

May 28th, 1907.

Hon. J. F. Dinan,

Chief of Police, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 23rd instant, in reply to mine of the 22nd, relative to the recent cases of assault upon Japanese restaurants, and wish to thank you for the investigations made and the assurance given that every effort will be made to apprehend the persons guilty of unlawful acts and to protect Japanese residents in future.

In this connection I beg to state that the reports made to you through Capt. Thomas Duke, by Detective Sergeants Reagan and O'Connell, do not agree with statements made to me by eye-witnesses of the affair at the Horse Shoe Restaurant on the evening of May 20th. Frank Tatsumi, the Manager of the restaurant, states that he was not interviewed by either Reagan or O'Connell; that he knows nothing about the entrance of two lathers who made trouble with a union teamster; and that the report that a Japanese cook ran from the kitchen with a carving knife and threw it after the men when they reached

the street is quite untrue.

I mention this direct evidence of Tatsumi because  
Sargeants Regan and O'Connell do not state the sources of  
their information.

My people fear, and have much reason to believe, that the violence so frequently enacted about the Japanese restaurants and other places of business, is the result of concerted and premeditated design on the part of the unruly elements of this city. In support of this apprehension I beg to call your attention to the fact that hostile demonstrations of a more or less serious nature have continued since the event of May 20th at the Horse Shoe Restaurant.

The California Restaurant, at 1271 Howard Street, was so threatened by persons apparently looking for trouble, on the evening of May 22nd.

The White Star Restaurant, at 596 Third Street, had a similar experience on the evenings of May 24th and 25th.

The Lion Restaurant, at 124 Eighth Street, was again menaced on the evenings of May 23rd and 24th.

Thanks to the vigilance of your officers, serious trouble did not occur on these occasions; but I am informed, by special detectives, employed by the Japanese Association of

America, that much apprehension exists among the Japanese restaurant keepers and others, and that violent demonstrations on the part of the mob are feared at any time.

I have thought it proper to acquaint you with these facts in order that you may anticipate any outbreak and take such precautionary measures as may be necessary to prevent further troubles. I earnestly and respectfully ask that you will do so.

In closing, permit me to say that I was in error in reporting to you, in my letter of the 22nd instant, that the proprietor of the Horse Shoe Restaurant removed the fixtures from his place of business after the assault of May 20th. Same were taken out by persons unknown to me.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) K. Matsubara,

Acting Consul of Japan.