



# Vegetarian Society of Honolulu

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## Food for thought\*\*\*\*

**TOKYO-AP 8/3/96** Inspectors tracing the source of a recent food poisoning epidemic in Japan have found a deadly bacteria in beef at a slaughterhouse that distributes beef nationwide, according to news reports today.

The E. coli 0157 bacteria has killed seven people and sickened more than 9,000. Investigators are examining the bacteria to see if it is the same batch that caused the outbreak.

**TOKYO-** A P 8/8/96 Supermarkets pulled radish sprouts off the shelves after the government said they caused a food poisoning outbreak. The sprouts became suspect after an investigation eliminated most other items from school menus. However no traces of the bacteria were found in sprouts from the cafeteria or at a grower that provided them to schools.

**TOYKO-AP 8/16/96-** Japanese Health Minister made a lunch of radish sprouts in defense of the vegetable wrongly accused of causing a fatal food poisoning epidemic. Yesterday the Health Ministry gave the sprouts a clean bill of health after tests on the vegetable for traces of the 0157 strain of the E coli bacteria

**NO DEFENSE OF THE MEAT HAS BEEN MADE !**

## VSH SEEKS OFFICE SPACE

### Message from VSH President Ruth Heidrich

VSH has enjoyed phenomenal growth over the last few years. We now have well over 800 members and are the largest local vegetarian society in the United States. This is great, but it has required some changes We Save had to hire a part-time bookkeeper to keep up with the heavy volume of mail. Another change will be a move to a REAL office. Since our inception, we've operated out of an spare bedroom in the Elaine French and Jerry Smith home. They have been very tolerant of this arrangement, however it's time for us to give them back their space. We need a more central location for easier access to information and assistance. We're looking for office space of at least 200-500 s.f. and have budgeted \$300 a month for rent and utilities. If any of you know of anything that meets these requirements, contact Marcia Deutch a? 988-5000. see MESSAGE page 2

## THANKSGIVING FETE SET

The Vegetarian Society of Hawai'i Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30 PM in the McCoy Pavilion, located near the tennis courts in Ala Moana Beach Park.

Experience the ambiance and culinary expertise of Madana Peatross. This totally vegan buffet will have the following approximate menu:

Vegetable Chowder, Salad, Tofu Turkey Loaf with stuffing, Vegetarian Curry, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry

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