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About this time, 22 years ago, I celebrated the end of three years in the Army by visiting a bookstore.

I bought two books that day. What a pleasure they've been, as I have read, then re-read them.

One was called "Dragons in Amber." Willy Ley was an anti-Nazi German whose expertise in rocketry had carried his mind and imagination beyond the solar system at a time when few of us thought we would ever see men on the moon. Ley also could write engagingly of fossils and ferns, Ginkoes and Dawn Redwoods, volcanic islands that blow

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their top, and of the life that finds its way back and thrives.

THE OTHER book was called "Language in Thought and Action." The middle-aged writer was a Japanese-Canadian teaching at the University of Chicago.

This Japanese-Canadian-American with the startlingly clear insights later came west. He became one of the prides of the California state college system, and eventually was named president of San Francisco State.

SAMUEL ICHIYE Hayakawa can write in the deeply technical jargon of his profession, but he also has the ability to write simply, clearly and incisively for everyone, and without writing down to people.

A sense of humor, an appreciation of jazz are not qualities you might expect in a lifelong academician, but Hayakawa has them.

THE MIDDLE-AGED professor, semanticist, philosopher and Democrat of 1954 has become a 70 year old Republican politician.

He wants to be a senator. He's past the age where he's likely to be a permanent fixture in the Senate. One, perhaps two terms would do it.

But S.I. Hayakawa meets the classical test. The Senate should be the meeting place of the wisest of our elders. They should go there prepared to share their wisdom and experience, for the benefit of all the people.

Heads gray, but unfossilized, without the greed or ambition of younger men to distort their judgement, that's the

seldom-realized Senate ideal.

Dr. Hayakawa, to this Democrat, would be an ideal Democratic senator. As a Republican, he's still worth voting for. We seldom get a chance to elect a person of his quality. It's an opportunity we shouldn't pass up.

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