

U.S. falling behind in math

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high and help the poor achievers rise to them."

IN PROPORTION to its population, Japan graduates five times as many engineers as does the United States, Cook pointed out.

Although the United States awarded more than 37 percent more bachelor's degrees than the Soviets awarded diplomas, only about 18 percent of U.S. students received their degrees in sci-

ence and engineering, compared with 53 percent in the Soviet Union, he said.

The decline of science education has made an impact on American technology and this country's lead in the world marketplace, Cook said.

"That lead is dwindling. Our share of the world's manufactured goods market has eroded. Foreign manufacturers not only have captured part of our share of the foreign market, they are now successfully penetrating our own domestic market."

National Science Foundation statistics show that from 1953-55, the U.S. introduced 83 major technological innovations. Japan, West Germany, Britain and France together had only 30. But, now foreign competitors are creating as many or more new products as the U.S.

"As an example, you can't buy one of the very popular home video recorders that is a product of an American corporation," Cook noted. "It may have been manufactured by RCA — but under Japanese license."

Cook blames the lack of technological innovation on a "host of government policies — outmoded patent laws, restrictive taxes, unrealistic anti-trust laws and onerous regulations."

"One of the few technological areas we still lead the world in is computers and particularly micro-processing. The U.S. has a head start in building intelligent computers, but it may not last."

Japan has committed itself to delivering an intelligent computer by

Recalled senator mulls future

By Wayne Peal
Staff Writer

They succeeded in removing a state senator. Now they're looking for a replacement to serve in the \$31,000-a-year job through Dec. 31, 1986, the end of the current term.

Members of Citizens Against Unnecessary State Expenditures, the Lake Orion-based grassroots group that spearheaded the successful recall of Philip Mastin, D-Pontiac, are planning to endorse a candidate in the special election on that the Secretary of State will call to fill the soon-to-be-vacant seat in the 13th State Senate District, which includes the Rochester area.

Some say they've already found their man.

Mat Dunaskis, R-Lake Orion, an announced candidate, is a friend and racquetball partner of CAUSE chairman Mick Steiner.

Steiner, however, said his group would not announce its endorsement until the executive committees of the county political parties nominate their candidates. Besides the Republican and Democratic parties, the Tech Independent Citizens Party and the Libertarian Party are state-recognized in the 13th district and thus can field candidates.

"We'll let the parties come forth with their candidates and then we'll decide who to endorse," said Steiner, a General Motors service engineer. "I might turn out to be an independent, but we certainly won't endorse a liberal."

STEINER'S LEADERSHIP of what turned out to be a resounding victory for recall supporters might make him a viable candidate in his own right, but the Oakland Township resident denied having ambitions for elective office.

"I don't like having to campaign for a job," Steiner said. "I knocked on GM's door 15 years ago and they were kind enough to let me in."

Mastin, defeated by a 3-2 margin in the unprecedented recall election Nov. 22 despite spending more than four times what CAUSE did, has not yet announced future plans.

"I've made no career plans at this time," Mastin said Friday morning from his Pontiac home. "I've made some holiday plans but that's about it."

Mastin, who defeated three-term incumbent Donald Bishop, R-Avon Township, last November, will lose his Senate seat to Page 8

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