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LAND OF THE rising sun: Japanese investors have not only bought 100,000 shares of Merrill Lynch & Etcetera, the biggest U.S. securities firm, they have options on 100,000 more — and Broker Joe Lynch of the local branch is afraid he knows why. “They want to get control,” the World War II vet said gloomily to John Robinson last Friday, “and fire all us ex-Marines.”

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CAENFETTI: Consternation at the Dept. of Motor Vehicles! Personalized license plates reading “FK NXN” got past everybody, including the computer, and are now out in the open, adorning the front and back bumpers of a Bay Area car . . . Chase Webb, browsing the Northwest, flashes that John Ehrlichman is back in his old Seattle residence at Hunt’s Point on Lake Washington—or, as it is now known among the wags there, E. Howard Hunt Point and even Point in Time . . . Sometimes it doesn’t pay to open your yap: Liberace, who called a press conference here last week to stamp his foot at rumors he’s homosexual (“I’m against it because it offends society”) felt a backlash from the more militant local gays, many of whom — uh — boycotted his Circle Star show . . . Mill Valley’s Jane Moore, married the other day, had herself listed at Petrini’s Meat Market in Greenbrae, rather than at Gump’s or Shreve’s, and netted a gift-wrapped leg of lamb as a wedding present from her boss, Martin “Hang the Expense” Paley.

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