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TEAM IN 1983 RECOGNIZED "AIDS AS HEMOPHILIAC"; SHIOKAWA'S
TESTIMONY IN LOWER HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING; BEFORE FIRST
AIDS VICTIM RECOGNIZED, HE ASKED ABE TO REPORT ABOUT A
CASE OF AIDS INFECTION

NIHON KEIZAI: MAJOR BANKS AND FIRMS SPEED UP
RESTRUCTURING OF THEIR ASSETS; SALE OF GOOD LOANS
INCREASED TO 3 TRILLION YEN -- 3 TIMES AS LARGE AS
BALANCE AT END OF LAST BUSINESS TERM; RATIO OF NET WORTH
OF TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVED; LOW-INTEREST LOANS AIMED AT

TOKYO SHIMBUN: DRUG-CAUSED AIDS: U.S. SUBSIDIARY ALREADY HAD TECHNOLOGY WHEN MIDORI JUJI STARTED TESTING "TREATED" PRODUCTS; "DELAY IN DEVELOPMENT" QUESTIONABLE

MAINICHI: HIGH-RANKING NORTH KOREAN MILITARY OFFICERS-TURNED-DEFECTORS TESTIFY: "U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN MISSILE-TARGETED; "THE POLICY LINE OF NOT BEGGING FIRST" THOROUGHLY REACHED EVERYWHERE (TRANSLATION BELOW)

YOMIURI: OECD'S DEREGULATION MEASURES PLACE EMPHASIS ON SIX AREAS, SUCH AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, BANKING AND FARM PRODUCTS; SPEEDING UP OF LIBERALIZATION EXPECTED; TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR ACTION PROGRAM

SANKEI: FAR EAST EMERGENCIES: RESPONSES BEFORE BATTLE OCCURS ALSO UNDER STUDY; GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO EMPLOY SDF VESSELS TO RESCUE JAPANESE NATIONALS; TO STUDY LEGISLATIVE MEASURES (TRANSLATION BELOW)

NORTH KOREAN MISSILES AIMED AT USFJ BASES
(MAINICHI - TOP PLAY)

(SEOUL, MAY 8, TETSUO NAKAJIMA) THE MAINICHI SHIMBUN AS OF THE 8TH HAS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH THREE FORMER HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS WHO USED TO WORK AS OPERATIVES OVERSEAS UNTIL THEY DEFECTED THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA) TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) SHORTLY AFTER CHAIRMAN KIM IL SUNG DIED. FOR ALL THREE IT WAS THE FIRST EXPERIENCE TO CARRY OUT EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH A JAPANESE NEWSPAPER. THEY REVEALED SUCH SENSITIVE FACTS AS THAT SECRETARY KIM JONG IL HAD ORDERED THEM "NOT TO ASSUME A LOW ATTITUDE FIRST FROM THEIR SIDE" IN DEALING WITH JAPAN AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING MISSILES WAS TO ATTACK U.S. MILITARY BASES IN JAPAN. THE INTERVIEW WAS INSTRUMENTAL TO BRING NORTH KOREA'S INTERNAL SITUATION TO LIGHT.

FAR EAST EMERGENCIES: GOVERNMENT TO STUDY PRE-BATTLE MEASURES (SANKEI - TOP PLAY)

HYPOTHESIZING A HIGHLY TENSE SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA BEFORE A MILITARY CONFLICT ACTUALLY BREAKING OUT THERE, THE GOVERNMENT AS OF THE 8TH HAS REACHED A POLICY DIRECTION TO LOOK INTO EMERGENCY MEASURES APART FROM ITS FAR EAST CONTINGENCY PLANNING. SPECIFICALLY, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CABINET SECURITY AFFAIRS OFFICE, IT INTENDS TO HAVE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO LOOK INTO STEPPING UP THE COOPERATIVE SETUP AND LEGAL MEASURES THAT WILL, FOR INSTANCE, ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO USE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (SDF) VESSELS TO RESCUE JAPANESE NATIONALS OVERSEAS.

MORE STUDIES ON LEGAL MEASURES

IN THE COURSE OF REVIEWING THE "GUIDELINES FOR JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION," WHICH HAS BEEN AGREED UPON IN THE PREVIOUS JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT MEETING, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS

TO REEXAMINE THE OVERALL BILATERAL COOPERATIVE
ARRANGEMENT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON JAPAN'S LOGISTICAL
SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN (USFJ) AND RESCUING
U.S. TROOPS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY IN THE FAR EAST.

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THE GUIDELINES' FRAMEWORK, HOWEVER, PROHIBITS
TRANSCENDING THE BOUNDARY OF JOINT STEPS BETWEEN THE SDF
AND U.S. FORCES. GIVEN THE CONDITION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS
REACHED A CONCLUSION TO "PROTECT THE LIVES AND ASSETS OF
THE PEOPLE" (GOVERNMENT SOURCE) IN A TENSE CONDITION
BEFORE A MILITARY CONFLICT ACTUALLY OCCURS IN THE FAR
EAST.

AS THE FIRST STEP, THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO GRAPPLE
WITH DOMESTIC CRISIS MANAGEMENT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF
THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (KANTEI).
SPECIFICALLY, IT WILL LOOK INTO: 1) THE PROTECTION AND
TRANSPORT OF JAPANESE NATIONALS OVERSEAS; 2) MASSIVE
REFUGEE COUNTERMEASURES; 3) THE PATROL OF IMPORTANT
COASTAL FACILITIES AND MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM; 4)
PRIOR CONSULTATIONS; AND 5) MEASURES TO BUTTRESS THE U.S.
IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT WILL EXAMINE MEASURES TO
ENHANCE THE INFORMATION-GATHERING SETUP AND THE PUBLIC
RELATIONS STEPS TO PREVENT PANIC.

THE PRESENT LEGAL SYSTEM ALLOWS THE USE OF GOVERNMENT
PLANES AND AIR SELF-DEFENSE FORCE (ASDF) AIRCRAFT TO
RESCUE JAPANESE NATIONALS (ABROAD). BUT THE GOVERNMENT
IS GOING TO REEXAMINE THE OVERALL LEGAL SYSTEM, WITH A
REVISION OF THE SDF LAW IN MIND THAT WILL ALLOW THE USE
OF MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE FORCE (MSDF) VESSELS.
SPECIFICALLY, THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO USE VESSELS FOR
TRANSPORT, SUPPLY AND LANDING.

FURTHERMORE, AS FOR MEASURES TO COPE WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO STUDY SPECIFIC IMMIGRATION STEPS AND DOMESTIC FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE THEM.

THE COALITION, LED BY THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY, IS ALREADY IN THE PROCESS OF STUDYING "FAR EAST EMERGENCY PLANNING," WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF CONTINGENCY LEGISLATION. THE GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, PLANS TO REACH A FINAL DECISION AFTER SEEING THE OUTCOME OF SUCH A PROJECT.

GUIDELINES REVIEW: AMBASSADOR MONDALE SHOWS QUNDERSTANDINGQ FOR JAPANQs POSITION (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE POLICY COUNCIL AND POLICY DELIBERATION COUNCIL CHAIRMEN OF THE THREE RULING PARTIES MET WITH UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN MONDALE AT A HOTEL IN TOKYO YESTERDAY MORNING. THE RULING SIDE REFERRED TO A REVIEW OF THE "GUIDESAYING, "WE WILL CONDUCT STUDIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR CONSTITUTION, WHICH DOES NOT ALLOW JAPAN TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF COLLECT AMBASSADOR MONDALE STATED: "I UNDERSTAND JAPAN'S POSITION WELL. THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TALKS ARE NOT BASED ON U.S. PRESSURE AT ALL. BOTH SIDES SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE OTHER SIDE'S POSITION AND TRY TO SEE A SETTLEMENT THROUGH TENACIOUS TALKS, EVEN IF IT TAKES MORE THAN A YEAR."

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO CALLS FOR DEBATE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR U.S. MILITARY LAND EXPROPRIATION (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 2)

DURING AN UPPER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO, COMMENTING ON A SPECIAL LAW REGARDING THE EXPROPRIATION OF LAND FOR UNITED STATES MILITARY BASES, STATED, "THE ISSUE OF AUTHORITY ALLOCATED TO THE CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAS BEEN TAKEN UP ANEW IN THE COURSE OF DEBATE ON DECENTRALIZATION OF POWER. AS FOR WHAT SHOULD BE REGARDED AS AUTHORITY OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, DEBATE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN LINE WITH DISCUSSION ON DECENTRALIZATION OF POWER." HE THUS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD MAKE A JUDGMENT BASED ON THE RESULT OF THE DECENTRALIZATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE'S WORK OF REVIEWING BT
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THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF ASSIGNING (THE CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT'S) FUNCTIONS (TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS).

JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) DIRECTOR GENERAL HIDEO USUI
REVEALED THAT JDA WOULD STUDY PROBLEMS IN THE PRESENT
SYSTEM, SAYING, "WIDE-RANGING STUDY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED
ON A U.S. MILITARY BASE SPECIAL MEASURE LAW."

CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KAJIYAMA ASKS NAKASONE AND OTHER
LDP FIGURES FOR PRUDENT REMARKS ON RIGHT OF COLLECTIVE
SELF-DEFENSE (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 2)

CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SEIROKU KAJIYAMA MET FORMER PRIME
MINISTER YASUHIRO NAKASONE, FORMER LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTY (LDP) VICE PRESIDENT KEIZO OBUCHI AND FORMER
SECRETARY GENERAL HIROSHI MITSUZUKA SEPARATELY YESTERDAY,
AND URGED THEM TO BE PRUDENT ABOUT STATEMENTS OVER THE
ISSUES OF EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE
AND CONTINGENCY LEGISLATION THAT MIGHT HEIGHTEN AN ANTI-
BASE SENTIMENT, FOCUSING ON AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE
ISSUE OF U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA. HE ALSO CALLED
FOR COOPERATION TO STEER THROUGH THE LATTER HALF OF THE
DIET SESSION.

KAJIYAMA POINTED OUT THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT FAILED TO
RENEW THE CONTRACTS ON ITS FORCIBLE USE OF THE BASE SITES
WHOSE TERM OF VALIDITY EXPIRES NEXT MAY BECAUSE OF
OPPOSITION BY 3,000 LANDOWNERS OF THE SITES, SOME TROUBLE
WOULD BE CAUSED FOR THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNABLE TO
FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE BASES FOR THE UNITED
STATES MILITARY. KAJIYAMA THEN STATED, "IT IS MORE
IMPORTANT TO RESOLVE MINOR PROBLEMS RATHER THAN MAJOR
PROBLEMS (INTERTWINED WITH THE CONSTITUTION)." HE
REVEALED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN A BID TO MAINTAIN THE
CURRENT SECURITY ARRANGEMENT WAS WILLING TO GIVE PRIORITY
TO SETTLING THE EXPROPRIATION ISSUE AND EXPEDITING THE
REVERSION OF U.S. MILITARY BASES INCLUDING FUTENMA
AIRFIELD.

GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE MEMBERS APPOINTED FOR BASE ISSUES;
OKINAWAQS GOV. INCLUDED (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

ON THE 8TH, SEVEN PERSONS, INCLUDING LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
YOSHIMOTO OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE, WERE PICKED AS VICE
CHAIRMAN OF THE "COMMITTEE TO SOLVE VARIOUS ISSUES
RELATED TO THE REVERSION OF FUTENMA AIR STATION AND OTHER

FACILITIES" (CHAIRER BY DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY FURUKAWA), WHICH IS A TASK FORCE IN CHARGE OF CONSOLIDATION, REALIGNMENT AND REDUCTION OF UNITED STATES BASES ON OKINAWA. THEIR APPOINTMENT WILL BE FORMALLY DECIDED ON AT THE TASK FORCE'S FIRST MEETING ON THE 9TH. SINCE IT IS IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN UNDERSTANDING FROM THE MUNICIPALITIES OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE TO RELOCATE U.S. BASES, THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAD REQUESTED YOSHIMOTO TO ASSUME THE COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP.

THE OTHER VICE CHAIRMEN ARE:

- DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL MORODOMI;
- DEFENSE AGENCY DEFENSE POLICY BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL AKIYAMA;
- FOREIGN MINISTRY NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL ORITA;
- OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY GENERAL AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL KADEKAWA;
- CABINET INTERNAL AFFAIRS COUNCILLORS' OFFICE CHIEF FUJII; AND
- CABINET EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COUNCILLORS' OFFICE CHIEF HIRABAYASHI.

SHINSHINTOQS HATA NIXES COALITION WITH LIBERAL DEMOCRATS
(SANKEI - PAGE 2)

IN HIS SPEECH DELIVERED ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 8TH IN
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FUKUOKA CITY, FORMER PRIME MINISTER TSUTOMU HATA OF THE SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) CLEARLY DENIED THE POSSIBILITY OF SHINSHINTO'S FORMING AN ALLIANCE WITH THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP), REMARKING "I HAVE NO IDEA

OF FORMING A CONSERVATIVE-CONSERVATIVE ALLIANCE (HO-HO RENGO) OR JOINING HANDS WITH THE LDP JUST BECAUSE WE'VE GOT TIRED OF BEING AN OPPOSITION PARTY. IF WE DO SO, WE WILL BECOME A COMPLEMENTARY GROUP FOR THE LDP." HE ADDED: "IT IS IMPORTANT TO CREATE TWO POLITICAL FORCES THAT STAND FIRMLY AND THAT CAN MAKE A GREAT COMPROMISE IF THEY NEED. BY STIMULATING EACH OTHERS, THE LDP ALSO WILL REVIVE." WITH THIS, HE INDICATED HIS VIEW OF AIMING AT FORMING A MAJOR TOW-PARTY STRUCTURE TO THE LAST.

REGARDING SHINSHINTO PRESIDENT ICHIRO OZAWA'S OPINION THAT THE USE OF THE RIGHT OF COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE IS CONSTITUTIONAL, HATA REBUTTED: "THAT MEANS JAPAN CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE GULF WAR. SUCH AN IDEA WOULD NOT OBTAIN UNDERSTANDING IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OR EVEN IN JAPAN." HE CONTINUED: "IT WOULD BE TROUBLESOME IF WE DO THINGS OUTSIDE OF LAW BY EXPANDING THE INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO PLAY UP THE WORD 'RONKEN' OR TO DEBATE THE CONSTITUTION' TO THE PEOPLE." SO SAYING, HE STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF THOROUGH DISCUSSION ON THE CONSTITUTION FROM A BRKAD ASPECT.

PYONGYANG MAY SEND MISSION TO JAPAN (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

LI CHONG HYOK, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC PEACE COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA), ON HIS WAY BACK FROM THE UNITED STATES, STOPPED OVER AT NARITA AIRPORT IN JAPAN ON MAY 8. ON THAT OCCASION, HE MET PRESS REPORTERS INCLUDING THIS NEWSPAPER'S REPORTER AND REVEALED HIS VIEW THAT NORTH KOREA WOULD CONSIDER AN INVITATION FROM JAPAN IN A FORWARD-LOOKING MANNER AND WAS READY TO SEND A DELEGATION TO JAPAN. IN ADDITION, HE SUGGESTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE NORTH WERE UNDERWAY IN AN EFFORT TO RESTART BILATERAL TALKS FOR DIPLOMATIC NORMALIZATION, WHICH HAVE BEEN INTERRUPTED IN NOVEMBER 1992.

REFERRING TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE NORTH SENDING ITS MISSION TO JAPAN, VICE CHAIRMAN LI STATED, "A PROPOSAL FOR INVITATION CAME FROM JAPAN WHILE I WAS IN THE U.S. BUT IT IS UNKNOWN WHEN TO SEND SUCH A MISSION," CLARIFYING THE TIMING TO SEND IT TO JAPAN IS NOW UNDER STUDY IN A FORWARD-LOOKING MANNER, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION A FORMAL INVITATION THAT WILL COME FROM THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP). AS TO WHETHER KOREAN WORKERS' PARTY SECRETARY KIM YONG SUN, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN, WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DELEGATION MEMBERS, LI DID NOT DENY SUCH A POSSIBILITY, REMARKING, "WHO WILL COME (TO JAPAN) HAS YET TO BE DECIDED."

ON THE FACT THAT JAPANESE AND NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAD CONTACT IN LATE APRIL FOLLOWING THE ONE IN MID-MARCH, VICE CHAIRMAN LI STATED, "I HAVE NOT HEARD OF THAT, BUT (SUCH CONTACT) IS POSSIBLE," AND INDICATED HIS PERCEPTION THAT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT DISCUSSION HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS IN AN EFFORT TO RESUME BILATERAL

NEGOTIATIONS TO NORMALIZE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

DURING HIS STAY IN THE U.S., IT WAS REVEALED BY INSIDERS THAT VICE CHAIRMAN LI ASKED THE U.S. TO PROVIDE RICE AS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. IN THIS RESPECT, HE WENT NO FURTHER THAN TO SAY, "I JUST TRAVELED TO THE U.S. ONLY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ACADEMIC MEETING." REGARDING THE REPORT THAT GOES SECRETARY KIM JONG IL WILL NOT ASSUME THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT UNTIL THREE YEARS HAVE PASSED AFTER THE DEATH OF THE LATE PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG, VICE CHAIRMAN LI DENIED IT, ADDING, "IT IS GROUNDLESS."

VICE CHAIRMAN LI IS AN AIDE TO SECRETARY KIM YONG SUN.
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IN LAST YEAR'S TALKS WITH JAPAN ABOUT RICE AID, HE, REPRESENTING THE NORTH, JOINED THE TALKS.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO SEND LETTER OF INVITATION TO KOREAN WORKERS PARTY (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) DECIDED ON MAY 8 TO SEND SECRETARY KIM YONG SUM OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA) AN INVITATION AS EARLY AS MAY 9. TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WILL ACCEPT A DELEGATION TO JAPAN BY THE KOREAN WORKERS' PARTY IF IT COMES HERE LATE THIS MONTH.

ACCORDING TO A SENIOR SDP MEMBER, THE INVITATION WILL BE SENT UNDER THE NAME OF "EXCHANGE" BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE KOREAN WORKERS' PARTY. AS FOR THE TIMING FOR THEIR VISIT TO JAPAN, IT WILL BE SPECIFIED THAT "MAY 20 OR LATER WILL BE APPROPRIATE."

REGARDING A DISPATCH OF A DELEGATION TO JAPAN, LAST MONTH

SECRETARY KIM SENT A LETTER TO THE SDP, AND IN IT, KIM ASKED THE SDP TO INVITE HIS COUNTRY'S MISSION TO JAPAN. COORDINATION WAS THEN BEING MADE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND RULING PARTIES UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SDP POLICY DELIBERATION COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SHIGERU ITO AND OTHER OFFICERS. IN HIS MEETING WITH UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN MONDALE HELD THAT DAY, ITO EXPLAINED ABOUT THE (PARTY'S) DECISION TO INVITE (THE NORTH'S DELEGATION TO JAPAN).

FY1997 BUDGET CEILING: NO INCREASE EXPECTED IN PUBLIC INVESTMENT EXPENDITURE (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 6)

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) YESTERDAY STARTED CONSIDERING GENERAL-ACCOUNT BUDGET REQUESTS (CEILING) FOR THE COMPILATION OF THE FISCAL 1997 STATE BUDGET. IT INTENDS TO CONSTRAIN THE GROWTH RATE OF "INVESTMENT-RELATED SPENDING," SUCH AS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, AT A ZERO LEVEL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOUR YEARS, REFLECTING THE NATION'S AUSTERE FISCAL CONDITIONS.

A 10 PERCENT YEAR-ON-YEAR BUDGETARY CUT HAS ALREADY BEEN CARRIED OUT IN "ORDINARY EXPENDITURES" SINCE FISCAL 1984. A PLAN HAS SURFACED TO EXPAND THE MARGIN OF THE ANNUAL REDUCTION TO AROUND 15 PERCENT.

SOME IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING TOWARD CONSTRAINING EXPENDITURES, NOTING, "WE WANT TO PUT THE BURGEONING ECONOMIC RECOVERY ON THE RIGHT TRACK, BUT WE CANNOT IMPOSE EXCESSIVE BURDEN ON THE GOVERNMENT FINANCES" (ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL SHUSEI TANAKA). MOF WANTS TO REFLECT SUCH A VIEW IN ITS EFFORT TO SET CEILINGS, AIMING AT MAKING FISCAL 1997 THE "FIRST YEAR OF JAPAN'S FISCAL CONSTRUCTION" (BUDGET BUREAU).

CEILINGS ARE STANDARDS SET ON EACH GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHEN IT MAKES BUDGETARY REQUESTS TO MOF IN LATE AUGUST. THE AIM IS TO HOLD DOWN THE SWELLING OF EXPENDITURES, BY UNIFORMLY SETTING CEILINGS ON BUDGETARY REQUESTS.

NOW THAT PROSPECTS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE FISCAL 1996 BUDGET TODAY, MOF WILL ENTER CONCRETE WORK FOR SETTING SPECIFIC CEILINGS.

A 5 PERCENT INCREASE HAS BEEN SECURED FOR INVESTMENT SPENDING FOR THREE YEARS RUNNING SINCE FISCAL 1994 IN ORDER TO BUOY UP THE FALTERING ECONOMY. DUE IN PART TO REPEATED ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGES, THE ECONOMY IS ON THE UPSWING, THOUGH IN A FRAGILE MANNER.

CONSIDERING SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, MOF HAS JUDGED, "THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET SHOULD PLACE EMPHASIS ON FISCAL RECONSTRUCTION, INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON FISCAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY" (SENIOR BUDGET

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BUREAU OFFICIAL). ACCORDINGLY, IT WILL REVIEW THE
EXISTING CEILINGS THAT HAVE PLACED EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC
SPENDING.

HOWEVER, CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ECONOMY, SUCH AS
A RISE IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, STILL REMAINS.
FURTHERMORE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE RULING PARTIES MAY
STRENGTHEN THEIR CALL FOR LARGE-SCALE ECONOMIC
COUNTERMEASURES IN ANTICIPATION OF A DISSOLUTION OF THE
LOWER HOUSE AND A GENERAL ELECTION. AS IT STANDS, FIERCE
BARGAINING WITH MOF, WHICH IS TRYING TO CONSTRAIN
EXPENDITURES FOR REASONS OF A FISCAL CRISIS, WILL LIKELY
OCCUR.

MITSUBISHI MOTOR SUBSIDIARYQS SEXUAL HARASSMENT ISSUE:
NIKKEIREN CHAIRMAN: QJAPANQS SHAMEQ (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE IMPACT OF THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT ISSUE OCCURRING AT
MITSUBISHI MOTOR MANUFACTURING IN THE UNITED STATES
(HEADQUARTERS IN ILLINOIS) IS TAKING ON A SERIOUS TONE
WITH A BOYCOTTING CAMPAIGN CALLED FOR BY HUMANITARIAN
RIGHT ACTIVISTS. REFERRING TO THE PROBLEM, JIRO NEMOTO,
CHAIRMAN OF NIKKEIREN (JAPAN FEDERATION OF EMPLOYERS'
ASSOCIATIONS), AT A PERIODIC PRESS MEETING BLAMED THE
FIRM'S OPTIMISTIC VIEW ON THE SITUATION, REMARKING, "THE
INCIDENT IS A SHAME FOR JAPAN. SEXUAL HARASSMENT
PROBLEMS ARE IN A SENSE MORE IMPORTANT THAN LAY-OFFS IN
THE U.S. MITSUBISHI MOTOR INDUSTRIES PROBABLY LACKED
SUCH AN AWARENESS." THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FOR A TOP-
RANKING BUSINESS LEADER TO CRITICIZE THE STANCE OF THAT
FIRM REGARDING THIS ISSUE. AS A RESULT, MITSUBISHI MOTOR
INDUSTRIES, THE PARENT COMPANY, IS LIKELY TO BE PRESSED
TO MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

THE U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC)
FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE ILLINOIS FEDERAL DISTRICT

COURT THIS APRIL AGAINST MITSUBISHI MOTOR MANUFACTURING IN VIOLATION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, ALLEGING THAT IT HAS LEFT THE MATTER UNHEEDED. THE MITSUBISHI SIDE AT FIRST CLAIMED AGAINST THE ASSERTION MADE BY THE EEOC, "IT IS TOTALLY CONTRARY TO THE FACT," BUT AFTERWARD IT INDICATED A STANCE OF COMPLYING WITH RECONCILIATION NEGOTIATIONS. DUE IN PART TO SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, CHAIRMAN NEMOTO SAID, "ITS FIRST RESPONSE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BAD."

NIKKEIREN CHAIRMAN NEMOTO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF NIPPON YUSEN, A KEY COMPANY OF THE MITSUBISHI GROUP. UNTIL NOW, MITSUBISHI MOTOR INDUSTRIES IN JAPAN HAS NOTED, "CONSIDERING DIFFERENCES IN CUSTOMS, WE HAVE LEFT THE MATTER TO OUR U.S. SUBSIDIARY TO WORK OUT," BUT THE VIEW IS NOW IT WILL HAVE TO MAKE A SERIOUS RESPONSE TO THE MATTER FOR AN EARLY SOLUTION WITH CRITICISM COMING FROM A "FAMILY FIRM" IN JAPAN.

JDA TO ADOPT CIV-SPECS, INSTEAD OF MIL-SPECS, FOR SDF EQUIPMENT

(NIHON KEIZAI - TOP PLAY, MAY 8 EVENING EDITION)

THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY HAS REQUIRED ITS INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS TO DEVELOP AND PRODUCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES' USE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ITS STANDARDS, BUT JDA IS NOW PLANNING AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD REVIEW OF SUCH JDA-REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS. JDA WILL POSITIVELY PUSH AHEAD WITH DEVELOPMENT BASED ON CIVILIAN TECHNOLOGIES AND PRODUCTION BASED ON CIVILIAN SPECIFICATIONS TO LOWER ITS PROCUREMENT COSTS. SINCE THERE IS NO EXPECTING AN INCREASE IN THE EQUIPMENT-RELATED BUDGET, JDA IS AIMING TO CONSTRAIN A RISE IN ITS PROCUREMENT COSTS THAT ARE INCIDENT TO ITS INTRODUCTION OF HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS. ADDITIONALLY, JDA WILL ALSO SHORTEN THE TIME LIMIT OF DELIVERY AND MAKE EFFICIENT CONTRACTS BY INTRODUCING AN ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT-OF-ACCOUNTS SYSTEM WITH PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. JDA'S REVIEW COMMITTEE IS GOING TO WORK OUT DETAILS ABOUT THE PLAN, AND WILL HEAD BT

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TOWARD IMPLEMENTING IT FROM FY1997.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS CONCLUDED BETWEEN JDA AND PRIVATE-SECTOR ENTERPRISES FOR FRONTLINE EQUIPMENT REACHED ONE TRILLION YEN IN FY1990. THEREAFTER, HOWEVER, IT WENT ON DECREASING EVERY YEAR IN THE POST-COLD WAR TREND OF CONSTRAINING THE DEFENSE BUDGET. IN FY1995, IT WAS DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY 825 BILLION YEN.

MEANWHILE, THERE HAS BEEN A SUSTAINED INCREASE IN THE UNIT COSTS OF ADVANCED EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS, AS IN THE CASE OF THE F-2 FIGHTER SUPPORT PLANE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION -- THE MASS-PRODUCTION-BASIS UNIT COST OF WHICH IS 8 BILLION YEN ON AVERAGE. AS FOR EQUIPMENT, MAY USE EXPENSIVE CUSTOM-MADE PARTS THAT MEET STRICT REQUIREMENTS IN QUALITY, STRENGTH, ETC. IF THOSE PARTS CAN BE SUBSTITUTED WITH CIVILIAN-SPEC PARTS THAT CAN BE MASS-PRODUCED, COST REDUCTIONS WILL BE POSSIBLE.

JDA WILL SET UP AN "ACQUISITION REFORM COMMITTEE" TO BE CHAIRED BY ITS EQUIPMENT BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL, AND THE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING NEXT WEEK. THE COMMITTEE WILL WORK OUT SPECIFIC MEASURES AROUND IN JUNE ON SUCH TASKS AS: (1) JDA STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS; (2) TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT; (3) DEFENSE PRODUCTION INFRASTRUCTURE; (4) MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SYSTEMS; (5) PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS AND OPERATION; AND (6) ELECTRONIC DATA FILING.

JDA WILL MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL REVIEW OF ITS STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS WHICH ARE BASED ON U.S. MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS THAT ARE SAID TO NUMBER ABOUT 30,000, INCLUDING A PARTIAL REVISION OR ABOLITION OF THOSE STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS. FOR ITS CONTRACTS WITH ENTERPRISES, JDA WILL INTRODUCE 'ELECTRONIC COMMERCE'. ALONG WITH THIS, JDA WILL SHORTEN THE PERIOD OF TIME FROM ORDERING TO DELIVERY, AND WILL ALSO SIMPLIFY ITS CONTRACTS NUMBERING 80,000 A YEAR.

IN THE CASE OF EQUIPMENT QUALITY CONTROL STANDARDS AS WELL, JDA WILL APPLY THE "ISO 9000" SERIES -- AN INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CRITERIA TO GUARANTEE QUALITY -- INSTEAD OF ITS OWN SPECIAL STANDARDS, SO AS TO LIGHTEN AND REDUCE THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY SIDE'S PRODUCTION-LINE BURDEN.

FURTHERMORE, JDA WILL IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO KEEP UP THE PRODUCTION INFRASTRUCTURE OF DEFENSE-RELATED INDUSTRIES THAT TEND TO PRODUCE VARIOUS THINGS IN SMALL QUANTITIES, AND WILL ALSO ESTABLISH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES TO REDUCE COSTS FOR THE LIFE CYCLE OF EQUIPMENT FROM DEVELOPMENT TO PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND

REMODELING.

AS FOR A REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT, THE U.S. FORCES WERE THE FIRST TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THAT TREND, FACING A SUBSTANTIAL CUTBACK IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET AFTER THE COLD WAR. THE U.S. FORCES HAVE NOW DISCONTINUED THEIR PREFERENTIAL ADOPTION OF MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS (MIL-SPEC) THAT CANNOT BUT BECOME COSTLY, AND CITE CIVILIAN SPECIFICATIONS AND THE SAME CONTRACT-MAKING PROCEDURES AS IN THE CASE OF CIVILIAN PRODUCTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE U.S. MILITARY HAS SUCCESSFULLY REDUCED PROCUREMENT COSTS AND SHORTENED THE TIME LIMIT OF DELIVERY. BLACKBURN

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NIHON KEIZAI: FINANCE MINISTRY TO MORE STRICTLY SUPERVISE
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LEGISLATION; GOLF COURSES AND SKI SLOPES LIKELY TO INCLUDED; RESEARCH REPORT COMPILED BY 10 GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES

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YOMIURI: MULTICHANNEL BROADCASTING COUNCIL DRAFTS A PLAN THAT WOULD SET CRITERIA FOR "POLITICAL FAIRNESS" ON TV PROGRAMS; PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A THIRD-PARTY ORGAN TO EVALUATE PROGRAMMING; MAY PUT RESTRICTIONS ON EXPRESSIONS ON SEX AND VIOLENCE

SANKEI: RUSSIANS LIVING IN CIS BECOMING REFUGEES; GOVERNMENT NOW CONSIDERING ECONOMIC COOPERATION TOWARD RUSSIA TO RESCUE THEM, OUT OF FEAR OF "ANOTHER YUGOSLAVIA" (TRANSLATION BELOW)

COALITION TO IMPLEMENT NEW BATTLE PLAN IN DIET CENTERING ON JUSEN LEGISLATION (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

THE RULING AND OPPOSITION CAMPS WILL BEGIN FULL-FLEDGED DEBATE ON THE 13TH OVER THE HANDLING OF THE JUSEN (HOUSING LOAN CORPORATIONS) LIQUIDATION BILL AND FOUR OTHER FINANCE-RELATED BILLS. WHEREAS THE RULING COALITION AIMS AT ENTERING INTO DELIBERATIONS AT THE LOWER HOUSE SPECIAL FINANCIAL PROBLEMS COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) IS STILL MAINTAINING A STANCE THAT THE SUMMONING OF KOICHI KATO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP), AS A DIET WITNESS IS A PREREQUISITE FOR STARTING SUCH DISCUSSIONS. THE TWO CAMPS ARE ALREADY AT ODDS EVEN AT THE INITIAL SKIRMISH STAGE, WITH ONLY A MONTH TO GO BEFORE THE DIET SESSION ENDS JUNE 19. THE TIMING OF THE STARTING OF DELIBERATIONS WILL INFLUENCE THE DIRECTION OF THE FINAL PHASE OF THE PRESENT DIET SESSION.

NOT UNTIL THE BUDGET-RELATED JUSEN LIQUIDATION BILL IS PASSED WILL FISCAL OUTLAYS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO LIQUIDATE THE JUSEN DEBT. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE RULING PARTIES' SIDE IS ENVISAGING A SCENARIO OF COMPLETING BACKGROUND EXPLANATIONS WITHIN THIS WEEK AND THEN HAVING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE START DELIBERATIONS. THE COALITION HAS ADOPTED THE THEME OF "PACKAGE PASSAGE" OF THE JUSEN LIQUIDATION BILL AND THE FOUR FINANCE-RELATED BILLS "WITHIN THE CURRENT DIET SESSION." IN THE MEANTIME, THE SHINSHINTO IS CALLING FOR "SUMMONING KATO" AND HANDLING THE FINANCE-RELATED BILLS FIRST. THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF COMPROMISE ON EITHER SIDE.

THE HANDLING OF THOSE BILLS WILL BE CONFERRED ON TODAY AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE LOWER HOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THEN AT AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, BUT THE TIME FOR STARTING DELIBERATIONS HAS YET TO BE COORDINATED. SOME

IN THE RULING CAMP ARE BEGINNING TO ADOPT A TOUGH ARGUMENT, CALLING FOR ENTERING INTO DELIBERATIONS EVEN BY PASSING THOSE BILLS AT THE DIET STEERING COMMITTEE, NOTING, "NEARLY A MONTH HAS PASSED SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. WE NEED TO HANDLE THE BILLS IN A BT
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DETERMINED MANNER." THIS ARGUMENT IS BASED ON THE CONCERN THAT IF FULL-FLEDGED DELIBERATIONS ARE TO SLIP TO NEXT WEEK, THE DIET SCHEDULE WILL BECOME EXTREMELY TIGHT.

VIEWS DIVERGE AMONG THE LDP, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY OVER "SUMMONING KATO:" (1) WILL NOT COMPLY WITH A REQUEST FOR SUMMONING KATO, BY MAKING A COUNTER-REQUEST FOR SUMMONING DAISAKU IKEDA, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SOKA-GAKKAI; (2) TRY TO REACH A SETTLEMENT IN THE FORM OF INVITING KATO AS A REFERENCE WITNESS; AND (3) HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR SUMMONING HIM. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO OPINION HEARD CALLING ON KATO TO RESPOND TO SUMMONING AT THE PRESENT STAGE WHERE THERE IS NO WAY OUT SEEN FOR THE BILLS.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IN CASE IT BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A BREAKTHROUGH AT A MEETING OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE DIET POLICY COMMITTEE, THE RULING PARTIES MAY HAVE TO MAKE A FINAL JUDGMENT WITH AN EYE ON STARTING DELIBERATIONS WITHIN THE WEEK.

IF THE RULING PARTIES "RAM THROUGH" THE LAUNCHING OF DELIBERATIONS, THERE WILL APPEAR A POSSIBILITY THAT THE DIET SESSION WILL BECOME STALLED ONCE AGAIN. THE PREVAILING VIEW IN THE SHINSHINTO, WHOSE RECENT PICKETING STRATEGY DREW CRITICISM, IS THAT "IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC IF WE REJECT

DELIBERATIONS FOR TOO LONG." BOTH THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL LIKELY CONTINUE BARGAINING OVER THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, CAUGHT ON THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA.

OZAWA RETURNS FROM CHINA TRIP AS SPLIT INTENSIFIES IN SHINSHINTO OVER CONSERVATIVE ALLIANCE (SANKEI - PAGE 2)

HAVING WOUND UP HIS 11-DAY VISIT TO CHINA, SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) PRESIDENT ICHIRO OZAWA RETURNED HOME LATE ON THE 11TH. IN BEIJING HE MET WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER TAKESHITA OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) AND IN REMARK LATER TO THE ACCOMPANYING PRESS, HE FURTHER SHOWED THAT HE WAS POSITIVE ABOUT FORMING A "CONSERVATIVE-CONSERVATIVE ALLIANCE (HO-HO RENGU)". OZAWA WILL NOW FACE WRANGLING BETWEEN THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES AT THE LOWER HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OVER THE HANDLING OF THE HOUSING LOAN FIRMS (JUSEN) LIQUIDATION BAIL OUT PACKAGE. HOWEVER, HIS PARTY HAS YET TO COME UP WITH A TACTIC THAT WOULD KILL THE JUSEN BILL. SO, HE IS LIKELY TO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH DIET AFFAIRS WHILE PRESIDING OVER A PARTY IN DISCORD.

IN THE MEETING ON THE 4TH BETWEEN OZAWA AND TAKESHITA, THE TWO REPORTEDLY DID NOT COVER THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, BUT THE OBSERVATION HAS SINCE SPREAD IN THE RULING AND OPPOSITION CAMPS THAT "MR. OZAWA HAS STARTED CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A CONSERVATIVE-CONSERVATIVE ALLIANCE" (SHINSHINTO MID-LEVEL MEMBER) BY THIS MOVE TO REPAIR THE DISCORD THAT HAS EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO SINCE 1992 WHEN THE TAKESHITA FACTION BROKE UP.

MOREOVER, AT HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESS ON THE 5TH, OZAWA INDICATED A VIEW THAT THERE WOULD BE POLITICAL REALIGNMENT, REMARKING "THE TREND IS FOR REALIGNMENT IN TERMS OF POLICIES AND OUTLOOKS TO MOVE AHEAD." HE THEN ADDED: "IF THE LDP BECOMES A SINGLE-MINORITY GOVERNMENT, I WILL COOPERATE WITH IT IN DECIDING IMPORTANT ISSUES." WITH THIS, HE INDICATED HIS FORWARD-LOOKING MANNER IN HIS PARTY'S COOPERATION WITH THE LDP.

IN THE SHINSHINTO, NEGATIVE REACTIONS AGAINST OZAWA'S WORDS AND ACTION HAVE APPEARED CENTERING ON THE "KOSHIKAI" GROUP, WHICH IS CRITICAL OF PARTY LEADERSHIP, AS SEEN IN FORMER PRIME MINISTER TSUTOMU HATA REMARK, "VOTERS WILL NOT CAST THEIR VOTES FOR A PARTY WHICH COOPERATES WITH THE LDP."

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REPORTEDLY, OZAWA EXPRESSED HIS UNHAPPINESS TO HIS AIDES
REGARDING THE MEDIA REPORT ON HIS REMARKS: "WHY HAS IT
COME OUT THIS WAY?"

FOR OZAWA, HIS SCENARIO THAT "THE SHINSHINTO WITH ITS
UNIFYING EFFORTS WILL DRIVE THE RULING CAMP TO DISSOLVE
THE LOWER HOUSE AND CALL A GENERAL ELECTION IN ORDER TO
RECAPTURE THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT" IS NOW IN A DIFFICULT
SITUATION WITH THE UNITY OF THE THREE COALITION PARTIES
AND THE CLEFT IN HIS OWN PARTY. IT IS CERTAIN THAT THIS
SITUATION IS SPURRING THE VIEW THAT "MR. OZAWA HAS
STARTED LOOKING AT A CONSERVATIVE-CONSERVATIVE ALLIANCE."

HOWEVER, CONCERN HAS SPREAD IN THE SHINSHINTO LEADERSHIP
THAT "THE PARTY WILL BREAK UP IF THIS CONTINUES"
(LEADER). SO, SOME PARTY EXECUTIVE ARE ACTIVELY WORKING
FOR INTRA-PARTY HARMONY WITH THE ANTI-LEADERSHIP GROUP.
REGARDING OZAWA'S CHINA VISIT, MORE ATTENTION WAS PLACED
ON HIS OPINION ON DOMESTIC POLITICS INCLUDING A
"CONSERVATIVE-CONSERVATIVE ALLIANCE" CONCEPT THAN HIS
EFFORTS TO "BUILD TRUST RELATIONS WITH CHINESE RANKING
OFFICIALS." ALL THE MORE BECAUSE OF THIS, IT CAN BE SAID
THAT THIS IS PORTENDS MORE AGONY FOR OZAWA CENTERED ON
HIS FUTURE STRATEGY.

FIRST MEETING IN HAWAII LATE THIS MONTH ON REVISING
DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2, MAY 12 EDITION)

IN A BID TO STRENGTHEN JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE
COOPERATION IN PREPARATION AGAINST EMERGENCIES IN THE FAR
EAST AS AGREED ON DURING THE APRIL BILATERAL SUMMIT
MEETING, THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS WILL HOLD THE
FIRST WORKING-LEVEL MEETING IN HAWAII LATE THIS MONTH.
ASSUMING CONTINGENCIES ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, BOTH
SIDES WILL DISCUSS A REVIEW OF THE "GUIDELINES FOR JAPAN-
U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION," AND THEN DEFINE THE ROLES OF
JAPAN AND THE U.S. THE COMING MEETING WILL BE A MAJOR
ONE FOR THE NEW CONSULTATIVE ORGAN ON EMERGENCIES
COOPERATION, WHOSE ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON
BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. WITH THIS, MOVES WILL BE SET
IN MOTION TO STRENGTHEN JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION.

ACCORDING TO JAPANESE AND U.S. INFORMED SOURCES,

COORDINATION IS NOW UNDERWAY IN LINE WITH SCHEDULING THE MEETING FOR THE 30TH AND 31ST IN HONOLULU. THE MEETING IS EXPECTED TO BE ATTENDED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY (MOFA) NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL HITOSHI TANAKA AND JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL TAKEMASA MORIYA FROM THE JAPANESE SIDE, AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DEFENSE (FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS) CAMPBELL AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS) HUBBARD FROM THE U.S. SIDE. THEY WILL DISCUSS HOW TO PROCEED WITH FUTURE TALKS, AS WELL AS HOW THE NEW CONSULTATIVE ORGAN SHOULD BE CONSTITUTED.

CITED AS SPECIFIC SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION ARE: (1) REAR SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. MILITARY; (2) PROTECTION AND TRANSPORT OF JAPANESE RESIDENTS AND U.S. MILITARY FAMILIES; (3) MEASURES FOR MASS REFUGEES; (4) A RESPONSE IN CASE THE UNITED NATIONS ISSUES ECONOMIC SANCTIONS; AND (5) THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT SET UP BY THE SELF DEFENSE FORCE FOR THE COAST AND FOR IMPORTANT FACILITIES IN JAPAN, AS WELL AS COUNTER-TERRORISM.

IN ADDITION TO CONTINGENCIES IN THE FAR EAST, A CASE IN WHICH JAPAN IS DIRECTLY ATTACKED BY A FOREIGN COUNTRY WILL LIKELY BE REVIEWED AS WELL.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL SET UP EARLY IN THE WEEK A NEW STUDY GROUP COMPOSED OF MOFA, JDA AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CONFER ON JAPAN'S STANCE PRIOR TO THE BILATERAL MEETING. JAPAN WANTS TO START WITH MEASURES TO RESCUE JAPANESE NATIONALS AND REFUGEES, WITH PRIME

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MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO'S WORDS IN MIND THAT "WE WILL CONDUCT DISCUSSION WITHIN THE SCOPE OF OUR CONSTITUTION."

REGARDING THE REAR SUPPORT REQUESTED BY THE U.S. FORCES, HOWEVER, STORMY NEGOTIATIONS ARE EXPECTED.

MAY BE DIFFICULT TO REVISE DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES BY THIS FALL (SANKEI - PAGE 2, MAY 12 EDITION)

THE JAPANESE AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS THIS MONTH WILL LAUNCH A "JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION COMMITTEE" (TENTATIVE NAME) AND BEGIN EFFORTS TO REVISE THE "GUIDELINES FOR JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION." BUT AS OF THE 11TH, THE OUTLOOK HAS GROWN WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO COMPILE A REPORT AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED BY THE FALL. THE REVIEW WORK HAS EXPANDED IN SCOPE AND THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED ON THE JAPANESE SIDE, WHICH WISHES TO AVOID THE DEBATE OVER THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE OF COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE BECOMING POLITICIZED IF WORK ON THE GUIDELINES IS TOO RAPIDLY CARRIED OUT.

THE AGREEMENT TO COMPILE A REPORT BY THIS FALL WAS SEALED DURING THE MEETING OF DEFENSE MINISTER USUI AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERRY LAST MONTH PRIOR TO THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT MEETING.

HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR MONDALE, IN A MEETING ON THE 8TH WITH LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) POLICY AFFAIRS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TAKU YAMASAKI AND OTHER COALITION PARTIES POLICY BOARD CHAIRMEN, STATED HIS VIEW THAT "EVEN IF IT TAKES MORE THAN A YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE (THE REPORT) COMPILED BY PERSISTENT TALKS." COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE PACIFIC FORCES MYERS ALSO TOOK THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD TAKE "AT MOST TWO YEARS."

THE VIEW THAT IS SPREADING ON THE JAPANESE SIDE ALSO IS THAT "COMPILING A REPORT IN A HALF-YEAR IS NOT THAT SIMPLE; WE WILL NEED TWO YEARS TO THOROUGHLY CONSIDER EVERYTHING" (GOVERNMENT SOURCE). THE SITUATION NOW IS THAT EVEN BEFORE THE WORK TO REVIEW THE GUIDELINES HAS BEGUN, BOTH SIDES ARE ARGUING FOR DELAYING THE TIMETABLE.

GOVERNMENT TO PROPOSE SCALE OF FUTENMA-BASED OPERATIONS BE SHRUNK (ASAHI TOP PLAY, MAY 11 EDITION)

WITH THE PROGRAMMED REVERSION OF THE U.S. FORCES' FUTENMA AIR STATION IN OKINAWA, THE U.S. SIDE HAS REQUESTED THE JAPANESE SIDE TO CONSTRUCT A HELIPORT WITH A RUNWAY. REGARDING THIS REQUEST, THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING THE POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE UNAVOIDABLE TO CONSTRUCT A RUNWAY AS WELL, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOW FIRMED UP ITS INTENTION TO SOUND OUT THE U.S. SIDE ON ITS SUBSTANTIAL DOWNSCALING PROPOSAL, INCLUDING THE IDEA OF SHORTENING THE RUNWAY'S LENGTH TO ABOUT TWO-THIRDS. THIS IS BECAUSE THE HELIPORT'S SIZE PLANNED BY THE U.S. SIDE IS LARGE, AND LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES ON THE LIST OF ALTERNATIVE SITES ARE SHOWING A STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION. WITH THIS PROPOSAL, THE GOVERNMENT IS AIMING TO FACILITATE THE FUTENMA AIRFIELD'S FUNCTIONAL TRANSFER TO AN ALTERNATIVE FACILITY. THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO PUSH AHEAD WITH

STUDIES CENTERING ON THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY, AND WILL THEN FORMALLY MAKE A PROPOSAL AT A MEETING OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE (ON FACILITIES AND AREAS IN OKINAWA) (SACO).

JAPAN AND THE U.S. HAVE NOW AGREED IN AN INTERIM REPORT OF SACO TO ESTABLISH A NEW HELIPORT IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE AS AN ALTERNATIVE FACILITY FOR THE FUTENMA AIRFIELD. ADDITIONALLY, THE U.S. SIDE HAS INFORMALLY ASKED THE JAPANESE SIDE TO CONSTRUCT A NEW RUNWAY WITH AN OVERALL LENGTH OF ABOUT 1,500 METERS, WHICH IS SAID TO CORRESPOND TO THE AVERAGE SIZE OF A "MILITARY HELIPORT" IN THE U.S. HOWEVER, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S STANCE IS THAT JAPAN "DOES NOT HAVE TO TAKE ALL THAT IS REQUESTED BY THE U.S." (ACCORDING TO A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT).
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BASED ON THIS STANDPOINT, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO ESTIMATE THE PLANNED FACILITY'S SCALE ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE. FOR NOW, THE LENGTH OF A RUNWAY NEEDED FOR U.S. MARINE LIAISON AIRCRAFT, TRANSPORTS, AND HELICOPTERS IS PRESUMABLY SHORTER THAN 1,000 METERS. THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE JUDGES THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE REQUESTED SCALE.

AT PRESENT, THE FUTENMA AIRFIELD HAS AN AIR WING BELONGING TO THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION -- THE MAINSTAY OF U.S. ARMED FORCES STATIONED IN OKINAWA, AND DEPLOYS ABOUT 70 HELICOPTERS ON ITS 2,800-METER-LONG RUNWAY. JDA WILL HURRY TO STUDY SUCH ELEMENTS AS THE PERFORMANCE OF HELICOPTERS, THE STRENGTH OF RUNWAYS, AND THE NECESSITY OF FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS FOR LIAISON AND SUPPLY MISSIONS, WHILE IN REFERENCE TO THE SCALE OF THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES' GARRISONS WITH A UNIT OF HELICOPTERS AT SUCH LOCATIONS AS KISARAZU (IN CHIBA PREFECTURE, WITH A

1,830-METER RUNWAY) AND TACHIKAWA (IN TOKYO, WITH A 900-METER-LONG RUNWAY).

THE FUTENMA AIRFIELD SITE IS SCHEDULED TO BE RETURNED TO THE LOCAL SIDE IN "FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS." REGARDING THIS REVERSION SCHEDULE, DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL MASUO MORODOMI SAYS, "WE WILL HAVE TO CARRY OUT AN ENORMOUSLY LARGE VOLUME OF ADMINISTRATIVE WORK -- INCLUDING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SURVEY AND LOCAL COORDINATION. SO, IT'S HARD WORK." FOR THIS REASON, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SHORTEN THE RUNWAY'S LENGTH AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN INTENDS TO INCLUDE MORE IN ITS LISTING OF CANDIDATE LOCALITIES THAT CAN ACCEPT THE HELIPORT TRANSFER PLAN -- IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY ON THE LIST, SUCH AS THE KADENA AMMUNITION DEPOT (IN YOMITAN VILLAGE, ONNA VILLAGE, ETC.) AND THE "MIDDLE TRAINING AREA" THAT STRETCHES OVER CAMP SCHWAB (IN NAGO CITY) AND CAMP HANSEN (IN KIN TOWN, ETC.). AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT IS THINKING OF TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE FEELINGS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE PLACES THAT ARE ON THE LIST FOR THE TRANSFER PLAN.

TROUBLE SEEN IN READYING LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH FORCIBLE USE OF OKINAWA BASE LAND
(ASAHI - PAGE 2, MAY 12 EDITION)

THE OKINAWA COMMITTEE ON EXPROPRIATION ON THE 11TH RULED OUT THE CONTINUOUS USE OF PART OF THE U.S. MILITARY TELECOM SITE (IN YOMITANSON, OKINAWA PREFECTURE). GIVEN THE CONDITION, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RULING CAMP WILL BEGIN A FULL-FLEDGED STUDY NEXT WEEK OF LEGAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING A REVISION OF THE MILITARY SITES SPECIAL MEASURES LAW. BESIDES THE SOBE TELECOM SITE, THE TERM OF CONTRACTS WITH 3,000 LANDOWNERS IS TO EXPIRE NEXT MAY. THE GOVERNMENT IS WARY, SUSPECTING THAT "CAUSING HINDRANCE TO LAND USE MAY AFFECT THE OVERALL JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT" (GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL).

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO STATED TO THE PRESS ON THE 10TH: "REVISING THE MILITARY SITES SPECIAL MEASURES LAW IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS THAT REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY." HIS COMMENT SUGGESTED THAT THE SPECIAL LAW IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST LIKELY OPTIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT.

THIS OPTION IS MOST REALISTIC BECAUSE: "AMENDING SUCH REGULAR LAWS AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW AND THE LAND EXPROPRIATION LAW WOULD REQUIRE COMPLEX LEGAL ADJUSTMENTS AND LEGISLATING A NEW SPECIAL LAW WOULD PROBABLY SPARK FIERCE PUBLIC OPPOSITION," ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. SPECIFICALLY, THE GOVERNMENT WILL LOOK INTO: 1) A REVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT-ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS RELATED TO LAND USE, SUCH AS PROXY SIGNING, PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND INSPECTION; AND 2) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ORGAN REPLACING THE EXPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

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ADJUSTMENTS MAY LEAD OKINAWA AND OTHER LOCAL BODIES TO
HARDEN THEIR STANDS AND THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY AFFECT THE
GOVERNMENT'S WORK TO RETURN THE 11 FACILITIES INCLUDED IN
THE INTERIM REPORT COMPILED BY THE JAPAN-U.S. SPECIAL
ACTION COMMITTEE (SACO).

LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TAKU YAMASAKI ON THE 10TH CATEGORICALLY
NOTED THAT THE COALITION WOULD LOOK INTO LEGAL
IMPROVEMENT. BUT WHEN IT CAME TO SPECIFICS, HE WOULD
ONLY SAY, "WE STILL DO NOT KNOW HOW WE ARE GOING TO
APPROACH IT. WE NEED TO WORK OUT WHETHER TO AMEND THE
EXISTING SPECIAL LAW OR TO LEGISLATE ANOTHER LAW." AS
FOR THE LDP'S PARTNERS, THE SAKIGAKE PARTY HAS SHOWN SOME
UNDERSTANDING TOWARD LEGAL ADJUSTMENTS. BUT SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) CHAIRMAN TOMIICHI MURAYAMA "DOES
NOT THINK SUCH IS DESIRABLE." THE COALITION HAS MUCH
WORK TO DO BEFORE ACTUALLY STARTING THE STUDY.

ONE LDP MEMBER WHO SERVED AS JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA)
DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS EXPRESSED GREAT EXPECTATIONS TOWARD
THE SDP: "THE LDP WILL DO EVERYTHING IT CAN FOR
REVERSION OF MILITARY SITES. IN RETURN, WE HOPE THAT THE
SDP WILL WORK AS A CONDUIT BETWEEN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
AND OKINAWA PREFECTURE."

ANOTHER FORMER EXECUTIVE LDP MEMBER SAYS OTHERWISE:
"INEPT MEASURES TAKEN BY THE DEFENSE FACILITIES
ADMINISTRATION AGENCY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE
ENTANGLED THE SOBE TELECOM SITE ISSUE. IN ORDER FOR US
LAWMAKERS TO FULFILL OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, WE SHOULD NOT
LEAVE EVERYTHING TO THE BUREAUCRACY. INSTEAD, WE SHOULD
RESHUFFLE THE CABINET AND INSTALL, FOR INSTANCE, AN
OKINAWA MINISTER AS A VISIBLE STEP."

GOVERNMENT, FEARING SECOND YUGOSLAVIA, PREPARING
ECONOMIN AID FOR RESCURING CIS REFUGEES
(SANKEI - TOP PLAY)

TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF RUSSIAN REFUGEES LIVING IN
THE THREE BALTIC STATES AND THE COUNTRIES THAT MAKE UP
THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (CIS) FORMED BY
THE DISMANTLING OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION, THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT ON MAY 12 BEGAN TO CONSIDER ECONOMIC
COOPERATION TOWARD RUSSIA FOR THE HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE OF
RESCUING REFUGEES. IT WILL OUTLINE ITS BASIC POLICY
APPROACH, AS PART OF ITS PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY, AT THE
FIRST MEETING OF COUNTRIES SUPPORTIVE OF THE CIS PLANNED
FOR GENEVA IN LATE MAY.

SINCE 1991 WHEN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION BROKE APART,
RUSSIANS LIVING IN THE CIS AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN
GRADUALLY BUT NOTICEABLY BECOMING REFUGEES, ACCORDING TO
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA).

RUSSIANS LIVING IN THE REPUBLICS WHICH BECAME INDEPENDENT
FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION TOTAL 25 MILLION OR SO AT
PRESENT. OF THEM, NEARLY 10 PERCENT OR MORE THAN 2
MILLION RUSSIANS DESIRE TO EMIGRATE TO RUSSIA BECAUSE OF
THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES THEY FACE FROM DISCRIMINATORY
TREATMENT BY THE NEW GOVERNMENTS IN THE NEW INDEPENDENT
STATES. A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM ARE NOW REPORTEDLY MOVING
(INTO RUSSIA).

ACCORDING TO THE RUSSIAN SIDE, THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT
REPUBLICS ARE TRYING TO "DRIVE OUT RUSSIANS" BY
PROHIBITING THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE UNDER DOMESTIC LAW
ESTABLISHED AT THE TIME OF INDEPENDENCE OR BY SETTING UP
A NATIONALITY PROVISION WHICH IS APPLICABLE TO EMPLOYMENT
BY PRIVATE-SECTOR FIRMS. BUT THE THREE BALTIC NATIONS
WHICH BECAME INDEPENDENT FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND
THE CIS STATES STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE RUSSIAN CLAIM,
ARGUING THAT THEY ARE ONE-SIDED. THE PLANNED CIS-
SUPPORTERS MEETING IS EXPECTED TO BE DIFFICULT.

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THE (CIS) MEETING WAS CALLED IN RESPONSE TO THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT'S SUGGESTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ASSISTANCE MEASURES DUE TO RUSSIA'S DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF RECEIVING RUSSIAN REFUGEES. PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING MAY 30 - 31 WILL BE 30 COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE COUNTRIES THAT MADE UP THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND THE SEVEN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, AND 10 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. FROM JAPAN, A DEPUTY-FOREIGN MINISTER-LEVEL OFFICIAL WILL PARTICIPATE.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STRESSES THE NECESSITY FOR RUSSIA TO MAKE SELF-HELP EFFORTS, NOTING, "BASICALLY, IT IS A DOMESTIC PROBLEM FOR THE FORMER SOVIET UNION" (SENIOR OFFICIAL), BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS FEAR WITHIN MOFA THAT THE REFUGEE PROBLEM MAY LEAD TO "ANOTHER YUGOSLAVIA." "IF GREAT NUMBERS OF RUSSIANS BECOME REFUGEES, THEY WOULD NOT ONLY OBSTRUCT RUSSIA FROM MOVING AHEAD WITH ITS REFORM LINE, BUT THE COST OF COPING WITH SUCH A PROBLEM WOULD EXPAND TO MORE THAN THE COST OF PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY" (SENIOR OFFICIAL). WHAT IS SUGGESTED FROM THAT REMARK IS THAT IF THE PROBLEM IS LEFT UNTOUCHED, JAPAN WOULD BE ASKED TO SHOULDER VAST AMOUNTS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OVER TIME.

U.S.-JAPAN PHOTOFILM DISPUTE HEATS UP WASHINGTON
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 3 ,MAY 12 EDITION)

THE DISPUTE OVER THE PHOTOFILM ISSUE HAS HEATED UP IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES. MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS AND GOVERNORS OF STATES WITH CLOSELY INVOLVEMENT WITH EITHER EASTMAN KODAK OR FUJI FILM, THE PARTIES CONCERNED, HAVE ALSO JOINED THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF RECRIMINATIONS. WITH NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN RESOLVING THE ISSUE IN SIGHT, THE SITUATION NOW APPEARS TO BE DESCENDING INTO A QUAGMIRE OF WORDS.

FUJI FILM ON THE 10TH DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEDIA COPIES OF A STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WHERE FUJI HAS A PLANT. THE PURPOSE OF THE STATEMENT IS: "A MOVEMENT NOT TO BUY FUJI PRODUCTS MEANS A BOYCOTT OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA." SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS STRONGLY OPPOSE THE BOYCOTT THAT IS NOW BEING PLANNED.

THE BOYCOTT PLAN WAS REVEALED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE 8TH BY SENATE BANKING, FINANCE AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN D'AMATO, REPRESENTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THIS IS A COUNTERMEASURE TO BE TAKEN IN CASE THE

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO REJECT TALKS ON THE PHOTOFILM ISSUE. GOVERNOR PATAKI (TN: PHONETIC) OF NEW YORK STATE HAS AGREED TO THE MEASURE AS WELL, ACCORDING TO D'AMATO. THE HEAD OFFICE OF KODAK IS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

A KODAK EXECUTIVE STATED, "WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH D'AMATO'S WORDS," BUT FUJI FILM IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED AN COUNTERATTACK. LAWYER BARINGER (TN: PHONETIC) FOR THE COMPANY GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AND INDICATED THAT THE COMPANY WOULD NOT HESITATE TO TAKE LEGAL STEPS, SAYING, "IF IT IS LEARNED THAT KODAK HAS DEVISED SUCH A PLAN, WE WILL BRING THE CASE TO A COURT TO HAVE THE COMPANY END THE BOYCOTT."

BEFORE PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO JAPAN, THERE WAS AN "INCIDENT" IN WHICH ABOUT 25,000 LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF KODAK WERE SENT TO AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. SAITO. THOSE LETTERS WERE ALL UNDER THE NAMES OF PRIVATE PERSONS, BUT THEIR TEXTS WERE ALL THE SAME. THERE IS A STRONG SUSPICION THAT KODAK ORCHESTRATED SUCH A MOVE.

WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, CASES ARE INCREASING WHERE AMERICAN POLITICIANS ACT AS SPOKESMEN FOR INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES. WHILE THE TWO GOVERNMENTS

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FOR: USIA D/P, I/GEA, I/RF, I/RFW, EA, RMR; STATE FOR EAR/J; STATE PASS TO USTR/PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE; CIA WASHDC; SECDEF FOR JCS/J-5/JAPAN, OASD/ISA/EAPR/JAPAN; TREASURY/OASIA/IMI; WHITE HOUSE; COMMERCE FOR DAS; USCINCPAC/PA; CINCPACFLT/PA; COMUSJ/PA; COMNAVFORJAPAN/PA.

E.O. 12958: N/A

SUBJECT: JAPANESE MORNING PRESS HIGHLIGHTS MAY 13

REMAIN UNABLE TO FIND WAY OUT OF THE CURRENT IMPASSE; THE PHOTOFILM ISSUE HAS GRADUALLY BECOME A "POLITICAL GAME." YASUHIKO OTA IN WASHINGTON) BLACKBURN

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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION, US-JAPAN SECURITY; JAPAN

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E.O. 12958; N/A

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION, US-JAPAN SECURITY; JAPAN

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"DESPITE THE DECISION, THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CONTINUE TEMPORARY USE OF THE PLOT ON GROUNDS. IT REASONS IT TO BE AN OBLIGATION UNDER THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY AND THE U.S.-JAPAN STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SUCH LAND FOR U.S. BASES... IT APPEARS THE NATION'S SECURITY POLICY IS INFLUENCED BY PREFECTURAL LAND EXPROPRIATION COMMITTEES WHICH COULD OBSTRUCT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN THE EXECUTION OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT PLAN TO REVISE LAWS (ALLOWING THE STATE EMERGENCY USE OF LAND FOR THE U.S. MILITARY) IS A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF THE SITUATION."

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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR ELO ROBINSON TDY
TO JAPAN

REF: USIA 10874

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OFFICE; TREASURY/OASIA/IMI; NSC; SECDEF FOR OASD/PA; CP
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E.O. 12958; N/A
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION, US-JAPAN SECURITY; JAPAN

1. POST GRANTS COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR ROBINSON WITH
PLEASURE.
2. ASIDE FROM VISIT TO ELEC AS PLANNED AND MEETING WITH
USIS STAFF, POST HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO
ROBINSON'S SCHEDULE. UNLESS THERE ARE OTHER SPECIFIC
APPOINTMENTS ROBINSON WISHES IN TOKYO, POST BELIEVES
THAT ONE FULL DAY OF TDY WILL BE SUFFICIENT AND
RECOMMENDS HE PLAN HIS DEPARTURE FOR JUNE 6.
3. NARITA AIRPORT IS APPROXIMATELY NINETY MINUTES FROM
DOWNTOWN TOKYO. POST WILL FORWARD TO ROBINSON
DIRECTIONS FOR USING AIRPORT LIMOUSINE BUS.
4. POST WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.
PLEASE ADVISE FINAL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES.
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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION, US-JAPAN SECURITY; JAPAN

LEAD STORIES: THE TOKYO SHIMBUN GAVE TOP COVERAGE THE
MORNING OF MAY 14 TO PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO'S
INSTRUCTION TO MOFA, JDA AND OTHER MINISTRIES TO STUDY
CONCRETE MEASURES FOR U.S.-JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION IN
TIMES OF EMERGENCY IN THE FAR EAST. THE YOMIURI GAVE
TOP PLAY TO COALITION GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REVAMP THE
HIRING PROCESS FOR BUREAUCRATS.

1. "SHORT-LIVED JOY OVER FUTENMA'S RETURN; OKINAWANS
ANGRY AT PLAN TO CONSTRUCT LARGE-SCALE U.S. BASE" THE
LIBERAL ASAHI CARRIED A COMMENTARY (MAY 13) SAYING,
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U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN MONDALE ANNOUNCED THE COMPLETE

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"EVEN IF THE MID-TERM SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON OKINAWA REPORT IS IMPLEMENTED, OKINAWA WILL REMAIN A 'BASE ISLAND.' IT IS APPARENT -- FROM THE BEGINNING - - THAT THE LOCAL PEOPLE WILL NOT STAND FOR GOJ PLANS THAT MERELY MOVE U.S. BASES (AND THEIR FUNCTIONS) AROUND IN THE PREFECTURE. WITHOUT AN ACTUAL CUTBACK OF U.S. TROOPS, THE U.S. BASE DISPUTE ON OKINAWA CANNOT BE RESOLVED." BLACKBURN

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HIGHLY; 50 PERCENT FAVOR REINFORCEMENT OF DEFENSE
COOPERATION; 84 PERCENT OPPOSED TO INJECTION OF TAX-
PAYERS' MONEY TO BAIL OUT FAILED JUSEN (TRANSLATION
BELOW)

NIHON KEIZAI: PRIME MINISTER TO FORMULATE NEW SOCIAL
WELFARE VISION; PEOPLE'S BURDEN LIKELY TO BE WITHIN 50
PERCENT AT PEAK OF AGING SOCIETY; SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC

NURSING INSURANCE BILL TO CURRENT DIET SESSION SHELVED

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YOMIURI: NO AGREEMENT SEEN ON ADDITIONAL FOOD AID; JAPAN, U.S., ROK RELEASE A JOINT STATEMENT ON NORTH KOREA; "FOUR-WAY TALKS" TO CONTINUE TO PERSUADE (ARTICLE IN ENGLISH ED.)

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CABINET SUPPORT RATE AT 44 PERCENT; 50 PERCENT STRESS DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH U.S. (ASAHI - TOP PLAY)

THE ASAHI SHIMBUN ON MAY 12 AND 13 CONDUCTED AN INTERVIEW-STYLE NATIONWIDE OPINION POLL ON THE HASHIMOTO ADMINISTRATION. THE RESULTS SHOW THAT 44 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE SUPPORT THE CABINET -- UP CONSIDERABLY FROM THE PREVIOUS TELEPHONE POLL THAT MARKED 36 PERCENT. THE VOTERS EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE JUSEN (HOUSING LOAN COMPANIES) SCHEME INVOLVING PUBLIC FINANCING. BUT PEOPLE PARTICULARLY HIGHLY EVALUATED THE HASHIMOTO ADMINISTRATION'S HANDLING OF THE JAPAN-U.S. RELATIONSHIP, CITING THE REVERSION OF FUTENMA AIR STATION. THE IMPROVED POPULARITY RATING IS PERHAPS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SUCH AN ELEMENT.

HASHIMOTO TO ISSUE NEW POLICY VISION FOR AGING SOCIETY (NIHON KEIZAI - TOP PLAY)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO DECIDED AS OF YESTERDAY TO WORK OUT A "NEW WELFARE VISION" (TENTATIVE NAME) THAT WOULD PRESENT A FUTURE COURSE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICES AND THE PEOPLE'S BURDEN (IN SUPPORTING SUCH SERVICES). HE WILL SPOTLIGHT THIS POLICY CONCEPT (THE HASHIMOTO VISION) KEEPING IN MIND THE NEXT LOWER-HOUSE ELECTION. HE WILL MAINTAIN THE GOVERNMENT GOAL OF HOLDING DOWN THE PEOPLE'S BURDEN TO BELOW 50 PERCENT EVEN AT THE PEAK OF THE AGING SOCIETY, WHICH IS PREDICTED TO COME IN THE YEAR 2020. THE VISION WILL ALSO INCLUDE FUTURE EFFORTS FOR SYSTEMATIC REORGANIZATION, SUCH AS IMPROVEMENT OF NURSING SERVICES AND MEDICAL REFORM, AS WELL AS HOW SUCH EXPENDITURES SHOULD BE BORN. HE HAS JUDGED IT INDISPENSABLE TO CONDUCT THOROUGH DEBATE ON SOCIAL SECURITY AS THE TOP PRIORITY IN CONSIDERING FULL-FLEDGED FINANCIAL RECONSTRUCTION. THE GOVERNMENT HAS

DECIDED TO GIVE UP ON SUBMITTING THE PUBLIC NURSING INSURANCE BILL TO THE CURRENT DIET SESSION, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF AVOIDING SLIPSHOD WORK.

OPINIONS DIVERGE AT TRILATERAL TALKS ON NORTH KOREA

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(ASAHI - PAGE 9)

(CHEJU ISLAND (ROK), MAY 14, TSUTOMU WATANABE) IN THE SECOND ROUND OF VICE-MINISTER-LEVEL TALKS AMONG JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE THREE COUNTRIES REACHED AGREEMENT ON A COMMON PERCEPTION ABOUT FOOD SHORTAGES IN THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA), BUT JAPAN AND THE U.S. STATED, "NO (FOOD) ASSISTANCE IS BEING PLANNED AT THE PRESENT STAGE," INDICATING THEIR STANDPOINT OF ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE ROK. JAPAN, THE U.S. AND THE ROK ARE NOW IN STEP WITH ONE ANOTHER IN DEALING WITH NORTH KOREA, BUT THEIR POSITIONS STILL DIFFER OVER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE NORTH FOR DIPLOMATIC NORMALIZATION AND HOW TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE NORTH. THERE SEEMS TO BE A NEED FOR THE THREE TO MEET CONSTANTLY TO DISCUSS (THE POLICY TOWARD NORTH KOREA) INTO THE FUTURE AS WELL.

AS THE PRODUCT OF THE TRILATERAL TALKS THIS TIME, THE ROK DELEGATION HIGHLIGHTED A PROPOSAL MADE BY THE U.S. AND THE ROK TO CONSULT WITH NORTH KOREA SO AS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF HAVING QUADRILATERAL TALKS. SINCE INFORMAL CONTACTS HAVE CONTINUED BETWEEN HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA AFTER LEADERS OF THE U.S. AND ROK SUGGESTED HOLDING FOUR-WAY TALKS, THE ROK'S IRRITATION HAD BEEN GROWING.

OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR SUCH A POSITION OF THE ROK, THE U.S. SAID, "WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF EXPLAINING SUCH TALKS WITHOUT THE ROK," AND PROMISED THAT IT WOULD ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY TO BRING ABOUT A SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE.

ON THE FOOD SITUATION, THEIR PERCEPTION WAS THAT "IT IS QUITE SEVERE," BUT JAPAN AND THE U.S. STATED, "FOR NOW, WE HAVE NO PLANS TO EXTEND ASSISTANCE," BASED ON CONSIDERATION FOR THE ROK'S STANDPOINT. REGARDING FOOD AID AND RELAXATION OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, THE U.S. REMARKED, "WE WILL MAKE A DECISION, WATCHING CHANGES IN THE SITUATION," AND HINTING AT CONSIDERING THEM IF (THE NORTH) ACCEPTS QUADRILATERAL TALKS. THE U.S. INDICATED ITS STANCE OF LEADING THE NORTH TO JOIN SUCH TALKS.

ACCORDING TO A JAPANESE DELEGATION SOURCE, THE REASON WHY BOTH JAPAN AND THE U.S. INTENTIONALLY USED THE WORDS, "FOR NOW," REGARDING FOOD ASSISTANCE IS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO IMPLY "IT IS POSSIBLE (TO PROVIDE FOOD ASSISTANCE) IN THE FUTURE." THE SOURCE EMPHASIZED THAT "IF ANY CALL (FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE) COMES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, WE WILL CONSIDER DOING IT. FOOD AID IS A HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM. OUR ASSISTANCE GIVEN LAST YEAR WAS ALSO BASED ON A HUMANITARIAN JUDGMENT," AND SUGGESTED A POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN AND THE U.S., ON THEIR OWN DECISION, GIVING ASSISTANCE.

ADDITIONALLY, REFERRING TO BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO NORMALIZE DIPLOMATIC TIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND NORTH KOREA, THE SOURCE EXPLAINED THE POSITION THAT "SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE PROMOTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SETTLING PAST MATTERS AND FOR THE STABILITY OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA, BUT THEY WOULD HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH QUADRILATERAL TALKS." THE ROK REPORTEDLY HAD NEITHER REBUTTAL NOR REQUEST TO ADD.

ON RELAXATION OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, THE U.S. REMARKED, "WE DECIDED TO PARTIALLY LIFT SUCH SANCTIONS IN JANUARY 1995, OBSERVING THE PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED (IN 1994) BETWEEN U.S. AND NORTH KOREA ON THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM ISSUE, AND EMPHASIZED WHETHER TO EASE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WILL BE DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE IN BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE NORTH, ADDING IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY INTEND TO LINK SUCH TO THE PROPOSED QUADRILATERAL TALKS.

IN ORDER TO INDUCE NORTH KOREA TO JOIN FOUR-WAY TALKS, JAPAN, THE U.S. AND THE ROK ON THE SURFACE HAVE NOW ACTED
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IN CONCERT, BUT AS TO HOW TO REALIZE SUCH TALKS, THE
ACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCE IS: "IN MANY RESPECTS, THE THREE ARE
IN THE SAME BED BUT DREAMING DIFFERENT DREAMS" (JAPANESE
DIPLOMATIC SOURCE). THEREFORE, THE THREE IN THE
STATEMENT HIGHLY VALUED THE POINT: "THE THREE COUNTRIES
HAD A CHANCE TO GENERALLY EXAMINE THE CLOSE COOPERATIVE
SYSTEM THAT EXISTS AMONG THEMSELVES," BUT THEY DID NOT AT
ALL MENTION SPECIFICS, ON WHICH THEIR OPINIONS DIFFER.

ACCORDING TO A PARTICIPANT, THE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING
THE MEETING THIS TIME WAS RATHER MODERATE FROM THAT AT
THE JANUARY MEETING, IN WHICH THE U.S. AND THE ROK WERE
IN CONFRONTATION OVER EVALUATION OF "FOOD SHORTAGE." IN
THE FUTURE ALSO, JAPAN, THE U.S. AND THE ROK CANNOT HELP
ACTING IN CONCERT WHILE KEEPING IN CLOSE CONTACTS TO
DISCUSS POLICY TOWARD NORTH KOREA.

UPPER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE COMPLETES REPORT ON
CHINA-TAIWAN ISSUE (SANKEI - PAGE 2)

YESTERDAY, THE "SUB-COMMITTEE ON ASIA-PACIFIC AFFAIRS"
(CHAIRIED BY KEIZO TAKEMI) OF THE UPPER- HOUSE FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ADOPTED WITHOUT DISSENT A PROPOSAL FOR
A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CHINA-TAIWAN ISSUE. THE
PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
AFFAIRS ON THE 16TH. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FOR JAPAN TO
COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL ON SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE AS
THE TAIWAN PROBLEM SINCE IT NORMALIZED DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

THE PROPOSAL IN ITS PREAMBLE NOTES THAT BASED ON THE
JAPAN-CHINA JOINT DECLARATION AND THE JAPAN-CHINA PEACE
TREATY, "WE HOPE FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF FRIENDLY
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF JAPAN AND CHINA." AT
THE SAME TIME, IT CRITICIZES CHINA FOR ITS RESPONSE
TOWARD TAIWAN'S DEMOCRATIZATION EFFORTS, STATING "WE
CANNOT HELP BUT BE CONCERNED BY SUCH MILITARY ACTIONS."
IT ALSO CHARACTERIZES THE TENSION IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS
AS SOMETHING OF "INTERNATIONAL INTEREST RELATED TO THE
PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION."

SPECIFICALLY, THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES FIVE POINTS:

1) THE TAIWAN PROBLEM BE SOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN A

PEACEFUL MANNER;

- 2) MEASURES BE FOUND TO AVERT AN ARMS RACE IN ASIA AS A RESULT OF THE MILITARY TENSION IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS;
- 3) DEMOCRATIZATION IN TAIWAN IS TO BE WELCOMED, AND CHINA AND TAIWAN ARE EXPECTED TO PROMOTE EFFORTS FOR PROTECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS;
- 4) CHINA'S AND TAIWAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARE TO BE WELCOMED; AND
- 5) DIALOGUES BE CLOSELY HELD BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS, PARLIAMENTS, AND AT THE PRIVATE-SECTOR-LEVEL IN ORDER TO DEEPEN THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

THERE HAD BEEN NO SUCH A CASE OF THE DIET COMPILING A PROPOSAL OR A REPORT ON THE TAIWAN ISSUE SINCE 1972 WHEN JAPAN AND CHINA NORMALIZED THEIR DIPLOMATIC TIES. SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TAKEMI PRAISED THE PROPOSAL, COMMENTING: "THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE PARTLY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE NOW STRONGLY ASPIRE TO PEACE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC AND A VIEW RESPECTING DEMOCRACY IN THE REGION IS NOW SPREADING IN JAPAN. IN ADDITION, THE JAPANESE DIET, TOO, HAS MATURED."

THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON ASIA-PACIFIC AFFAIRS WAS ESTABLISHED LATE FEBRUARY. IT HAS DISCUSSED OPTIONS FOR JAPANESE DIPLOMACY TOWARD ASIAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES. AFTER PRESENTING ITS PROPOSAL TO THE UPPER-HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, IT PLANS TO SEND IT TO THE EMBASSIES OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES IN TOKYO, AS WELL AS TO TAIWAN.

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TRADE BARRIER REPORT (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 5)

THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY COMPILED A REPORT REFUTING THE FOREIGN TRADE BARRIERS REPORT THAT THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE RELEASED ON APRIL 1. THE U.S. REPORT FOCUSED ON 49 ITEMS IN EIGHT AREAS AS JAPANESE TRADE BARRIERS. THE WRITTEN REBUTTAL CRITICIZES THE REPORT, "TO CATEGORICALLY MAKE JUDGMENTS REGARDING THE DEGREE OF MARKET-OPENNESS BASED PRIMARILY ON SHARES (IN THE MARKET) IS RESULTS-ORIENTED." IT CITES FACTUAL EPRORS FOR EACH ITEM, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM AND MICROCHIPS, AND OUTLINES THE JAPANESE SIDE'S OBJECTIONS.

IN REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM, THE U.S. REPORTS POINTS OUT THE CLOSED NATURE OF JAPAN'S DISTRIBUTION MARKET, BUT THE JAPANESE SIDE CRITICIZED SUCH, NOTING, "THE REPORT DOES SHOW ANY CONCRETE PROOF TO BACK UP ITS ARGUMENT." AS TO SEMICONDUCTORS, THE REPORT NOTES, "TRADE TENSIONS HAVE DIMINISHED UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT. INDUSTRY RELATIONS ARE HARMONIOUS AND CONFRONTATION HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH COOPERATION." THE WRITTEN REBUTTAL, HOWEVER, CLAIMS THAT THAT IS NOT THE FACT. IT CONCLUDES, "IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO INSIST ON THE EXTENSION OF THE BILATERAL SEMICONDUCTOR AGREEMENT, BASED ON A MISTAKEN PERCEPTION."

(ED.: SIMILAR COVERAGE IN OTHER DAILIES.)

INSURANCE TALKS DEADLOCK OVER THIRD SECTOR
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 5)

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) AND THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE (USTR) YESTERDAY RESUMED THEIR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LIBERALIZATION OF JAPAN'S INSURANCE MARKET. IN IT THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS MADE A NEW PROPOSAL REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE "THIRD SECTOR," WHICH INCLUDES ACCIDENT AND ILLNESS INSURANCE, IN WHICH FOREIGN AFFILIATES ARE SUCCESSFUL HERE. THE JAPANESE SIDE, HOWEVER, NEGATIVELY REACTED TO THE PROPOSAL, CLAIMING, "THE U.S. PROPOSAL DOES NOT SPECIFY A TIME WHEN THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO EASE THE DRASTIC CHANGE (MARKET-ENTRY RESTRICTIONS INTO THE THIRD SECTOR) WOULD COME TO THE END ." THE TWO SIDES REMAIN WIDE APART. THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONTINUED TODAY.

THE NEGOTIATIONS BROUGHT TOGETHER DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL KURODA OF THE MOF FINANCE BUREAU AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT USTR SOUTHWICK. THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE IN CONFRONTATION OVER INTERPRETATION OF THE JAPAN-U.S. INSURANCE AGREEMENT. THEY ARE AIMING AT REACHING A COMPROMISE BY JUNE 1. AS A RESULT OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE INSURANCE BUSINESS LAW, JAPANESE INSURERS ARE PREPARING TO ESTABLISH SUBSIDIARIES FOR ENTRY INTO THE THIRD SECTOR. THE POINT OF DISAGREEMENT IS TO WHAT EXTENT SUCH AN ENTRY SHOULD BE ALLOWED.

DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE U.S. ASKED JAPAN TO GIVE DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF MEASURES THAT JAPAN PROPOSED AT THE PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS TO LIBERALIZE THE LIFE AND NON-LIFE

INSURANCE SECTORS. THEN THE U.S. PROPOSED ANEW MEASURES TO LIBERALIZE THE LIFE AND NON-LIFE INSURANCE SECTORS IN THE FORM OF DEVELOPING THE JAPANESE PLAN AND ENTRY INTO THE THIRD SECTOR BY JAPANESE INSURERS.

REGARDING THE TIMING OF THE OPENING OF THE THIRD SECTOR TO JAPANESE FIRMS, THE U.S. INSISTED ON "WITHIN THREE YEARS AFTER THE LIBERALIZATION OF THE LIFE AND NON-LIFE INSURANCE SECTORS." JAPAN REJECTED SUCH A PROPOSAL, NOTING, "THE PLAN DOES NOT SPECIFY THE TIME WHEN DOMESTIC FIRMS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE THIRD SECTOR. IT RUNS CONTRARY TO CONSUMER NEEDS."

TRANSPORT MINISTRY BLOCKS RUNWAY TO EXPANDED USE OF BUSINESS JETS IN JAPAN (YOMIURI - PAGE 8)

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WITH THE AIM OF WIDENING THE USE OF BUSINESS PLANES IN JAPAN, JUST LIKE IN THE U.S. AND EUROPE, WHERE BUSINESS PLANES HAVE COME INTO WIDE USE AMONG POLITICAL AND BUSINESSMEN, 22 COMPANIES INCLUDING TOYOTA MOTOR AND C. ITO & CO., HAVE ESTABLISHED A JAPAN BUSINESS AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION. KEEPING IN MIND THAT PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS AT AIRPORTS HAVE OBSTRUCTED THE WIDESPREAD USE OF SUCH PLANES IN JAPAN, THE ASSOCIATION WILL ASK THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (MOT) TO SET ASIDE SLOTS FOR BUSINESS PLANES TO TAKE OFF AND LAND AT NARITA AND HANEDA AIRPORTS. BUT THE MOT IS RELUCTANT TO GO ALONG WITH THE PROPOSAL. WHETHER BUSINESS PLANES WILL BE ABLE TO SMOOTHLY "TAKE OFF" IS STILL UNCLEAR.

ACCORDING TO ESTIMATES BY THE ASSOCIATION, 11,000 COMPANIES OF MAINLY EUROPE AND THE U.S. POSSESS 16,000 BUSINESS PLANES, AND EXECUTIVES, SUCH AS CHAIRMEN AND

PRESIDENTS, HAVE USED THEM FOR DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS TRIPS. IN JAPAN, HOWEVER, THE DISSEMINATION OF BUSINESS PLANES HAS LAGGED BEHIND OTHER COUNTRIES, WITH ONLY 10 OR SO COMPANIES SUCH AS TOYOTA AND SONY HAVING SUCH PLANES. CITED AS THE REASONS ARE SMALLER AREA OF LAND, COMPARED WITH EUROPE AND THE U.S., LITTLE RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR BUSINESS JETS, AND THE DOMINANT VIEW OF GIVING PRIORITY TO REGULAR-SERVICE PLANES IN VIEW OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST ASPECT.

AT NARITA AIRPORT, THE USE OF RUNAWAYS HAS BEEN ALLOWED FOR BUSINESS PLANES ONLY WHEN THEY ARE OUT OF USE, BUT IN A YEAR, NO MORE THAN 300 TAKING-OFFS AND LANDINGS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED. AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH SUCH A SMALL NUMBER.

THE JAPAN BUSINESS AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION WILL FIRST REQUEST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL SLOT AT HANEDA AIRPORT, TIMING IT WITH THE COMPLETION OF EXPANSION CONSTRUCTION NEXT YEAR, IN THE FORM OF MAKING USE OF "FOREIGN PRESSURE" BY STRESSING THAT IF THERE IS NO FRAMEWORK FOR BUSINESS PLANES, VISITS BY EXECUTIVES OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN LEADING COMPANIES MIGHT BE HINDERED AND SUCH MIGHT BE CALLED A TRADE BARRIER. JAPAN AIRLINES SHOJI ADVISOR TAKAYUKI HASHIZUME, WHO ASSUMED THE POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, COMMENTED, "AS THE ECONOMIES OF THE WORLD HAVE BECOME BORDERLESS, IF JAPAN LEAVES THE CURRENT SITUATION UNHEEDED, IT WILL BE INTERNATIONALLY LEFT BEHIND AS AN ORPHAN."

IN RESPONSE, THE MOT HAS VIEWED IT DIFFICULT TO SET ASIDE SLOTS FOR BUSINESS PLANES. THE MINISTRY INSTEAD IS WILLING TO PUSH AHEAD WITH FORMING AN ARRANGEMENT FOR BUSINESS PLANES TO BE ABLE TO USE RUNAWAYS FLEXIBLY WHEN THEY ARE NOT BEING USED.

U.S. FORCES ALREADY USING CIVILIAN AIR FACILITIES IN JAPAN (TOKYO SHIMBUN - TOP PLAY)

THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOW AGREED TO CONDUCT JOINT STUDIES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. ARMED FORCES MAKING USE OF CIVILIAN AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY IN THE FAR EAST. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, THE TOKYO SHIMBUN LEARNED ON MAY 14 THAT A TOTAL OF 926 U.S. MILITARY PLANES HAD MADE LANDINGS AT 33 AIRPORTS IN JAPAN LAST YEAR, AND THAT U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT'S USE OF DOMESTIC CIVILIAN FACILITIES HAS BEEN GRADUALLY UNDER WAY AS AN ESTABLISHED FACT. KYUSHU -- POSSIBLY A BASE ISLAND TO DISPATCH U.S. TROOPS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA -- HAS BEEN IN OUTSTANDINGLY FREQUENT USE. A STAFF OFFICER OF THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES TAKES IT THAT "THAT'S CONCURRENTLY FOR ORIENTATION-PURPOSE TRAINING." IN THE CASE OF PORT-HARBOR FACILITIES, THE 7TH FLEET'S FLAGSHIP AND DESTROYERS ENTERED TOKYO, YOKOHAMA, KAGOSHIMA, AND OTHER PORTS. IT SEEMS THAT THE JAPANESE ARCHIPELAGO IS NOW STEADILY TURNING INTO A "REAR SUPPORT BASE."

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THERE ARE NOW 84 AIRPORTS IN JAPAN AND SEAPORTS AT
VARIOUS PLACES IN THE COUNTRY. AMONG THOSE CIVILIAN
FACILITIES, HOWEVER, FUKUOKA AIRPORT IS THE ONLY ONE
DESIGNATED FOR JOINT USE UNDER THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF
FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA). IN FACT, HOWEVER, U.S. MILITARY
AIRCRAFT AND NAVAL SHIPS HAVE BEEN MAKING "FREE" USE OF
DOMESTIC AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS ON THE GROUNDS OF SOFA
ARTICLE 5 THAT ACCORDS ACCESS TO ANY JAPANESE AIRPORTS
AND SEAPORTS.

THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY INCREASE IN THE FREQUENCY OF
LANDINGS MADE BY U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT AT CIVILIAN
AIRPORTS DURING THE RECENT FIVE YEARS. THERE WERE 700
LANDINGS AT DOMESTIC AIRPORTS IN 1991, AND 926 LAST YEAR.
THE U.S. MILITARY HAS NOT REVEALED ANY REASON FOR THOSE
LANDINGS. ACCORDING TO WHAT WAS FOUND, HOWEVER, THOSE
WERE FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, SUCH AS AIRLIFTING, TRAINING,
AND LEISURE.

IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, THE AIR SELF-DEFENSE FORCE AND THE
U.S. AIR FORCE CARRIED OUT LARGE-SCALE JOINT TRAINING
OVER THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN PARTS OF KYUSHU AND OVER
THE SEA OFF SHIKOKU. SO, THERE WAS A RAPID INCREASE IN
THE NUMBER OF U.S. MILITARY PLANES FLYING TO VARIOUS
AIRPORTS IN KYUSHU, INCLUDING THOSE AT FUKUOKA, KITA-
KYUSHU, AND KUMAMOTO. AN OFFICIAL OF THE KUMAMOTO
AIRPORT OFFICE SAYS, "THE U.S. AIR FORCE'S C-130
TRANSPORTS SEEMED TO HAVE MADE SHUTTLE FLIGHTS BETWEEN
FUKUOKA AND KUMAMOTO, CARRYING MEN AND GOODS."

ON THE OTHER HAND, U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN
MAKING AN OUTSTANDINGLY LARGE NUMBER OF LANDINGS AT
NAGASAKI AIRPORT EACH YEAR. LAST YEAR, LANDINGS MADE BY

U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT THERE TOTALED 292. THOSE LANDINGS WERE MADE MOSTLY BY THE U.S. NAVY'S C-9S AND C-12S. AN OFFICIAL OF THE NAGASAKI AIRPORT OFFICE GUESSES THAT "THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN AIRLIFTING GOODS TO THE U.S. NAVY'S SASEBO BASE."

IN THE CASE OF NAGOYA AIRPORT, MOST OF THE U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT THAT LANDED THERE WERE MARINE HELICOPTERS ON THEIR WAY, AND THEIR LANDINGS AT THE AIRPORT WERE FOR REFUELING PURPOSES. THOSE THAT LANDED AT OSAKA AIRPORT AND KANSAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WERE ENGAGED IN THE TASK OF CARRYING GOODS FOR LOCALS AFTER THE GREAT HANSHIN (OSAKA-KOBE) EARTHQUAKE DISASTER.

AS FOR U.S. NAVAL SHIPS, THE BLUE RIDGE, THE FLAGSHIP OF THE U.S. NAVY'S 7TH FLEET, MADE A PORT CALL AT TOKYO FOR "FRIENDSHIP" FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVEN YEARS. AFTER THAT, THE BLUE RIDGE ENTERED THE PORTS OF NAGASAKI AND KAGOSHIMA, WHERE ITS OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT ITS PORT CALLS THERE WERE "FOR THE CREW'S REST."

REGARDING SUCH FACTS, AN SDF STAFF OFFICER SAYS, "IN THE CASE OF AIRPORTS WHERE U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT MAY MAKE EMERGENCY LANDINGS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY IN THE FAR EAST, I GUESS THEY TRY TO USE THOSE AIRPORTS ONCE CONCURRENTLY FOR THEIR ORIENTATION-PURPOSE TRAINING. AS FOR PORTS, IF THEY ENTER SOMEWHERE, THEY WILL KNOW THE TOTAL SETUP OF SUPPORT THERE -- SUCH AS PILOTS AND SUPPLIES." THE SDF OFFICER THUS VIEWS THAT THOSE LANDINGS AND PORT CALLS ARE DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE U.S. FORCES' TRAINING TO COUNTER EMERGENCIES.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY DIVISION COMMENTS, "U.S. FORCES MAY USE (CIVILIAN) AIRPORTS AND PORT-HARBOR FACILITIES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF CAUSING NO OBSTACLE TO REGULAR FLIGHTS OR OTHER SERVICES. IF THEIR PURPOSE IS TO CONDUCT TRAINING, THEN THEY SHOULD DO THAT WITHIN THE AREA OF FACILITIES OFFERED TO THEM."

THE IDEA OF CONDUCTING JOINT STUDIES ON U.S. FORCES' USE OF CIVILIAN AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS HAS BEEN AGREED UPON
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BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. IN EXCHANGE FOR THE OVERALL REVERSION OF THE SITE OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS' FUTENMA AIR STATION. THERE ARE NOW SUCH PLANS AS STOCKPILING GOODS AT (CIVILIAN) AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY IN THE FAR EAST, AND RESTRICTING REGULAR FLIGHT SERVICES AND COMMANDEERING CIVILIANS FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING WORK.

GOVERNMENT TO WORK TO PERSUADE OKINAWANS ON BASE ISSUES TO THE LAST MOMENT (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT ON THE 14TH REACHED A POLICY DECISION TO CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN OKINAWA'S UNDERSTANDING REGARDING U.S. BASE ISSUES, AS WELL AS TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING LEGAL ADJUSTMENTS TO SPEED UP THE LAND-USE PROCESS. THIS POLICY DIRECTION WAS CONVEYED YESTERDAY IN THE DIET BY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SEIROKU KAJIYAMA TO FOREIGN MINISTER YUKIHIKO IKEDA, DEFENSE AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL HIDEO USUI AND OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL SABURO OKABE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS REACHED THE DECISION AFTER SELF-REFLECTION THAT EFFORT WAS LACKING ON THE PART OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TOWARD OKINAWANS. BEHIND THIS DECISION, THERE ALSO IS THE CALCULATION THAT SUCH A FLEXIBLE APPROACH AND GREATER EFFORTS WOULD HELP THE GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN UNDERSTANDING FROM THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) IN CARRYING OUT "SPECIAL LEGISLATION" IN THE END.

PRIME MINISTER: GOVERNMENT SHOULD DIRECTLY IMPLEMENT PROCESS OF FORCIBLE USE OF BASE LAND (SANKEI - PAGE 1)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 14TH AT THIS RESIDENTIAL OFFICE HELD AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION SESSION WITH LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) THIRD-TERM MEMBERS. IN IT, IN REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE LEGAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS FOR U.S. MILITARY SITES IN OKINAWA, THE PRIME MINISTER CLEARLY INDICATED HIS INTENTION TO COPE WITH THE ISSUE BY NEW LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ENABLE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO DIRECTLY CARRY OUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK IN PLACE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HOWEVER, IS RELUCTANT ABOUT AMENDING THE LEGAL SYSTEM, CLAIMING IT IS PREMATURE TO DO SO. DIFFICULTY IN COORDINATING THIS ISSUE IS LIKELY IN THE RULING CAMP.

IN THE SESSION YESTERDAY, PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO INDICATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CRITICAL FOR NATIONAL SECURITY, WHICH IS NOW ASSIGNED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. ONE MEMBER ASKED: "DOES THAT MEAN THE

AUTHORITY TO DO PROXY SIGNING REQUIRED FOR LAND EXPROPRIATION AND THE LIKE WILL SHIFT TO THE PRIME MINISTER?" THE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED: "THAT IS THE DIRECTION."

IN THE GOVERNMENT TWO PLANS ARE AFLOAT REGARDING LEGAL ADJUSTMENTS:

1. IN CASE THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON EXPROPRIATION FAILS TO REACH A CONCLUSION REGARDING LAND USE FOR U.S. MILITARY SITES IN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD MAKE A FINAL DECISION AND AMEND THE MILITARY SITES SPECIAL MEASURES LAW; AND
 2. THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WOULD DIRECTLY CARRY OUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, INCLUDING PROXY SIGNING, WHICH IS NOW ASSIGNED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND IT WOULD ALSO PASS NEW LEGISLATION. BLACKBURN
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Japan-U.S.: Media Report Local Opposition to Base Relocation
Plans

[FBIS Media Analysis] Japanese media are reporting that local reaction to plans to move some of the functions of the U.S. bases on Okinawa to other areas in Japan has been mixed. At the same time, opposition to a reported U.S. proposal to build a new runway on Kadena Air Base to replace the one it will lose at Futenma Air Station appears to have spread beyond Okinawa to the national level.

Opposition to Kadena Runway

Despite the U.S. decision to return Futenma, Okinawan media reporting suggests there remains considerable opposition to plans to move most of the base's functions to other parts of the island rather to the mainland.

-- On 30 April the Association of Central Zone Communities, a major group of local Okinawan officials, including the mayor of the city in which Futenma is located, issued a statement protesting plans to relocate most base functions within Okinawa. According to the 1 May Okinawa Times, their statement called for relocation of the bases to mainland Japan and "U.S. territories in the Asia-Pacific region."

Opposition to reports that Washington plans to build a new 1,500 meter runway on Kadena, appears to be spreading beyond the island to antibase politicians in Tokyo.

-- Kosuke Uehara--the deputy chief of the Social Democratic Party of Japan, who represents Okinawa in the Diet and is a longstanding opponent of the island's bases--told a news conference on 7 May that it would be "absolutely impossible" to agree to the new runway. He also said that his party, the second largest group in

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the ruling coalition, plans to ask the government to "review" the project (Ryukyu Shimpō, 8 May).

-- Although both Prime Minister Hashimoto and Defense Agency Director General Hideo Usui have publicly defended the plan (Asahi Shimbun, 8 May; Ryukyu Shimpō, 9 May), the government has been reported to be considering plans to ask Washington to reduce the size of the new runway (Asahi Shimbun, 11 May).

Iwakuni's Muted Reaction

In contrast to the situation on Okinawa, Japanese media reporting suggests that local officials in Yamaguchi Prefecture have backed off their initial opposition to the transfer of a squadron of planes from Futenma to Iwakuni Air Base in response to personal appeals from Prime Minister Hashimoto and other senior officials.

-- After Hashimoto met with the mayor of Iwakuni and the governor of Yamaguchi on 30 April and promised that the move would not result in a "reinforcement" of Iwakuni, the mayor stated that he would be willing to "deal with the matter" if he becomes "convinced that the transfer will not lead to the expansion of Iwakuni Base's functions (Nihon Keizai Shimbun, 2 May).

-- After a meeting with Defense Agency Director General Hideo Usui on 2 May, the governor told the press that the issue would "resolve itself" if measures could be taken to "convince" local residents (Nihon Keizai Shimbun, 3 May)

Opposition to Transfer of Live-Fire Exercise Site

Japanese media reporting suggests that campaigns against the transfer of live-fire exercises from Okinawa to the mainland are building in at least two of the areas being considered as sites for the exercises.

-- At a meeting on 30 April, a council of local governments in Yamaguchi Prefecture expressed opposition to the possible relocation of the Okinawa exercises to the Self Defense Forces Kita-Fuji Exercise Field (Kyodo, 30 April)

-- On 9 May representatives of municipalities near the proposed site met with Defense Agency Director General Usui and other officials to register their opposition to any plans to move the exercises to their area (Kyodo, 9 May)

-- A mayor in Oita Prefecture reportedly recently organized a group of residents to send 12,000 post cards to Prime Minister Hashimoto to express opposition to the possible transfer of the live-fire exercises to the Self Defense Forces' Hijudai exercise facility (Kyodo, 8 May). In addition, on 15 May a civic group set up to oppose relocation of the exercises submitted a petition protesting the transfer to the prefectural governor (Kyodo, 15 May).

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