

Washington, D.C.

## "Ugly Rumor"

Sirs:

In the article entitled "The Stranger Within Our Gates" [TIME, Jan. 19] you state ". . . that Jap high-school boys from Hawaii had helped pilot the planes that attacked Pearl Harbor. . . ."

Although it is a fact that words to that effect made their rounds here in town, there is no confirmation or proof of such a happening. Our local papers and Army officials have openly denied this charge after examination of the bodies of Japanese pilots who took part in the Dec. 7 raid. Furthermore, the comprehensive Roberts report makes no mention of "Jap high-school boys."

In other words, this is just another ugly rumor. . . .

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Sirs:

. . . This was, evidently, a rumor which had been carried over to the mainland by