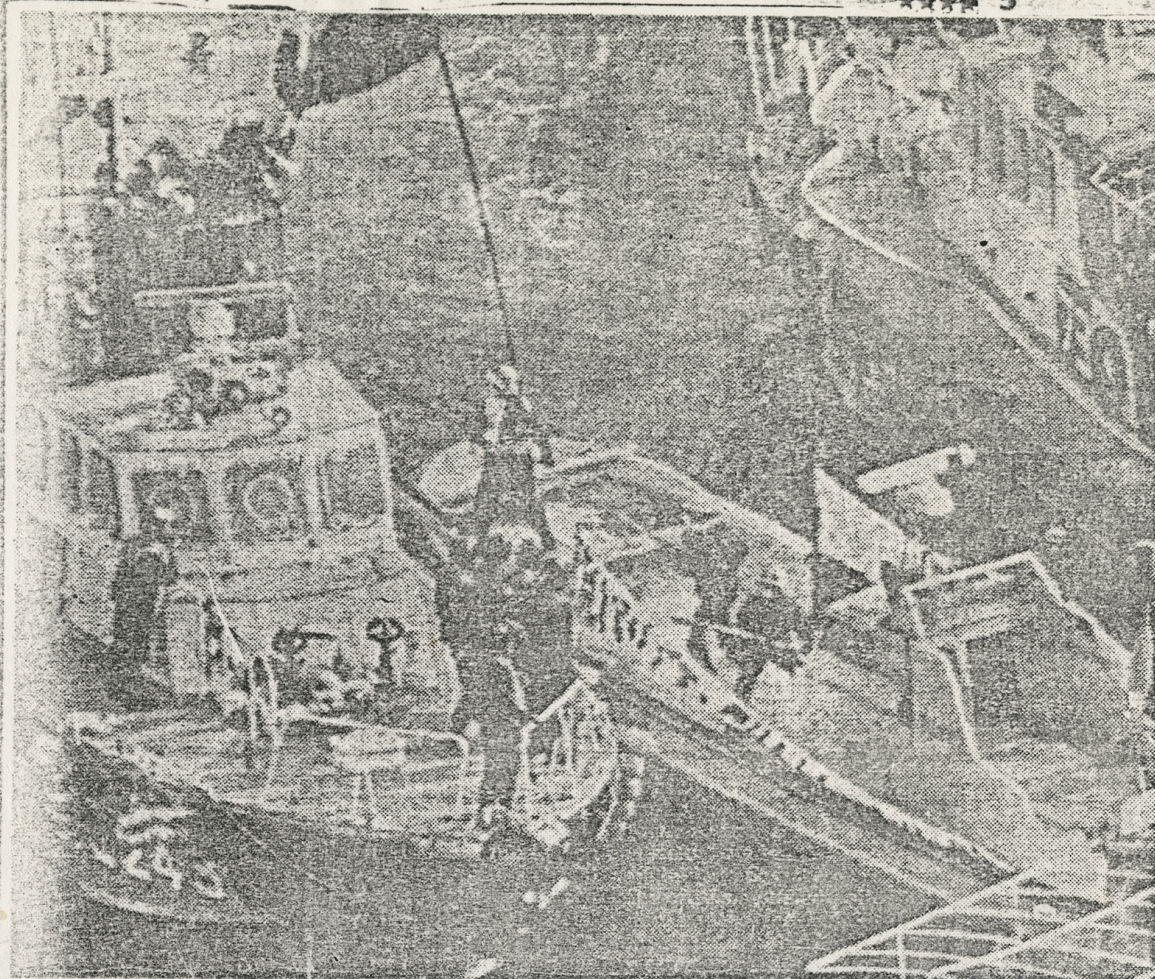
We demand a public retraction of the headline and an end to the legitimizing of racist slurs in the N.Y. Post or any other media.

Sincerely,

CONCERNED JAPANESE AMERICANS

Leslee Inaba Wong, spokesperson

cc: NY Japanese American Citizens League
New York Buddhist Church
Japanese American United Church of Christ
New York Chapter of 442nd Veterans
N.Y. Times
Daily News
Village Voice
New York Magazine
New York Nichibei
WBAI News
WNYC News
CABS-U.S.
OCS News



With their fishing craft blocked in by two patrol boats, Japanese leftist radicals swing bamboo poles at government sailors in a desperate effort to reach the U.S. floatilla.

'No nuke' Japs protest visit by U.S. carrier

SASEBO, Japan (AP) — Leftist protesters jammed Sasebo harbor today to protest the arrival of the nuclear-powered U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise, sloshing red paint on the vessel's hull.

Two dozen boatloads of demonstrators swirled about the harbor, repelled by a phalanx of Japanese patrol craft, as the 75,700-ton carrier and five escort ships dropped anchor a mile offshore for a four-day port call.

Minor outbursts of violence and street scuffles erupted as about 7000 demonstrators converged on the port.

Many represented labor unions and the opposition Socialist Party.

"Get away, Enterprise!" protesters shouted through bullhorns.

At the same time, a boatload of U.S. supporters cruised the harbor

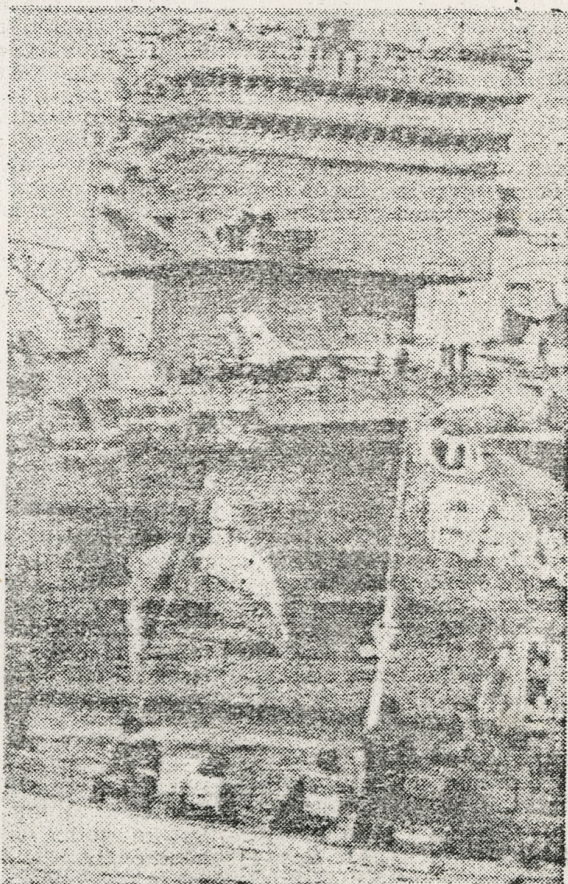
displaying a banner that read "Welcome, Enterprise."

Downtown, protesters engaged in shoving matches with 3000 riot police and tried but failed to reach the entrance to the Sasebo naval base.

Six were arrested for lobbing molotov cocktails at a Japanese patrol boat, injuring one crewman.

The protesters contend the Enterprise carries nuclear weapons, in violation of Japanese law.

American officials refused to say whether the Enterprise is carrying nuclear arms, but Japanese officials insist it is not.



Banner-waving protesters close in on the nuclear-powered U.S. carrier Enterprise.

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