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ASAHI: "LEADERSHIP IN ARMAMENT" EMPHASIZED; PROSECUTORS
STATES IN DETAIL ABOUT AUM CULT GURU CHIZUO MATSUMOTO
(A.K.A. SHOKO ASAHARA) IN TRIAL

NIHON KEIZAI: WIPO AGREES TO CREATE INTERNATIONAL RULES
FOR PROTECTION OF COPYRIGHTS OF INTERNET; LIKELY TO BE
ADOPTED BY DECEMBER

TOKYO SHIMBUN: ACCIDENT OF FAST BREEDER NUCLEAR REACTOR MONJU CAUSED BY DESIGNING MISTAKES IN TEMPERATURE; SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY IN ITS REPORTS ADMITS RESPONSIBILITY AS SUPERVISORY OFFICE

MAINICHI: PUBLIC TRIAL OF AUM CULT GURU CHIZUO MATSUMOTO; SHOWDOWN POSTURE MADE CLEARER; PROSECUTORS APPLY FOR SUMMONS OF THREE LEADERS OF AUM AS WITNESSES

YOMIURI: INTERIM REPORT ON ACCIDENT AT MONJU NUCLEAR REACTOR; SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY CONCLUDES IT WAS CAUSED BY DESIGNING MISTAKE; STRICT WARNING GIVEN TO VICE MINISTERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

SANKEI: REMOVAL OF RIGHT TO DISMISS PRESIDENT IS CENTERPIECE OF BANK OF JAPAN'S POLICY TO REVISE BOJ LAW; EFFORTS LIKELY TO BE MADE TO SECURE INDEPENDENCE

FUNADA READYING TO LEAVE SHINSHINTO TO FORM NEW PARTY
(MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

IT WAS LEARNED ON THE 23RD THAT SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) ACTING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN HAJIME FUNADA HAD REVEALED HIS INTENTION TO LEAVE THE PARTY TO SAKIGAKE SECRETARY GENERAL YUKIO HATOYAMA AND OTHER SHINSHINTO MEMBERS. THIS WAS REVEALED BY A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE TWO PARTIES. FUNADA HAS BEEN KEEPING SILENCE ABOUT THE TIMING FOR HIS DECISION SINCE IT IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE LAUNCH OF A NEW PARTY. THOSE CLOSE TO FUNADA PERCEIVE THAT SUCH REFLECTS HIS FIRM DETERMINATION. FUNQDA HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH SHINSHINTO AND SAKIGAKE PARTY MEMBERS EVEN AFTER HIS NEW-PARTY PLAN CAME TO LIGHT. REPORTEDLY, HE HASTOLD SOME OF THEM, "I WILL LEAVE THE PARTY. THAT IS CERTAIN 120 PERCENT."

"WILL MAKE A NEW TIDE WITH MR. FUNADA," SAYS SAKIGAKE'S HATOYAMA (MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

WITH RESPECT TO HAJIME FUNADA'S RESIGNATION AS SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) ACTING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, SAKIGAKE SECRETARY GENERAL YUKIO HATOYAMA YESTERDAY REMARKED TO THE PRESS, "I AM NOT IN THE POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT PERSONNEL AFFAIRS OF OTHER PARTIES." HATOYAMA, HOWEVER, INDICATED STRONG ENTHUSIASM TOWARD LAUNCHING A NEW PARTY, REMARKING, "I AM CERTAIN THAT MR. FUNADA WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE ACTION ACCORDING TO HIS BELIEF. IN COLLABORATION WITH HIM, WHO HAS A SIMILAR VISION, I WOULD LIKE TO GENERATE A NEW TIDE TOWARD POLITICAL REALIGNMENT."

ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE INTERNAL SHINSHINTO DIFFERENCES FLOPS (YOMIURI - PAGE 3)

TWO RIVAL GROUPS IN THE SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) - - OZAWA GROUP (GROUP FOR RESPONSIBLE POLITICS) AND HATA GROUP (KOSHIKAI) -- HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO DISSOLVING THEMSELVES IN AN EFFORT TO MEND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARTY PRESIDENT OZAWA AND THE HATA-

HOSOKAWA GROUP UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN WATANABE. DESPITE SUCH AN EFFORT, BOTH GROUPS AS OF YESTERDAY RENOUNCED SUCH A POLICY DIRECTION. WATANABE'S PLAN TO BUILD HARMONY IN THE PARTY BORE NO FRUIT.

YESTERDAY THE HATA GROUP HELD ITS GENERAL MEETING. IN
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FISCAL OUTLAYS THROUGH AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN AND THEN TO REVISE THE JUSEN LIQUIDATION BILL THROUGH A JOINT EFFORT BY THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES FOR HAVING IT APPROVED DURING THE CURRENT DIET SESSION WITHOUT CAUSING CONFUSION TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION. THERE IS THE CIRCUMSTANCE BEHIND THE BACKDROP OF THE EMERGENCE OF A FORCIBLE MEASURE THAT SOME CIRCLES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE INSISTING, "UNLESS THE GROUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED FISCAL OUTLAYS ARE CLEARLY SHOWN AND ALL THE CONCERNED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE UNIFORMLY MADE TO SHOULDER SUCH, WE CANNOT ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN."

THE ATMOSPHERE IS STRONG IN THE RULING PARTIES THAT "ANY ARRANGEMENTS ARE ACCEPTABLE IF THEY ARE EFFECTIVELY ENABLED TO AVOID THE INJECTION OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY IN RESULT." THE "NEW TAX INITIATIVE" APPARENTLY REFLECTS A STANCE OF THE RULING PARTIES, WHICH DO NOT CARE ABOUT HOW THEY LOOK WITH NO MEANS LEFT TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK. THE ASPECT OF THEIR AIMING AT USING SUCH A TAX AS A "TRIGGER" FOR FINDING A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE STAGNATED SITUATION CANNOT BE RULED OUT, EITHER, BUT WHETHER THE NEW PROPOSAL WILL TURN OUT TO BE SUCCESSFUL IS UNCLEAR.

MODA ANALYSIS: MIG DEFECTIO MAY DELAY NORTH KOREAQS
ACCEPTANCE OF 4-WAY TALK (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 3)

AN AIR FORCE CAPTAIN F THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORH KOREA) FLEW HIS MIG-19 JET FIGHTER TO THE REPULIC OF KOREA (ROK) YESTERDAY. REFERRING TO THAT INCIDENT, THE MINISTRY O WATCH ON WHAT ACTION NORTH KOREA WILL TAKE, OUT OF THE CONCERN THAT THE KOREAN PENINSULA SITUATION MAY BE MORE INTENSIFIED.

MOFA HAS PREVIOUSLY PAID ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE NUMBER F DEFECTORS FROM NORTH KOREA TO THE ROK HAS RAPDLY INCREASED SINCE 1994 WITH ABOUT 40 PERSONS ANNALLY EACH IN 1994 AND 1995. EVEN THE ELITE IN THA COUNTRY, SUCH AS MILITARY OFFICERS AND DIPLOMAT, HAVE BEEN AMONG THOSE DEFECTORS. REFERRING TO THE OCCURRENCE OF THIS DEFECTION BY MEANS OF A MIG-19, SOME IN THE MINISTRY TAKE THE VIEW THAT IT S A MANIFESTATION OF SLACKNESS IN THE NORTH KOREN FORCES.

CONJECTURING FROM SIMILAR INCIDENTS TAT OCCURRED IN THE PAST, POSSIBLE RESPONSES THE NORTH WILL MAKE ARE TO DEMAND RETURN OF THE CAPTAIN AND THE AIRCRAFT OR TO TAKE NO NOTICE OF THE INCIDENT ITSELF.

DEPENDING ON A REQUEST BY NORTH KOREA, THERE ARE CHANCES OF HOLDING SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUES. SOME THEN TAKE THE STANDPOINT THAT IT IS INCORRECT TO SAY THERE ARE NO GOOD FACTORS THAN MINUS ONES. BUT IF THE NORTH DEMANDS SUCH RETURN, THE ROK SIDE WILL MOST LIKELY REJECT IT, POSSIBLY MAKING THE KOREAN PENINSULA SITUATION MORE INTENSIFIED, THOUGH TEMPORARILY.

THIS KIND OF A TENSE SITUATION, MOFA THINKS, WILL INDIRECTLY AFFECT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE NORTH WILL ACCEPT FOUR-PARTY TALKS. ON FOUR-WAY TALKS PROPOSED BY BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE ROK, NORTH KOREA HAS NOT YET MADE CLEAR WHETHER IT WILL ACCEPT THEM, BUT SOME TOOK THE VIEW THAT THAT COUNTRY WOULD MAKE A REPLY AROUND JUNE 10.

HOWEVER, THE WIDESPREAD VIEW IN MOFA IS: BECAUSE OF TENSIONS THAT ARE RISING ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA DUE TO A PILOT'S DEFECTION THIS TIME, NORTH KOREA WILL ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR FOUR-PARTY TALKS BEFORE LONG. IN REACTION TO THAT, IT IS PREDICTED THAT MOVES TO RESUME TALKS BETWEEN JAPAN AND NORTH KOREA FOR DIPLOMATIC NORMALIZATION WILL UNAVOIDABLY COME TO A STANDSTILL TEMPORARILY.

JDA SAYS WILL INCREASE INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ON THE
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KOREAN PENINSULA (SANKEI - PAGE 2)

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE-MINISTER NAOAKI MURATA OF THE JAPAN
DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) IN A PRESS BRIEFING ON MAY 23
REFERRED TO A NORTH KOREAN (DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF KOREA) PILOT'S FLYING AN AIR FORCE PLANE TO (THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA), AND REVEALED THAT (THE JDA) WOULD
REINFORCE THE MONITORING SYSTEM TOWARD NORTH KOREA,
ADDING, "WE HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT THAT INTELLIGENCE-
GATHERING IS NOW IN PROGRESS THROUGH AIRCRAFT."
SPECIFICALLY, IT SEEMS THAT THE ACTION THAT IS NOW TAKEN
IS GUARDING BY EARLY-WARNING AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED WITH LONG-
RANGE SEARCHING RADAR OF THE AIR SELF-DEFENSE FORCE.

VICE MINISTER MURATA ALSO REMARKED, "(FOR NOW), WE HAVE
UNDERSTOOD THROUGH INFORMATION FROM PROPER CHANNELS THAT
NO SPECIAL SIGNS HAVE BEEN SEEN," AND INDICATED HIS
NOTION THAT NO SPECIAL MOVEMENTS OF THE NORTH KOREAN
FORCES ARE POINTED OUT IN INTELLIGENCE FROM THE U.S.
FORCES.

IN THIS RESPECT, JOINT STAFF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SHIGERU
SUGIYAMA STATED: "WE WOULD FEEL RELIEVED IF THE INCIDENT
ENDED UP AS MERE DEFECTION, BUT FEARING THAT TENSIONS (ON
THE KOREAN PENINSULA) MIGHT RISE IN THE WAKE OF SUCH
DEFECTION, THE GROUND, MARITIME AND AIR SELF-DEFENSE
FORCES ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AND
COLLECT INTELLIGENCE."

JDA SAYS WILL INCREASE INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ON THE
KOREAN PENINSULA (SANKEI - TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT'S FORCIBLE USE OF LAND LOTS WHICH ARE IN
THE POSSESSION OF ABOUT 3,000 LANDOWNERS AND ARE
CURRENTLY OFFERED TO U.S. ARMED FORCES IN OKINAWA IS DUE
TO TERMINATE IN MAY NEXT YEAR. IN THIS CONNECTION, A
LEADER OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY TOLD THE PRESS AT
THE PARTY'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE MORNING OF MAY 23, "IN
CASE THE GOVERNMENT IS OBLIGED UNDER THE TREATY TO OFFER
LAND, THEN THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD REVISE THE COMPULSORY
PURCHASE OF LAND LAW SO THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE
GOVERNMENT TO BUY THE LAND LOTS OF THOSE ANTI-BASE
LANDOWNERS AT FAIR PRICES." THE LDP LEADER THUS

CLARIFIED THE NEED TO REVISE THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND LAW.

AS FOR WHEN TO PRESENT A REVISION BILL TO THE DIET, THE LDP OFFICER REMARKED, "WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME UNTIL MAY NEXT YEAR, SO WE WILL HAVE TO PRESENT IT AT THE EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION THIS FALL, OR WE WON'T BE IN TIME." THE OFFICER SO INSISTED ON CONVENING AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE DIET THIS FALL TO HAVE THE REVISION BILL PASSED AT THE DIET.

MOREOVER, THE OFFICER ALSO SAID, "WE WILL HAVE DIFFERENCES WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY ABOUT THE ISSUE OF U.S. MILITARY BASES." SO SAYING, THE OFFICER IMPLIED SOMETHING POSSIBLY DIFFICULT IN (THE LDP'S) WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE SDP TO CREATE A DRAFT REVISION BILL.

COALITION DELEGATION TO OKINAWA TO PERSUADE LOCAL LEADERS ON FUTENMA ISSUE (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 2)

A DELEGATION (LED BY TARO NAKAYAMA) OF THE RULING COALITION PARTIES ON THE ISSUE OF U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA MET WITH GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA AT THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL OFFICE. IN THAT MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR, THE DELEGATION SIDE TOUCHED ON THE PLAN FOR TRANSFERRING THE FUTENMA AIRFIELD'S FUNCTIONS TO AN ALTERNATIVE PLACE IN THE SAME PREFECTURE AS THE OVERALL REVERSION OF ITS SITE HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. THE COALITION TEAM THEN ASKED FOR COOPERATION, INCLUDING SUCH STEPS AS PERSUADING LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES. THE GOVERNOR JUST REMARKED, "IF OKINAWA ALONE IS OVERLY BURDENED, THE
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FEELINGS OF PEOPLE HERE IN THIS PREFECTURE WILL BECOME

MOST CROSS -- PARTLY BECAUSE OF OUR HISTORICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. SO, WE WANT SUCH A SITUATION TO BE AVOIDED BY ALL MEANS. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO COOPERATE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ON WHAT WE CAN DO."

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO KEEP YEN LOANS TO BURMA ON HOLD
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 1)

FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF MANY PEOPLE INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR DEMOCRACY (NLD) IN BURMA (MYANMAR), THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON THE 23RD DECIDED TO PUT OFF ITS YEN-LOAN-ASSISTANCE FOR THE TIME BEING TO THAT COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH IT CAME UP WITH THE POLICY APPROACH AFTER AUNG SAN SUU KYI WAS RELEASED IN JULY LAST YEAR THAT IT WOULD RESUME IN STAGES YEN LOANS WHICH HAS BEEN FROZEN SINCE THE 1988 MILITARY COUP IN BURMA, IT HAS JUDGED THAT "IT IS NOT TIME TO RESTART YEN LOANS" (TOP-LEVEL OFFICIAL IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY).

FOREIGN MINISTER YUKIHIKO IKEDA WILL MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OHN GYAW, WHO IS NOW VISITING JAPAN, ON THE 24TH, AND THERE HE INTENDS TO STRONGLY CALL ON HIS COUNTRY'S MILITARY REGIME TO TAKE MODERATE CONDUCT. THERE IS A CAUTIOUS VIEW IN THE GOVERNMENT TOWARD THE SUSPENSION OF GRANT AID FOR BASIC LIVELIHOOD, BUT (THE SAME HIGH OFFICIAL SAID) THE GOVERNMENT "WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER SUCH WHILE CLOSELY WATCHING FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT COUNTRY" (SAME HIGH OFFICIAL).

GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND HUMANITARIAN AID TO BOSNIA
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 5)

THE GOVERNMENT WILL LAUNCH HUMANITARIAN AID AS PART OF ITS ASSISTANCE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. AS THE FIRST STEP, IT WILL INVITE THE COUNTRY'S WATERWORKS ENGINEERS TO JAPAN ON THE 26TH. IN ADDITION, DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO INVITE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF SUCH AREAS AS MACRO-ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE PROMOTION OF MEDIUM TO SMALL-SIZED BUSINESSES.

SIX TECHNICIANS FROM CITIES DEVASTATED BY THE WAR WILL ATTEND THE TRAINING SESSION BY THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA). REPORTEDLY, BOSNIAN PEOPLE ARE SUPPLIED WITH WATER JUST FOR TWO TO THREE HOURS A DAY BECAUSE OF DAMAGED AND WORN-OUT SERVICE PIPES. DURING THEIR TWO-MONTH STAY IN JAPAN, THOSE SIX TECHNICIANS INVITED TO JAPAN WILL VISIT A WORK SITE OF TOKYO'S WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION TO ACQUIRE KNOW-HOW FOR WATER-LEAK PREVENTION.

JDA CONFIRMS THAT U.S. PROVIDING EARLY WARNING MISSILE INFORMATION (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) VICE MINISTER MURATA IN HIS PRESS MEETING YESTERDAY REVEALED THAT JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAD REACHED AN ACCORD UNDER WHICH THE U.S. WOULD PROVIDE JAPAN WITH EARLY WARNING INFORMATION ON

MISSILE LAUNCHINGS CARRIED OUT BY ARMED FORCES AROUND JAPAN AND THAT COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS HAD ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED IN APRIL. UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM, U.S. MILITARY SATELLITES DETECT INFRARED RAYS COMING FROM BALLISTIC MISSILES AT THE TIME OF LAUNCHING AND GIVE EARLY ALERT INFORMATION.

AT PRESENT, JAPAN'S SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (SDF) DO NOT HAVE ANY BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (BMD) SYSTEM DESIGNED TO SHOOT DOWN INTRUDING MISSILES. AS A RESULT, EVEN IF JAPAN RECEIVES EARLY WARNING INFORMATION FROM THE U.S., JAPAN IS INCAPABLE OF INTERCEPTING MISSILES. VICE MINISTER MURATA REMARKED ABOUT RECEIVING EARLY WARNING INFORMATION, "SUCH IS HIGHLY VALUABLE EVEN APART FROM BMD." HIS REMARKS INDICATED THAT SUCH WOULD BE USEFUL TO SPEED UP THE COMMUNICATION PROCESS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE
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WITH THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO).

WITH THE DEADLINE ON JUNE 1, THE INSURANCE TALKS WILL BE RESUMED IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. DURING THE PAST TALKS, THE U.S. COMPLAINED JAPAN'S LIBERALIZATION PROPOSAL COVERING LIFE AND NON-LIFE INSURANCE SECTORS AS UNSATISFACTORY, AND ASSERTED THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BRING ABOUT EQUAL CONDITIONS FOR COMPETITION TO FOREIGN INSURERS.

IF THE U.S. INVOKES SECTION 301, JAPAN WILL FILE AN APPEAL WITH WTO, COMPLAINING SUCH A UNILATERAL MEASURE RUNS AGAINST THE WTO DISPUTE-SETTLEMENT RULE. SINCE SANCTIONS MIGHT HAMPER LEGAL CORPORATE ACTIVITIES, THE MOF HAS CONSIDERED THAT "IF JAPAN FILES A COMPLAINT, JAPAN WILL BE PLACED AT AN ADVANTAGE." BLACKBURN
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ASAHI: FORMER KIZU CREDIT UNION HEAD TO BE ARRESTED TODAY
BY OSAKA PREFECTURAL POLICE; ON SUSPICION OF FRAUD
INVOLVING MORTGAGES THAT WERE SOLD JUST BEFORE BANKRUPTCY

NIHON KEIZAI: U.S. AIU OBJECTS TO REVISED PREMIUM RATES
OF ACCIDENT INSURANCE; FOR REASONS OF UNCLEAR GROUNDS";
LIKELY TO AFFECT JAPAN-U.S. TALKS; CALCULATION SYSTEM MAY
BE REVIEWED (TRANSLATION BELOW)

TOKYO SHIMBUN: BANK OF JAPAN, PARENT BANKS LIKELY TO
SHOULDER BURDEN OF 700 BILLION YEN; ADDITIONAL BURDEN
RELATED TO JUSEN LIQUIDATION MEASURES; TO WIDEN FUND WITH

LOW-INTEREST-RATE FINANCING; GOVERNMENT, RULING PARTIES NOW IN FINAL COORDINATION; CUT IN FISCAL OUTLAYS AIMED AT

MAINICHI: JUSEN BORROWER TOGENSHA PRESIDENT MIGHT HAVE CONCEALED EVIDENCE; GAVE ORDERS FOR DOCUMENTS TO BE CONCEALED THE DAY BEFORE HE WAS ARRESTED

YOMIURI: POSSIBILITY OF AIDS INFECTION FROM DONATED BLOOD; ANTIBODY INSPECTION PASSED? HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRY'S FOLLOW-UP SURVEY; TO STRENGTHEN CHECK SYSTEM; MAN IN HIS FORTIES FOUND TO BE INFECTED WITH AIDS IN 1980S

SANKEI: GOVERNMENT TO SUBMIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR SITES NOW USED BY U.S. MILITARY; CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A DECISION ON "FORCIBLE USE" (TRANSLATION BELOW)

PUBLIC APPROVAL OF HASHIMOTO CABINET REACHES 52 PERCENT (YOMIURI - PAGE 1)

THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN CONDUCTED A NATIONWIDE PUBLIC OPINION POLL ON THE 25TH AND 26TH TO SURVEY THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S EVALUATION OF THE HASHIMOTO CABINET. THE APPROVAL RATING OF THE CABINET WAS 52 PERCENT, UP 3.6 POINTS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS SURVEY. THIS FIGURE FOLLOWS THE 56.9 PERCENT REGISTERED IN THE POLL CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HASHIMOTO CABINET WAS INAUGURATED. THE APPROVAL RATING RECOVERED TO THE 50 PERCENT LEVEL AFTER A LAPSE OF FOUR MONTH. CITED AS POSITIVE FACTORS ARE DWINDLING CRITICISM AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S JUSEN (HOUSING LOAN COMPANIES) LIQUIDATION MEASURES, AS SEEN FROM A CONSPICUOUS DECREASE IN THOSE WHO POINTED "THE JUSEN ISSUE" AS THE CABINET'S INEPT POLICY MEASURES, AS WELL AS THE RECENT RECOVERING ECONOMIC SITUATION. THE DISAPPROVAL RATING DECREASED BY 2.7 POINTS TO 33.3 PERCENT.

AS REASONS FOR SUPPORT OF THE CABINET, 28 PERCENT SAID, "THE PRIME MINISTER COMES FROM THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP)," 26 PERCENT REPLIED "ITS POLITICAL STANCE CAN BE APPRECIATED," AND 22 PERCENT SAID, "THE PRIME MINISTER IS RELIABLE." REGARDING APPRECIATED POLICIES OF THE CABINET, THOSE WHO CITED "DIPLOMACY AND THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY" ACCOUNTED FOR 24 PERCENT, "INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTION" -- 10 PERCENT, AND "POLITICAL REFORM AND POLITICAL MORALS" -- 8 PERCENT. THESE FIGURES ARE UP OR DOWN TWO POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH. AS REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL OF THE CABINET, 35 PERCENT REPLIED, "ITS POLICY MEASURES ARE DISAPPROVED," 32 PERCENT SAID, "ITS POLITICAL STANCE CANNOT BE APPRECIATED," AND 29 PERCENT SAID, "NO REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED." CONCERNING DISAPPROVED POLICIES, 54 PERCENT LISTED "JUSEN COUNTERMEASURES," 23 PERCENT POINTED EACH "THE TAX SYSTEM" AND "THE BUSINESS SITUATION AND COMMODITY PRICES." THOSE WHO REPLIED "JUSEN COUNTERMEASURES" DROPPED BY 4 POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND 10 POINTS FROM THE SURVEY IN MARCH.

ANOTHER POLL SHOWS 52.7 PERCENT FOR CABINET; FUTENMA
RETURN APPRECIATED (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 1)

THE JAPAN PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY ASSOCIATION CONDUCTED AN
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INTERVIEW-BASED REGULAR NATIONWIDE PUBLIC OPINION POLL ON
THE 25TH AND 26TH TO SURVEY THE TRENDS OF APPROVAL RATING
FOR THE HASHIMOTO CABINET, WHICH WAS INAUGURATED FOUR AND
A HALF MONTHS AGO, AND FOR EACH POLITICAL PARTY.

AS A RESULT, 52.7 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS SUPPORTED THE
CABINET, UP 9.3 PERCENT POINTS FROM THE RESULT IN THE
PREVIOUS SURVEY IN MARCH. BY CONTRAST, 37.0 PERCENT
DISAPPROVED OF THE CABINET, DOWN 8.9 POINTS.

SUCH A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN APPROVAL RATING FOR THE
CABINET SEEMS TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO AN AGREEMENT REACHED
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO
FOR RETURN OF THE U.S. MILITARY'S FUTENMA AIRFIELD IN
OKINAWA PREFECTURE.

REGARDING POLITICAL PARTIES, THE SUPPORT RATE FOR THE
LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) SWELLED TO 36.9 PERCENT,
WHICH IS CLOSE TO THOSE REGISTERED WHEN THE LDP WAS IN
SOLE POWER. BUT THE APPROVAL RATE OF THE OPPOSITION
PARTY SHINSHINTO DROPPED TO A RECORD LOW OF 11.1 PERCENT
SINCE ITS INAUGURATION.

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) GAINED ONLY A 4.7
PERCENT APPROVAL RATING, HITTING A RECORD LOW, FOLLOWING
THE PREVIOUS SURVEY, EVEN WITH THOSE POSTED WHEN IT WAS
THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) INCLUDED.

SINCE A SIMPLE COMPARISON CANNOT BE MADE, BECAUSE DIFFERENT SURVEY METHODS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED, BUT IN THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE-BASED PUBLIC OPINION POLL CONDUCTED BY KYODO NEWS SERVICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF THE HASHIMOTO CABINET THIS JANUARY, THE APPROVAL RATING WAS 63.0 PERCENT.

IN THE PREVIOUS REGULAR SURVEY CONDUCTED BY INTERVIEW IN MARCH, REFLECTING THE PEOPLE'S REPULSION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO THE SLOPPY LOANS TO THE HOUSING LOAN COMPANIES (JUSEN), THE DISAPPROVAL RATING TOPPED THE APPROVAL RATING. THE CABINET HAS REGAINED THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT.

SACO MEETS IN HONOLULU TO DISCUSS FUTENMA; WASHINGTONQS
HELIPORT PROPOSAL EXPECTED NEXT MONTH
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

(HONOLULU, MAY 27, ATSUSHI ISHUI) THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENT HELD A MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP IN HAWAII ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 27 (MORNING OF THE 28TH, JAPAN TIME) UNDER THE "JAPAN-U.S. SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE" (SACO), A PANEL TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF REALIGNING, CONSOLIDATING AND REDUCING UNITED STATES MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA. IN IT, THE TWO COUNTRIES ARRIVED AN AGREEMENT (1) TO GIVE THE TOP PRIORITY TO HANDLING THE PROBLEM OF RETURN OF FUTENMA AIR STATION AND (2) TO ESTABLISH A WORKING TEAM FOR THAT PURPOSE IN AN EFFORT TO COMPILE A FINAL REPORT IN NOVEMBER. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL PRESENT AS EARLY AS IN JUNE A SPECIFIC PLAN INDICATING THE SCALE AND THE PLACE OF AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT, A CONDITION FOR RETURN OF FUTENMA AIR STATION. IN THE COMING MONTHS, FULL-FLEDGED FINAL COORDINATION WILL BE MADE BETWEEN WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

IN THE MEETING, THE FIRST ONE AFTER THE INTERIM REPORT WAS RELEASED IN APRIL, OPINIONS WERE EXCHANGED ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS SO AS TO COMPILE A FINAL REPORT IN NOVEMBER. CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ABOUT GIVING PRIORITY TO (RETURN) OF FUTENMA AIR STATION AND THE PROBLEM OF SOBE TELECOM SITE, ON WHICH AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON REVERT OF ALL OF IT AFTER CONSTRUCTING A NEW TELECOM FACILITY IN CAMP HANSEN (IN THE MIDDLE TRAINING GROUND) WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

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BEFORE THE INTERIM REPORT WAS ISSUED IN APRIL, JAPAN AND
THE U.S. HAD DISCUSSED VARIOUS ITEMS AS A WHOLE, BUT IN
COMPILING A FINAL REPORT, THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE DECIDED
TO ANNOUNCE ITEMS WHICH THEY THRASH OUT ONE BY ONE AND
THEN TO GO ON WITH COORDINATION WITH OKINAWA PREFECTURE
AND THE CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES CONCERNED BECAUSE
"MUCH TIME IS REQUIRED TO PROMOTE COORDINATION WITH THE
LOCAL AREA IF COORDINATION IS MADE AFTER AGREEMENT IS
SEEN REGARDING ALL ITEMS" (FOREIGN MINISTRY (MOFA)
SOURCE).

THE WORKING TEAM, WHICH WILL BE IN THE CENTER OF SUCH
WORKING, WILL CONSIST OF DIVISION-DIRECTOR-LEVEL
OFFICIALS OF RELEVANT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES, SUCH AS
MOFA AND THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) FROM THE JAPANESE
SIDE AND OF OFFICIALS IN CHARGE IN THE U.S. FORCES IN
JAPAN (USFJ). IT IS PLANNED THE WORKING TEAM WILL LIKELY
BE ESTABLISHED IN EARLY JUNE. TECHNICIANS ARE ALSO
SCHEDULED TO JOIN THE TEAM WHEN NECESSARY. REGARDING AN
ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT, NOW IN FOCUS, IT IS PREDICTED
CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SUCH AS THE SCALE, FUNCTIONS, THE
FORM AND LOCATION, WILL BE SHOWN BY THE U.S. WITHIN JUNE.

HOWEVER, THE FUTURE COURSE STILL REMAINS UNCERTAIN. THE
U.S. HAS ALREADY TRANSMITTED, THOUGH INFORMALLY, TO JAPAN
ITS IDEA THAT "AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT IN PLACE OF
FUTENMA AIR STATION WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT IF IT HAS A
1,500-METER-RUNWAY. BUT MUNICIPALITIES NEAR THE KADENA
MUNITION DEPOT, THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE PLACE FOR
TRANSFER OF (FUTENMA), HAVE BEEN OPPOSED TO IT, ARGUING,
"IT WILL LEAD TO EXPAND BASES."

BOTH OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN JAPAN AND THE U.S. HAVE SAID,
"WE WOULD LIKE TO FIX WHERE TO BUILD AN ALTERNATIVE
HELIPORT BY NOVEMBER," BUT COORDINATION WILL UNAVOIDABLY
FACE DIFFICULTIES.

TOKYO PLANNING TO MAKE SPECIAL LAW FOR USFJQS USE OF BASE
LAND; BILL TO DIET THIS FALL (SANKEI - TOP PLAY)

IN ORDER TO SPEED UP THE LEGAL PROCESS FOR THE FORCIBLE
USE OF OKINAWA U.S. MILITARY SITES, THE GOVERNMENT ON THE
28TH REACHED A POLICY DIRECTION TO PRESENT A SPECIAL
LEGISLATION BILL TO THE FALL EXTRAORDINARY DIET,

CONCLUDING THAT SUCH IS NECESSARY SO THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE FORCIBLE USE OF LAND IN PLACE OF THE EXPROPRIATION COMMITTEE. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) HAS BEEN RELUCTANT ABOUT RESORTING TO SPECIAL LEGISLATION, REASONING, "SUCH WOULD LEAD TO STRENGTHENING STATE AUTHORITY." THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAS REACHED A CONCLUSION THAT THE SDP'S CONSENT IS ATTAINABLE BY POSTPONING TO PRESENT THE BILL UNTIL THE FALL.

FOREIGN MINISTER IMPLIES ACSA APPLICATION TO QCRISISQ
(ASAHI - PAGE 2)

FOREIGN MINISTER YUKIHIKO IKEDA IN THE LOWER-HOUSE PLENARY SESSION YESTERDAY STATED REGARDING THE APPLICABLE SCOPE OF THE ACQUISITION AND CROSS-SERVICING AGREEMENT (ACSA) THAT WAS CONCLUDED IN APRIL BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES: "WE CANNOT SUPPLY ANYTHING AS OUR COOPERATION FOR U.S. FORCES' STRATEGIC ACTION EVEN IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY IF IT INVOLVES COMBAT ACTION." ACSA COVERS JOINT TRAINING, UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (PKO) AND INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ACTIVITIES. THE TEXT, HOWEVER, IS NOT LIMITED TO "PEACETIME" ONLY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REPLY CAN BE INTERPRETED AS HAVING LEFT SOME ROOM THAT GIVING ASSISTANCE IS POSSIBLE IN THE FORM OF JOINT TRAINING IN A "CRITICAL" CONDITION BEFORE HOSTILITIES START. IT WAS IN RESPONSE TO KATSUYA OKADA (SHINSHINTO).

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PEACE (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) RESEARCH COUNCILS ON FOREIGN AND SECURITY AFFAIRS HELD THEIR JOINT MEETING YESTERDAY AND LOOKED INTO THE PARTY'S PLAN TO INTRODUCE RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES. AS A RESULT, THE COUNCILS REACHED A PERCEPTION THAT SUCH WOULD NOT RUN COUNTER TO THE GOVERNMENT'S HITHERTO REPLIES OR THE 1969 LOWER-HOUSE RESOLUTION THAT STIPULATES, "SUCH IS LIMITED TO SPACE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY." AS THE NEXT STEP, THE PARTY WOULD DISCUSS SUCH SPECIFICS AS COST PERFORMANCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.

REGARDING THE USE OF SATELLITES BY THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (SDF), THE GOVERNMENT REVEALED ITS THINKING IN 1985: 1) SATELLITES SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR CAUSING CASUALTIES OR DESTRUCTION; AND 2) THE SDF CAN USE SATELLITES THAT ARE COMMERCIALY USED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES.

LOWER HOUSE APPROVES JAPANQS JOINING UNCLOS
(ASAHI - PAGE 2)

IN THE LOWER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION HELD ON MAY 28, APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA THAT ALLOWS A SETTING OF A 200-NAUTICAL-MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC WATER ZONE AND EIGHT RELEVANT BILLS. THE TREATY IS EXPECTED TO BE LATER APPROVED IN THE UPPER HOUSE AND THEN TO BE FORMALLY RATIFIED WITHIN JUNE. IN PREPARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHING OF AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC WATER ZONE, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO START IN EARNEST NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) AND CHINA TO CONCLUDE A NEW FISHERIES AGREEMENT. BUT NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT POSSIBLY FACE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF THE DOMINION PROBLEM OVER TAKESHIMA ISLANDS (OR TOKUDO ISLANDS IN KOREAN) WITH THE ROK AND SENKAKU ISLANDS (OR DIAOYU ISLANDS IN CHINESE) WITH CHINA.

UNDER THE TREATY, THE WAY OF HANDLING FISH RESOURCES AND SUBMARINE RESOURCES AND ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL SEA COURT TO SETTLE DISPUTES ARE STIPULATED. THE ROK HAS RATIFIED THE TREATY IN JANUARY, AND CHINA ALSO DECIDED THIS MONTH TO RATIFY IT.

IN THE LOWER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION THIS DAY, A RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED: "WE WILL DO OUR BEST FOR DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS TO REALIZE THE PURPOSES OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA."

HATOYAMA: QNOW THE SEASON FOR SOFT ICECREAMQ, REBUTTAL TO NAKASONEQS CRITICISM (ASAHI - PAGE 7)

"SOFT ICECREAM WILL BE GOOD FROM NOW ON. I THINK IT'S GOOD IN THE HOT SUMMER," SAID SAKIGAKE PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL YUKIO HATOYAMA AT A PRESS MEETING ON THE 28TH. HE MADE SUCH A REMARK IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESPOND TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER YASUHIRO NAKASONE'S STATEMENT IN WHICH HE CRITICIZED HATOYAMA'S NEW PARTY CONCEPT, ARGUING, "(HATOYAMA'S) IDEA IS LAX. HE IS TALKING AOUT ONLY LOVE,

FRIENDSHIP AND VIRTUE WHICH ARE LIKE SOFT ICECREAM."

HATOYAMA AGAIN STRESSED: "I THINK THERE MUST BE A GENERATIONAL GAP. BUT I BELIEVE WE MUST MAKE POLICY MEASURES FOCUSING ON LOVE AND VIRTUE."

REGARDING NAKASONE'S ASSERTION THAT PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE SHOWN REGARDING SUCH FOUR CHALLENGING ISSUES AS RECONSTRUCTION OF FISCAL ADMINISTRATION, SECURITY, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM AND EDUCATION, HATOYAMA BROUGHT FORTH A COUNTERARGUMENT, SAYING, "POLITICIANS HAVE ONLY SAID WHAT IS CONVENIENT FOR THEM, BUT THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING. AS A RESULT, THE PEOPLE HAVE TO PAY THE BILL."

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HATOYAMA, HOWEVER, ADMITTED THAT HE IS NOW IN THE DARK FOR SEARCHING POLICIES, REMARKING "THERE IS A GAP EVEN BETWEEN MR. HAJIME FUNADA (SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY)) AND MYSELF -- ONE INSISTS ON FORMING A NEW CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND THE OTHER SAYS A FRIENDSHIP LIBERAL PARTY WOULD BE BETTER. IT IS NOT EASY TO FIND COMMON POLICY. THEREFORE, WE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE HEATED DISCUSSION IN DEED."

SHINSHINTOQS EXECUTIVE BOARD DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FUNADA REPLACED WITH GONDO (ASAHI - PAGE 7)

THE SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) DECIDED YESTERDAY TO APPOINT TUNEO GONDO AS ACTING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO SUCCEED HAJIME FUNADA, WHO WAS DISMISSED FOR "MAKING STATEMENTS ON A NEW PARTY CONCEPT." WITH FUNADA AND MASUO MATSUOKA, WHO HAS ASSUMED THE POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE LOWER HOUSE SECURITY COMMITTEE, HAVING RESIGNED FROM

EXECUTIVE POSTS, THE PARTY PICKED KOTARO YAMASAKI AND IKUO HORIGOME TO SUCCEED THEM.

AIU OBJECTS MOFQS INJURY INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE REVISION
(NIHON KEIZAI - TOP PLAY)

IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE JAPANESE ARM OF AIU (CHIYODA WARD, TOKYO, PRESIDENT BUNGO YOSHIMURA), LEADING AMERICAN NON-LIFE INSURER, FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE FINANCE MINISTER, CLAIMING THAT "GROUNDS FOR" THE PROPOSED REVISION OF NON-LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES "ARE UNCLEAR." PREMIUM RATES FOR NON-LIFE INSURANCE ARE UNIFORMLY SET BY THE "NON-LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS CALCULATION COMMITTEE (SANTEIKAI) (CHIEF DIRECTOR TAKASHI MUKAIBO), THIRD ORGANIZATION, FOR THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY. THE COMMITTEE SAID THAT THAT WAS THE FIRST CASE OF FILING A MOTION OF OBJECTION SINCE 1948, WHEN THE SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED. THE COMMITTEE'S MAKING A DECISION ON INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES IS DRAWING CRITICISM FOR RUNNING COUNTER TO THE DEREGULATORY TREND. CHANCES ARE, THEREFORE, AIU'S ACTION MAY LEAD TO A REVIEW OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS CALCULATION SYSTEM. THE ISSUE IS LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES INSURANCE TALKS SCHEDULED TO BE REOPENED ON THE 28TH IN WASHINGTON.

AIU HAS FILED A MOTION OF OBJECTION TO THE REVISION OF INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES WHICH THE COMMITTEE PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE MINISTER ON MAY 15. PREMIUM RATES FOR NON-LIFE INSURANCE, WHICH COVERS INJURIES CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS ARE COMPOSED OF THREE CATEGORIES OF PAYMENTS -- DEATH AND AFTEREFFECTS OF INJURIES, HOSPITALIZATION AND ATTENDING A HOSPITAL AS AN OUTPATIENT. ACCORDING TO THE REVISION PROPOSED THIS TIME, WHILE INSURANCE PREMIUMS COVERING DEATH AND AFTEREFFECTS OF INJURIES WILL BE LOWERED, THOSE COVERING HOSPITALIZATION AND ATTENDING AT A HOSPITAL AS AN OUTPATIENT WILL BE RAISED.

IN OPPOSITION TO SUCH A MOVE, AIU HAS FILED A MOTION OF OBJECTION, POINTING OUT, "IT IS UNREASONABLE TO REVISE PREMIUM RATES WITHOUT CONDUCTING A FACT-FINDING SURVEY REGARDING WHAT PROBLEMS THE PRESENT PREMIUM SYSTEM HAS."

A DECISION BY THE COMMITTEE ON UNANIMOUS INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES FOR THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY IS EXEMPT FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW. INSURERS THAT ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH PROPOSED INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE ALLOWED TO FILE A COMPLAINT UNDER THE "LAW PERTAINING TO THE INSURANCE PREMIUM CALCULATION ORGANIZATION" (RYODANHO).

IN RESPONSE, THE FINANCE MINISTER HEARS OPINIONS BOTH FROM THE COMMITTEE AND THE INSURER THAT HAS FILED A COMPLAINT DURING AN EXAMINATION PERIOD THAT RUNS FOR 90 DAYS SINCE THE NOTIFICATION OF A REVISION OF INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES BY THE COMMITTEE. IN CASE THE MINISTER
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ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COMPLAINT IS BASED ON JUSTIFIABLE
REASONS, HE CAN ORDER THE COMMITTEE TO CHANGE SUCH
PREMIUM RATES. THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE INSURANCE
DEPARTMENT SAYS, "WE WILL MAKE A JUDGMENT ON THE
COMPLAINT IN LIGHT OF THREE PRINCIPLES, THAT IS TO SAY,
WHETHER PREMIUM RATES CALCULATED BY THE COMMITTEE ARE
'REASONABLE, PROPER AND NOT EXCLUSIONARY.'"

OBJECTION AIMS TO CHECK MOF BEFORE INSURANCE TALKS
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 5)

(COMMENTARY) WHAT LIES IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE JAPANESE
ARM OF AIU, AN AMERICAN INSURANCE FIRM, FILING A MOTION
OF OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED REVISION OF NON-LIFE
INSURANCE PREMIUMS IS THE AIM OF CHECKING THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE (MOF) WITH AN EYE ON THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES
INSURANCE TALKS SCHEDULED TO BE RESUMED ON THE 28TH IN
WASHINGTON.

TO FILE A MOTION OF OBJECTION IS A "DOUBLED-EDGED" SWORD
FOR AIU. THAT IS BECAUSE THE SETTING OF INSURANCE
PREMIUM RATES BY THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS CALCULATION
COMMITTEE (SANTEIKAI) IS AIMED AT RESTRICTING PRICE
COMPETITION AND SECURING AN ADEQUATE PROFIT AND EARNING
LEVEL FOR FINANCIALLY FEEBLE INSURERS. AIU ITSELF HAS
BENEFITED FROM THIS SYSTEM.

AND YET, IT HAS VENTURED TO FILE A COMPLAINT. ITS
PURPOSE IS PROBABLY TO DIRECT THE BRUNT OF CRITICISM OF
JAPAN TOWARD ITS INSURANCE PREMIUM CALCULATION SYSTEM '---
A "SANCTUARY" FOR JAPANESE NON-LIFE INSURANCE FIRMS. ITS
ACTION IS MOTIVATED BY THE DESIRE TO PRESS MOF FOR
SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS REGARDING THE PROBLEM OF ENTRY
INTO THE "THIRD SECTOR," THAT INCLUDES NON-LIFE INSURANCE

-- A KEY STICKING AREA AT THE ONGOING BILATERAL INSURANCE TALKS -- AND DEREGULATION REGARDING AUTO AND FIRE INSURANCE. IT IS SAID THAT AIU TAKES A TOUGH STANCE TOWARD JAPAN AND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS TACKLING THE BILATERAL TALKS, REFLECTING AIU'S WISH.

THIS IS THE FIRST CASE OF CRITICISM COMING OUT FROM WITHIN THE INDUSTRY REGARDING THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS CALCULATION SYSTEM, WHOSE NON-TRANSPARENT NATURE HAS BEEN POINTED OUT FROM BEFORE. IT COULD BECOME AN OCCASION FOR QUESTIONING WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE COMMITTEE. AMID RAPID PROGRESS IN FINANCIAL LIBERALIZATION, ONE OPTION WOULD BE TO TURN THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE INTO A MECHANISM THAT WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY INFORMATION SO THAT MEMBER FIRMS CAN CALCULATE PREMIUMS ON THEIR OWN, INSTEAD OF HAVING THE COMMITTEE CALCULATE PREMIUMS THAT WILL BIND THEM.

JAPAN TEAM TO JOIN NEW B-747 PROJECT
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 13)

FIVE JAPANESE AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS, INCLUDING MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND KAWASAKI HEAVY INDUSTRIES, HAVE AGREED TO TEAM UP IN THE DIRECTION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE "B-747" STRATOLINER REMODELING PROJECT PLANNED BY THE BOEING CO., A U.S. AIRCRAFT MAKER. THEY JUDGED THAT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THEM TO NEGOTIATE TOGETHER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT, RATHER THAN TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATELY, AND THAT IT MIGHT BE EASY TO HAVE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SUCH FORMS AS INTEREST SUBSIDY FOR DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.

GOVERNMENT FAILS TO TOUCH QAMAKUDARIQ IN REFORM PLAN
(SANKEI -PAGE 2)

THE MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY (MCA) AND THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL AUTHORITY (NPA) AS OF MAY 28 HAVE COMPILED A CIVIL SERVANTS SYSTEM REFORM PLAN FEATURING:
1) THE SUBSTANTIAL PROLONGATION OF THE TRAINING PERIOD;
2) EXPANSION OF INTER-AGENCY PERSONNEL EXCHANGES AT THE SENIOR LEVEL; AND 3) THE ENHANCEMENT OF SENIOR TRAINING
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PROGRAMS.

EARLIER, THE RULING CAMP ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROJECT TEAM HAD COME UP WITH THE IDEA OF "HIRING SENIOR PUBLIC SERVANTS COLLECTIVELY" (CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL). THE MCA AND NPA'S PLAN IS IN EFFECT A "COUNTER PROPOSAL" TO THE "COLLECTIVE HIRING PLAN," FULLY REFLECTING THE BUREAUCRATIC SIDE'S COMPLAINT THAT SUCH WOULD NOT ATTRACT HIGHLY MOTIVATED PEOPLE." THE PLAN, DRAFTED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MCA PERSONNEL BUREAU, HAS BEEN APPROVED IN THE MEETING OF CHIEFS OF SECRETARIAT OF VARIOUS AGENCIES.

AS FOR AMAKUDARI (GOLDEN PARACHUTE) PRACTICES, THE COALITION'S PLAN CALLS FOR "EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF RESTRICTION FROM THE PRESENT TWO YEARS TO FIVE YEARS." THE "COUNTER PROPOSAL," HOWEVER, DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY CORRECTIVE MEASURES, FROM THE STANDPOINT THAT "(AMAKUDARI) IS PART OF OUR VESTED RIGHTS IN EFFECT" (MCA SOURCE). IN SHORT, IT IS A "BUREAUCRACY-ORIENTED REFORM PLAN" (SENIOR LDP MEMBER).

AT PRESENT, THE JOINT SENIOR TRAINING PROGRAM IS CARRIED OUT FOUR DAYS IN APRIL SOON AFTER THE HIRING AND FIVE DAYS IN THE FALL.

THE "COUNTER PLAN" CALLS FOR PROLONGING THE FALL SESSION TO THREE MONTHS AFTER FY1997. IT ALSO CALLS FOR ADDING SUCH OPTIONS AS INVITING POLITICAL AND BUSINESS LEADERS AS LECTURERS AND GIVING A TRAINING SESSION AT LOCAL BODIES.

THE PLAN ALSO FOCUSES ON PROMOTING EXCHANGES AT THE DIVISION DIRECTOR LEVEL AND UP TO WARD OFF THE RULING CAMP'S CRITICISM TOWARD "BUREAUCRATIC SECTIONALISM." IN ADDITION, IT CALLS FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MID-LEVEL OFFICIALS (ABOUT 500 AT PRESENT) WHO ARE AMONG THE OBJECTS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM BLACKBURN

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ASAHI: FORMER KIZU CREDIT UNION HEAD TO BE ARRESTED TODAY
BY OSAKA PREFECTURAL POLICE; ON SUSPICION OF FRAUD
INVOLVING MORTGAGES THAT WERE SOLD JUST BEFORE BANKRUPTCY

NIHON KEIZAI: U.S. AIU OBJECTS TO REVISED PREMIUM RATES
OF ACCIDENT INSURANCE; FOR REASONS OF UNCLEAR GROUNDS";
LIKELY TO AFFECT JAPAN-U.S. TALKS; CALCULATION SYSTEM MAY
BE REVIEWED (TRANSLATION BELOW)

TOKYO SHIMBUN: BANK OF JAPAN, PARENT BANKS LIKELY TO
SHOULDER BURDEN OF 700 BILLION YEN; ADDITIONAL BURDEN
RELATED TO JUSEN LIQUIDATION MEASURES; TO WIDEN FUND WITH

LOW-INTEREST-RATE FINANCING; GOVERNMENT, RULING PARTIES
NOW IN FINAL COORDINATION; CUT IN FISCAL OUTLAYS AIMED AT

MAINICHI: JUSEN BORROWER TOGENSHA PRESIDENT MIGHT HAVE
CONCEALED EVIDENCE; GAVE ORDERS FOR DOCUMENTS TO BE
CONCEALED THE DAY BEFORE HE WAS ARRESTED

YOMIURI: POSSIBILITY OF AIDS INFECTION FROM DONATED
BLOOD; ANTIBODY INSPECTION PASSED? HEALTH AND WELFARE
MINISTRY'S FOLLOW-UP SURVEY; TO STRENGTHEN CHECK SYSTEM;
MAN IN HIS FORTIES FOUND TO BE INFECTED WITH AIDS IN
1980S

SANKEI: GOVERNMENT TO SUBMIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR
SITES NOW USED BY U.S. MILITARY; CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO
MAKE A DECISION ON "FORCIBLE USE" TRANSLATION BELOW)

PUBLIC APPROVAL OF HASHIMOTO CABINET REACHES 52 PERCENT
(YOMIURI - PAGE 1)

THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN CONDUCTED A NATIONWIDE PUBLIC OPINION
POLL ON THE 25TH AND 26TH TO SURVEY THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S
EVALUATION OF THE HASHIMOTO CABINET. THE APPROVAL RATING
OF THE CABINET WAS 52 PERCENT, UP 3.6 POINTS COMPARED
WITH THE PREVIOUS SURVEY. THIS FIGURE FOLLOWS THE 56.9
PERCENT REGISTERED IN THE POLL CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE HASHIMOTO CABINET WAS INAUGURATED. THE
APPROVAL RATING RECOVERED TO THE 50 PERCENT LEVEL AFTER A
LAPSE OF FOUR MONTH. CITED AS POSITIVE FACTORS ARE
DWINDLING CRITICISM AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S JUSEN
(HOUSING LOAN COMPANIES) LIQUIDATION MEASURES, AS SEEN
FROM A CONSPICUOUS DECREASE IN THOSE WHO POINTED "THE
JUSEN ISSUE" AS THE CABINET'S INEPT POLICY MEASURES, AS
WELL AS THE RECENT RECOVERING ECONOMIC SITUATION. THE
DISAPPROVAL RATING DECREASED BY 2.7 POINTS TO 33.3
PERCENT.

AS REASONS FOR SUPPORT OF THE CABINET, 28 PERCENT SAID,
"THE PRIME MINISTER COMES FROM THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTY (LDP)," 26 PERCENT REPLIED "ITS POLITICAL STANCE
CAN BE APPRECIATED," AND 22 PERCENT SAID, "THE PRIME
MINISTER IS RELIABLE." REGARDING APPRECIATED POLICIES OF
THE CABINET, THOSE WHO CITED "DIPLOMACY AND THE
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY" ACCOUNTED FOR 24 PERCENT,
"INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTION" -- 10 PERCENT, AND
"POLITICAL REFORM AND POLITICAL MORALS" -- 8 PERCENT.
THESE FIGURES ARE UP OR DOWN TWO POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS
MONTH. AS REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL OF THE CABINET, 35
PERCENT REPLIED, "ITS POLICY MEASURES ARE DISAPPROVED,"
32 PERCENT SAID, "ITS POLITICAL STANCE CANNOT BE
APPRECIATED," AND 29 PERCENT SAID, "NO REMARKABLE
ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED." CONCERNING DISAPPROVED
POLITICS, 54 PERCENT LISTED "JUSEN COUNTERMEASURES," 23
PERCENT POINTED EACH "THE TAX SYSTEM" AND "THE BUSINESS
SITUATION AND COMMODITY PRICES." THOSE WHO REPLIED
"JUSEN COUNTERMEASURES" DROPPED BY 4 POINTS FROM THE
PREVIOUS MONTH AND 10 POINTS FROM THE SURVEY IN MARCH.

ANOTHER POLL SHOWS 52.7 PERCENT FOR CABINET; FUTENMA
RETURN APPRECIATED (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 1)

THE JAPAN PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY ASSOCIATION CONDUCTED AN
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INTERVIEW-BASED REGULAR NATIONWIDE PUBLIC OPINION POLL ON
THE 25TH AND 26TH TO SURVEY THE TRENDS OF APPROVAL RATING
FOR THE HASHIMOTO CABINET, WHICH WAS INAUGURATED FOUR AND
A HALF MONTHS AGO, AND FOR EACH POLITICAL PARTY.

AS A RESULT, 52.7 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS SUPPORTED THE
CABINET, UP 9.3 PERCENT POINTS FROM THE RESULT IN THE
PREVIOUS SURVEY IN MARCH. BY CONTRAST, 37.0 PERCENT
DISAPPROVED OF THE CABINET, DOWN 8.9 POINTS.

SUCH A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN APPROVAL RATING FOR THE
CABINET SEEMS TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO AN AGREEMENT REACHED
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO
FOR RETURN OF THE U.S. MILITARY'S FUTENMA AIRFIELD IN
OKINAWA PREFECTURE.

REGARDING POLITICAL PARTIES, THE SUPPORT RATE FOR THE
LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) SWELLED TO 36.9 PERCENT,
WHICH IS CLOSE TO THOSE REGISTERED WHEN THE LDP WAS IN
SOLE POWER. BUT THE APPROVAL RATE OF THE OPPOSITION
PARTY SHINSHINTO DROPPED TO A RECORD LOW OF 11.1 PERCENT
SINCE ITS INAUGURATION.

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) GAINED ONLY A 4.7
PERCENT APPROVAL RATING, HITTING A RECORD LOW, FOLLOWING
THE PREVIOUS SURVEY, EVEN WITH THOSE POSTED WHEN IT WAS
THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) INCLUDED.

SINCE A SIMPLE COMPARISON CANNOT BE MADE, BECAUSE DIFFERENT SURVEY METHODS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED, BUT IN THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE-BASED PUBLIC OPINION POLL CONDUCTED BY KYODO NEWS SERVICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF THE HASHIMOTO CABINET THIS JANUARY, THE APPROVAL RATING WAS 63.0 PERCENT.

IN THE PREVIOUS REGULAR SURVEY CONDUCTED BY INTERVIEW IN MARCH, REFLECTING THE PEOPLE'S REPULSION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO THE SLOPPY LOANS TO THE HOUSING LOAN COMPANIES (JUSEN) , THE DISAPPROVAL RATING TOPPED THE APPROVAL RATING. THE CABINET HAS REGAINED THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT.

SACO MEETS IN HONOLULU TO DISCUSS FUTENMA; WASHINGTONQS
HELIPORT PROPOSAL EXPECTED NEXT MONTH
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

(HONOLULU, MAY 27, ATSUSHI ISHUI) THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENT HELD A MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP IN HAWAII ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 27 (MORNING OF THE 28TH, JAPAN TIME) UNDER THE "JAPAN-U.S. SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE" (SACO), A PANEL TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF REALIGNING, CONSOLIDATING AND REDUCING UNITED STATES MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA. IN IT, THE TWO COUNTRIES ARRIVED AN AGREEMENT (1) TO GIVE THE TOP PRIORITY TO HANDLING THE PROBLEM OF RETURN OF FUTENMA AIR STATION AND (2) TO ESTABLISH A WORKING TEAM FOR THAT PURPOSE IN AN EFFORT TO COMPILE A FINAL REPORT IN NOVEMBER. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL PRESENT AS EARLY AS IN JUNE A SPECIFIC PLAN INDICATING THE SCALE AND THE PLACE OF AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT, A CONDITION FOR RETURN OF FUTENMA AIR STATION. IN THE COMING MONTHS, FULL-FLEDGED FINAL COORDINATION WILL BE MADE BETWEEN WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

IN THE MEETING, THE FIRST ONE AFTER THE INTERIM REPORT WAS RELEASED IN APRIL, OPINIONS WERE EXCHANGED ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS SO AS TO COMPILE A FINAL REPORT IN NOVEMBER. CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ABOUT GIVING PRIORITY TO (RETURN) OF FUTENMA AIR STATION AND THE PROBLEM OF SOBE TELECOM SITE, ON WHICH AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON REVERT OF ALL OF IT AFTER CONSTRUCTING A NEW TELECOM FACILITY IN CAMP HANSEN (IN THE MIDDLE TRAINING GROUND) WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

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BEFORE THE INTERIM REPORT WAS ISSUED IN APRIL, JAPAN AND
THE U.S. HAD DISCUSSED VARIOUS ITEMS AS A WHOLE, BUT IN
COMPILING A FINAL REPORT, THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE DECIDED
TO ANNOUNCE ITEMS WHICH THEY THRASH OUT ONE BY ONE AND
THEN TO GO ON WITH COORDINATION WITH OKINAWA PREFECTURE
AND THE CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES CONCERNED BECAUSE
"MUCH TIME IS REQUIRED TO PROMOTE COORDINATION WITH THE
LOCAL AREA IF COORDINATION IS MADE AFTER AGREEMENT IS
SEEN REGARDING ALL ITEMS" (FOREIGN MINISTRY (MOFA)
SOURCE).

THE WORKING TEAM, WHICH WILL BE IN THE CENTER OF SUCH
WORKING, WILL CONSIST OF DIVISION-DIRECTOR-LEVEL
OFFICIALS OF RELEVANT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES, SUCH AS
MOFA AND THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) FROM THE JAPANESE
SIDE AND OF OFFICIALS IN CHARGE IN THE U.S. FORCES IN
JAPAN (USFJ). IT IS PLANNED THE WORKING TEAM WILL LIKELY
BE ESTABLISHED IN EARLY JUNE. TECHNICIANS ARE ALSO
SCHEDULED TO JOIN THE TEAM WHEN NECESSARY. REGARDING AN
ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT, NOW IN FOCUS, IT IS PREDICTED
CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SUCH AS THE SCALE, FUNCTIONS, THE
FORM AND LOCATION, WILL BE SHOWN BY THE U.S. WITHIN JUNE.

HOWEVER, THE FUTURE COURSE STILL REMAINS UNCERTAIN. THE
U.S. HAS ALREADY TRANSMITTED, THOUGH INFORMALLY, TO JAPAN
ITS IDEA THAT "AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT IN PLACE OF
FUTENMA AIR STATION WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT IF IT HAS A
1,500-METER-RUNWAY. BUT MUNICIPALITIES NEAR THE KADENA
MUNITION DEPOT, THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE PLACE FOR
TRANSFER OF (FUTENMA), HAVE BEEN OPPOSED TO IT, ARGUING,
"IT WILL LEAD TO EXPAND BASES."

BOTH OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN JAPAN AND THE U.S. HAVE SAID,
"WE WOULD LIKE TO FIX WHERE TO BUILD AN ALTERNATIVE
HELIPORT BY NOVEMBER," BUT COORDINATION WILL UNAVOIDABLY
FACE DIFFICULTIES.

TOKYO PLANNING TO MAKE SPECIAL LAW FOR USFJQS USE OF BASE
LAND; BILL TO DIET THIS FALL (SANKEI - TOP PLAY)

IN ORDER TO SPEED UP THE LEGAL PROCESS FOR THE FORCIBLE
USE OF OKINAWA U.S. MILITARY SITES, THE GOVERNMENT ON THE
28TH REACHED A POLICY DIRECTION TO PRESENT A SPECIAL
LEGISLATION BILL TO THE FALL EXTRAORDINARY DIET,

CONCLUDING THAT SUCH IS NECESSARY SO THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE FORCIBLE USE OF LAND IN PLACE OF THE EXPROPRIATION COMMITTEE. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) HAS BEEN RELUCTANT ABOUT RESORTING TO SPECIAL LEGISLATION, REASONING, "SUCH WOULD LEAD TO STRENGTHENING STATE AUTHORITY." THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAS REACHED A CONCLUSION THAT THE SDP'S CONSENT IS ATTAINABLE BY POSTPONING TO PRESENT THE BILL UNTIL THE FALL.

FOREIGN MINISTER IMPLIES ACSA APPLICATION TO QCRISISQ
(ASAHI - PAGE 2)

FOREIGN MINISTER YUKIHIKO IKEDA IN THE LOWER-HOUSE PLENARY SESSION YESTERDAY STATED REGARDING THE APPLICABLE SCOPE OF THE ACQUISITION AND CROSS-SERVICING AGREEMENT (ACSA) THAT WAS CONCLUDED IN APRIL BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES: "WE CANNOT SUPPLY ANYTHING AS OUR COOPERATION FOR U.S. FORCES' STRATEGIC ACTION EVEN IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY IF IT INVOLVES COMBAT ACTION." ACSA COVERS JOINT TRAINING, UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (PKO) AND INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ACTIVITIES. THE TEXT, HOWEVER, IS NOT LIMITED TO "PEACETIME" ONLY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REPLY CAN BE INTERPRETED AS HAVING LEFT SOME ROOM THAT GIVING ASSISTANCE IS POSSIBLE IN THE FORM OF JOINT TRAINING IN A "CRITICAL" CONDITION BEFORE HOSTILITIES START. IT WAS IN RESPONSE TO KATSUYA OKADA (SHINSHINTO).

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PEACE (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) RESEARCH COUNCILS ON FOREIGN AND SECURITY AFFAIRS HELD THEIR JOINT MEETING YESTERDAY AND LOOKED INTO THE PARTY'S PLAN TO INTRODUCE RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES. AS A RESULT, THE COUNCILS REACHED A PERCEPTION THAT SUCH WOULD NOT RUN COUNTER TO THE GOVERNMENT'S HITHERTO REPLIES OR THE 1969 LOWER-HOUSE RESOLUTION THAT STIPULATES, "SUCH IS LIMITED TO SPACE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY." AS THE NEXT STEP, THE PARTY WOULD DISCUSS SUCH SPECIFICS AS COST PERFORMANCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.

REGARDING THE USE OF SATELLITES BY THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (SDF), THE GOVERNMENT REVEALED ITS THINKING IN 1985: 1) SATELLITES SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR CAUSING CASUALTIES OR DESTRUCTION; AND 2) THE SDF CAN USE SATELLITES THAT ARE COMMERCIALY USED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES.

LOWER HOUSE APPROVES JAPANQS JOINING UNCLOS
(ASAHI - PAGE 2)

IN THE LOWER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION HELD ON MAY 28, APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA THAT ALLOWS A SETTING OF A 200-NAUTICAL-MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC WATER ZONE AND EIGHT RELEVANT BILLS. THE TREATY IS EXPECTED TO BE LATER APPROVED IN THE UPPER HOUSE AND THEN TO BE FORMALLY RATIFIED WITHIN JUNE. IN PREPARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHING OF AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC WATER ZONE, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO START IN EARNEST NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) AND CHINA TO CONCLUDE A NEW FISHERIES AGREEMENT. BUT NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT POSSIBLY FACE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF THE DOMINION PROBLEM OVER TAKESHIMA ISLANDS (OR TOKUDO ISLANDS IN KOREAN) WITH THE ROK AND SENKAKU ISLANDS (OR DIAOYU ISLANDS IN CHINESE) WITH CHINA.

UNDER THE TREATY, THE WAY OF HANDLING FISH RESOURCES AND SUBMARINE RESOURCES AND ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL SEA COURT TO SETTLE DISPUTES ARE STIPULATED. THE ROK HAS RATIFIED THE TREATY IN JANUARY, AND CHINA ALSO DECIDED THIS MONTH TO RATIFY IT.

IN THE LOWER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION THIS DAY, A RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED: "WE WILL DO OUR BEST FOR DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS TO REALIZE THE PURPOSES OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA."

HATOYAMA: QNOW THE SEASON FOR SOFT ICECREAMQ, REBUTTAL TO NAKASONEQS CRITICISM (ASAHI - PAGE 7)

"SOFT ICECREAM WILL BE GOOD FROM NOW ON. I THINK IT'S GOOD IN THE HOT SUMMER," SAID SAKIGAKE PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL YUKIO HATOYAMA AT A PRESS MEETING ON THE 28TH. HE MADE SUCH A REMARK IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESPOND TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER YASUHIRO NAKASONE'S STATEMENT IN WHICH HE CRITICIZED HATOYAMA'S NEW PARTY CONCEPT, ARGUING, "(HATOYAMA'S) IDEA IS LAX. HE IS TALKING ABOUT ONLY LOVE,

FRIENDSHIP AND VIRTUE WHICH ARE LIKE SOFT ICECREAM."

HATOYAMA AGAIN STRESSED: "I THINK THERE MUST BE A GENERATIONAL GAP. BUT I BELIEVE WE MUST MAKE POLICY MEASURES FOCUSING ON LOVE AND VIRTUE."

REGARDING NAKASONE'S ASSERTION THAT PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE SHOWN REGARDING SUCH FOUR CHALLENGING ISSUES AS RECONSTRUCTION OF FISCAL ADMINISTRATION, SECURITY, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM AND EDUCATION, HATOYAMA BROUGHT FORTH A COUNTERARGUMENT, SAYING, "POLITICIANS HAVE ONLY SAID WHAT IS CONVENIENT FOR THEM, BUT THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING. AS A RESULT, THE PEOPLE HAVE TO PAY THE BILL."

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HATOYAMA, HOWEVER, ADMITTED THAT HE IS NOW IN THE DARK FOR SEARCHING POLICIES, REMARKING "THERE IS A GAP EVEN BETWEEN MR. HAJIME FUNADA (SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY)) AND MYSELF -- ONE INSISTS ON FORMING A NEW CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND THE OTHER SAYS A FRIENDSHIP LIBERAL PARTY WOULD BE BETTER. IT IS NOT EASY TO FIND COMMON POLICY. THEREFORE, WE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE HEATED DISCUSSION IN DEED."

SHINSHINTOQS EXECUTIVE BOARD DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FUNADA REPLACED WITH GONDO (ASAHI - PAGE 7)

THE SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) DECIDED YESTERDAY TO APPOINT TUNEO GONDO AS ACTING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO SUCCEED HAJIME FUNADA, WHO WAS DISMISSED FOR "MAKING STATEMENTS ON A NEW PARTY CONCEPT." WITH FUNADA AND MASUO MATSUOKA, WHO HAS ASSUMED THE POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE LOWER HOUSE SECURITY COMMITTEE, HAVING RESIGNED FROM

EXECUTIVE POSTS, THE PARTY PICKED KOTARO YAMASAKI AND IKUO HORIGOME TO SUCCEED THEM.

AIU OBJECTS MOFQS INJURY INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE REVISION
(NIHON KEIZAI - TOP PLAY)

IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE JAPANESE ARM OF AIU (CHIYODA WARD, TOKYO, PRESIDENT BUNGO YOSHIMURA), LEADING AMERICAN NON-LIFE INSURER, FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE FINANCE MINISTER, CLAIMING THAT "GROUNDS FOR" THE PROPOSED REVISION OF NON-LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES "ARE UNCLEAR." PREMIUM RATES FOR NON-LIFE INSURANCE ARE UNIFORMLY SET BY THE "NON-LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS CALCULATION COMMITTEE (SANTEIKAI) (CHIEF DIRECTOR TAKASHI MUKAIBO), THIRD ORGANIZATION, FOR THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY. THE COMMITTEE SAID THAT THAT WAS THE FIRST CASE OF FILING A MOTION OF OBJECTION SINCE 1948, WHEN THE SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED. THE COMMITTEE'S MAKING A DECISION ON INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES IS DRAWING CRITICISM FOR RUNNING COUNTER TO THE DEREGULATORY TREND. CHANCES ARE, THEREFORE, AIU'S ACTION MAY LEAD TO A REVIEW OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS CALCULATION SYSTEM. THE ISSUE IS LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES INSURANCE TALKS SCHEDULED TO BE REOPENED ON THE 28TH IN WASHINGTON.

AIU HAS FILED A MOTION OF OBJECTION TO THE REVISION OF INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES WHICH THE COMMITTEE PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE MINISTER ON MAY 15. PREMIUM RATES FOR NON-LIFE INSURANCE, WHICH COVERS INJURIES CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS ARE COMPOSED OF THREE CATEGORIES OF PAYMENTS -- DEATH AND AFTEREFFECTS OF INJURIES, HOSPITALIZATION AND ATTENDING A HOSPITAL AS AN OUTPATIENT. ACCORDING TO THE REVISION PROPOSED THIS TIME, WHILE INSURANCE PREMIUMS COVERING DEATH AND AFTEREFFECTS OF INJURIES WILL BE LOWERED, THOSE COVERING HOSPITALIZATION AND ATTENDING AT A HOSPITAL AS AN OUTPATIENT WILL BE RAISED.

IN OPPOSITION TO SUCH A MOVE, AIU HAS FILED A MOTION OF OBJECTION, POINTING OUT, "IT IS UNREASONABLE TO REVISE PREMIUM RATES WITHOUT CONDUCTING A FACT-FINDING SURVEY REGARDING WHAT PROBLEMS THE PRESENT PREMIUM SYSTEM HAS."

A DECISION BY THE COMMITTEE ON UNANIMOUS INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES FOR THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY IS EXEMPT FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW. INSURERS THAT ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH PROPOSED INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE ALLOWED TO FILE A COMPLAINT UNDER THE "LAW PERTAINING TO THE INSURANCE PREMIUM CALCULATION ORGANIZATION" (RYODANHO).

IN RESPONSE, THE FINANCE MINISTER HEARS OPINIONS BOTH FROM THE COMMITTEE AND THE INSURER THAT HAS FILED A COMPLAINT DURING AN EXAMINATION PERIOD THAT RUNS FOR 90 DAYS SINCE THE NOTIFICATION OF A REVISION OF INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES BY THE COMMITTEE. IN CASE THE MINISTER
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ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COMPLAINT IS BASED ON JUSTIFIABLE
REASONS, HE CAN ORDER THE COMMITTEE TO CHANGE SUCH
PREMIUM RATES. THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE INSURANCE
DEPARTMENT SAYS, "WE WILL MAKE A JUDGMENT ON THE
COMPLAINT IN LIGHT OF THREE PRINCIPLES, THAT IS TO SAY,
WHETHER PREMIUM RATES CALCULATED BY THE COMMITTEE ARE
'REASONABLE, PROPER AND NOT EXCLUSIONARY.'"

OBJECTION AIMS TO CHECK MOF BEFORE INSURANCE TALKS
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 5)

(COMMENTARY) WHAT LIES IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE JAPANESE
ARM OF AIU, AN AMERICAN INSURANCE FIRM, FILING A MOTION
OF OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED REVISION OF NON-LIFE
INSURANCE PREMIUMS IS THE AIM OF CHECKING THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE (MOF) WITH AN EYE ON THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES
INSURANCE TALKS SCHEDULED TO BE RESUMED ON THE 28TH IN
WASHINGTON.

TO FILE A MOTION OF OBJECTION IS A "DOUBLED-EDGED" SWORD
FOR AIU. THAT IS BECAUSE THE SETTING OF INSURANCE
PREMIUM RATES BY THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS CALCULATION
COMMITTEE (SANTEIKAI) IS AIMED AT RESTRICTING PRICE
COMPETITION AND SECURING AN ADEQUATE PROFIT AND EARNING
LEVEL FOR FINANCIALLY FEEBLE INSURERS. AIU ITSELF HAS
BENEFITED FROM THIS SYSTEM.

AND YET, IT HAS VENTURED TO FILE A COMPLAINT. ITS
PURPOSE IS PROBABLY TO DIRECT THE BRUNT OF CRITICISM OF
JAPAN TOWARD ITS INSURANCE PREMIUM CALCULATION SYSTEM '--
A "SANCTUARY" FOR JAPANESE NON-LIFE INSURANCE FIRMS. ITS
ACTION IS MOTIVATED BY THE DESIRE TO PRESS MOF FOR
SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS REGARDING THE PROBLEM OF ENTRY
INTO THE "THIRD SECTOR," THAT INCLUDES NON-LIFE INSURANCE

-- A KEY STICKING AREA AT THE ONGOING BILATERAL INSURANCE TALKS -- AND DEREGULATION REGARDING AUTO AND FIRE INSURANCE. IT IS SAID THAT AIU TAKES A TOUGH STANCE TOWARD JAPAN AND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS TACKLING THE BILATERAL TALKS, REFLECTING AIU'S WISH.

THIS IS THE FIRST CASE OF CRITICISM COMING OUT FROM WITHIN THE INDUSTRY REGARDING THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS CALCULATION SYSTEM, WHOSE NON-TRANSPARENT NATURE HAS BEEN POINTED OUT FROM BEFORE. IT COULD BECOME AN OCCASION FOR QUESTIONING WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE COMMITTEE. AMID RAPID PROGRESS IN FINANCIAL LIBERALIZATION, ONE OPTION WOULD BE TO TURN THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE INTO A MECHANISM THAT WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY INFORMATION SO THAT MEMBER FIRMS CAN CALCULATE PREMIUMS ON THEIR OWN, INSTEAD OF HAVING THE COMMITTEE CALCULATE PREMIUMS THAT WILL BIND THEM.

JAPAN TEAM TO JOIN NEW B-747 PROJECT
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 13)

FIVE JAPANESE AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS, INCLUDING MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND KAWASAKI HEAVY INDUSTRIES, HAVE AGREED TO TEAM UP IN THE DIRECTION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE "B-747" STRATOLINER REMODELING PROJECT PLANNED BY THE BOEING CO., A U.S. AIRCRAFT MAKER. THEY JUDGED THAT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THEM TO NEGOTIATE TOGETHER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT, RATHER THAN TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATELY, AND THAT IT MIGHT BE EASY TO HAVE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SUCH FORMS AS INTEREST SUBSIDY FOR DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.

GOVERNMENT FAILS TO TOUCH QAMAKUDARIQ IN REFORM PLAN
(SANKEI -PAGE 2)

THE MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY (MCA) AND THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL AUTHORITY (NPA) AS OF MAY 28 HAVE COMPILED A CIVIL SERVANTS SYSTEM REFORM PLAN FEATURING:
1) THE SUBSTANTIAL PROLONGATION OF THE TRAINING PERIOD;
2) EXPANSION OF INTER-AGENCY PERSONNEL EXCHANGES AT THE SENIOR LEVEL; AND 3) THE ENHANCEMENT OF SENIOR TRAINING
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PROGRAMS.

EARLIER, THE RULING CAMP ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROJECT TEAM HAD COME UP WITH THE IDEA OF "HIRING SENIOR PUBLIC SERVANTS COLLECTIVELY" (CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL). THE MCA AND NPA'S PLAN IS IN EFFECT A "COUNTER PROPOSAL" TO THE "COLLECTIVE HIRING PLAN," FULLY REFLECTING THE BUREAUCRATIC SIDE'S COMPLAINT THAT SUCH WOULD NOT ATTRACT HIGHLY MOTIVATED PEOPLE." THE PLAN, DRAFTED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MCA PERSONNEL BUREAU, HAS BEEN APPROVED IN THE MEETING OF CHIEFS OF SECRETARIAT OF VARIOUS AGENCIES.

AS FOR AMAKUDARI (GOLDEN PARACHUTE) PRACTICES, THE COALITION'S PLAN CALLS FOR "EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF RESTRICTION FROM THE PRESENT TWO YEARS TO FIVE YEARS." THE "COUNTER PROPOSAL," HOWEVER, DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY CORRECTIVE MEASURES, FROM THE STANDPOINT THAT "(AMAKUDARI) IS PART OF OUR VESTED RIGHTS IN EFFECT" (MCA SOURCE). IN SHORT, IT IS A "BUREAUCRACY-ORIENTED REFORM PLAN" (SENIOR LDP MEMBER).

AT PRESENT, THE JOINT SENIOR TRAINING PROGRAM IS CARRIED OUT FOUR DAYS IN APRIL SOON AFTER THE HIRING AND FIVE DAYS IN THE FALL.

THE "COUNTER PLAN" CALLS FOR PROLONGING THE FALL SESSION TO THREE MONTHS AFTER FY1997. IT ALSO CALLS FOR ADDING SUCH OPTIONS AS INVITING POLITICAL AND BUSINESS LEADERS AS LECTURERS AND GIVING A TRAINING SESSION AT LOCAL BODIES.

THE PLAN ALSO FOCUSES ON PROMOTING EXCHANGES AT THE DIVISION DIRECTOR LEVEL AND UP TO WARD OFF THE RULING CAMP'S CRITICISM TOWARD "BUREAUCRATIC SECTIONALISM." IN ADDITION, IT CALLS FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MID-LEVEL OFFICIALS (ABOUT 500 AT PRESENT) WHO ARE AMONG THE OBJECTS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM BLACKBURN

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The Government has reached a policy direction to construct and strengthen the multilateral confidence-building system involving some private-level organizations in a bid to defuse the precarious factors surrounding Japan, particularly North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea). As one option, Japan is considering to propose launching a consultative panel by six countries, namely the four-way talks members -- the U.S., South Korea, China and North Korea -- plus Japan and Russia. For starters, the Government early this month is going to push Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs Nobuo Matsunaga for the co-chairmanship of the "Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP)," a private-level organization to reinforce the "Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)" and the "ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)"

The reaffirmed security arrangement between Japan and the U.S. by the bilateral security declaration issued earlier by the two countries has prompted the Japanese Government to commit itself further to confidence-building on a global scale, some reasoning, "The multilateral security arrangement in the Asia-Pacific has now entered a new stage" (senior Foreign Ministry official).

Matsunaga will run for the co-chairmanship of CSCAP, a private-sector organization which holds North Korea -- a non-ARF constituent -- as its member. Under this organization, scholars and ranking government officials of 13 Asia-Pacific

countries have been carrying out fact-finding studies of security affairs in the region. CSCAP has two chairmen: one picked from ASEAN and the other from non-ASEAN countries. A new non-ASEAN
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chairman will be determined in the upcoming steering committee session to be held on June 4 and 5 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Matsunaga's victory is most likely to bring about the private sector's greater commitment to confidence-building in Northeast Asia, particularly on the Korean Peninsula, where government-level talks have not progressed.

(2) Legislation for U.S. Forces' Bases in Okinawa; Time-Limit Likely to Be Set for Handling Procedures Entrusted; Proxy Decision-Making System under Study; Government To Speed up Procedures That Make Forced Use Possible

YOMIURI (Page 3) (Full)
June 3, 1996

As a result of studies carried out through June 2 in the central government on legislation for speeding up the procedures that enable United States forces stationed on Okinawa to forcibly use land plots, attention is now focused on: setting a time-limit for the procedures entrusted to some organs, such as proxy-signing by heads of cities, towns and villages, as well as for a decision by the expropriation committee; and adopting a proxy decision-making system in preparation for a case where the expropriation committee fails to pass

judgment within a given period.

The Government is considering amending the Special Measures Law for Sites Used by the Stationed Forces. But to do so, it needs to adjust differences between it and other laws, including the Land Expropriation Law and the Local Government Law. Moreover, some are arguing: "There is a need to enact a special law that bring together into one all procedures related to security, including those for sites used by Self Defense Forces (SDF)" (government source). Legislative work is likely to be plagued with difficulties.

The problematical points in the present procedures are as follows:

1. No time-limit is set for a portion of the procedures entrusted to some organs, such as proxy-signing by heads of cities, towns and villages and judgment by the expropriation committee;
2. No special measures exist to speed up examination by the expropriation committee; and;
3. Several months are required in case a governor refuses to do proxy-signing or to make a public announcement and/or to exhibit.

Of the above three, on proxy-signing by heads of cities, towns and villages and a public announcement and/or exhibition by a governor, setting a two-week time-limit is most likely, on the grounds that "setting a deadline will make it easier to take the next step at an early date" (government source).

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Regarding the period spent before judgment is given by the expropriation committee, in the previous case of forced use of land, nearly 11 months were taken. At the time of the case of forced use of land in 1987, up to 16 months were consumed by the process. In the current case, more than one year will inevitably be required. To deal with such a case, the following measures are now being considered: setting a period of two months or so as a time-limit for a decision by the expropriation committee, using as a model the "Special Measures Law for Acquisition of Sites for Public Use," a law that helps speed up the steps for forced use of land sites for expressways, airports and other purposes; and allowing the prime minister to make a judgment as proxy in case the expropriation committee fails to pass judgment within the time limit.

As for the legal proceedings necessary for the prime minister to take in case a governor refuses to do proxy-signing, such proceedings are concerned with the basis of the Local Government Law, so any conclusion has yet to be drawn as to whether to review them in the process of legislation now underway.

Over the question of allowing U.S. forces' forced use of land plots, the Government in March of this year applied for a judgment about land owned by about 3,000 people to the prefectural expropriation committee after going through such steps as proxy-signing by the prime minister of land records. Regarding a portion of the Sobe Telecommunications Site, the head of Yomitan Village has not yet to agree to follow the procedures for a public announcement and exhibition. The focus is now on whether the governor will act as proxy.

(3) U.S. Military Bases Cause Environmental Pollution with PCB, Mercury, Lead ...; Some Cases Found Higher than Safe Standards; No Disposal at Time of Reversion

ASAHI (Page 3) (Excerpts)
June 1, 1996

U.S. military bases are where ultra-modern weapons are prepositioned. At the same time, those bases are also the originators of environmental pollution. After the cold war, a number of military bases were closed down on the U.S. mainland. Now, in the U.S., environmental pollution, reportedly occurring at more than 10,000 spots, are casting serious problems. In Japan as

well, the Kadena ammunition depot area in Okinawa, now on the list of candidate sites for the Futenma airfield's functional transfer after its return, is also posing problems from the viewpoint of the protection of the natural environment. In fact, a number of soil contamination cases have been brought to light at U.S. military bases in Japan over the last several years. What is now happening inside the bases that are protected by the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and by military secrecy?

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SOFA's "Barrier"

An environmental problem occurred this March at the vacant site of the U.S. Forces' Onna radio station stretching over the northern part of the main island of Okinawa.

The Defense Facilities Administration Agency's Naha Regional Defense Facilities Administration Bureau announced that it had detected such harmful substances as polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), cadmium, and mercury from the dirt in a sewage disposal tank in the radio station. After that, the prefectural government of Okinawa further surveyed that place, and found the level of mercury detected there was as much as four times higher than the Waste Matter Disposal Law's safety standards.

The radio station site was returned in November last year. Due to this problem's occurrence, however, the area surrounding the disposal tank is

still off-limits.

The local assembly of Onna Village has adopted a petition in written form, calling for the U.S. military side to take such measures as restoring the soil. Under the SOFA pact, however, the U.S. military side is not obliged to restore any of its facilities to their status quo ante, but the dirt, amounting to approximately 120 tons, has yet to be disposed of.

SOFA requires U.S. forces to respect Japanese domestic laws and ordinances. On the other hand, however, it also guarantees the right of control on bases. It has been an obstacle to preventing environmental pollution.

The U.S. Army's Sagami Depot in Kanagawa Prefecture is in charge of storing and disposing of harmful waste matter and scraps carried in almost every day from other U.S. military bases in Kanto.

In the fall of last year, the depot's burning up of that waste matter became a problem. Perhaps scrap wood and plastics were burnt in the open air, white smoke streamed from the base. The Waste Matter Disposal Law stipulates that an incinerator should be used to burn such waste matter. But, the base has no such facility, and the waste matter was burnt in a large dugout.

The municipal office of Sagami-hara City then requested the Government to have U.S. forces "observe" Japan's domestic laws and ordinances, calling for a stronger action than to have them "respect" the domestic statute.

Difficult to Grasp Actual Conditions

"When will we see it?" So saying, an official of Yokosuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture bared a sense of growing impatience.

About four years ago, a high level of such chemical substances as mercury and lead was detected from

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the soil near a berth in the (naval) base facing Tokyo Bay, and it became known that the contaminated earth had been partially scattered on the filled-in ground in Tomariura Bay within the base area. In response to that fact, the U.S. forces conducted a survey in 1993, the following year. The city has requested the Government to make public the results of that survey. However, such have yet to be reported.

In November 1994, the U.S. forces already reported the results of that survey to the Environment Agency, the contact point for the environmental subcommittee of the Japan-U.S. Joint Committee. In reply to the city's inquiries, however, the Foreign Ministry has just repeatedly answered, "We're now in the process of arrangement among those concerned."

A group of local citizens, called "NEPA-no-Kai" (NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Group), has now already secured the results of that U.S. military survey under the U.S. freedom-of-information law. The group's representative, Shoji Shimizu (67), is critical of the Government, remarking, "The contaminated soil could flow out into the sea. Nevertheless, the Government does not inform the local side which will suffer damage. That's unreasonable."

In the case of the U.S. Forces' Yokota Air Force Base in Tokyo as well, a group of citizens there also moved ahead of local municipalities and grasped the actual condition of environmental pollution at the air base. In 1993, U.S. military aircraft gathered at the air base to join exercises. On that occasion, about 68 kiloliters of jet fuel leaked from an oiler on the base. In May last year, the U.S. forces submitted a final report on that accident to the Environment Agency. But it was five months after that when the Government reported it to Fussa City and other local municipalities.

During that time, in August last year, Yoichi Endo (48), a member of the municipal assembly of Fussa City, obtained a copy of the final report under the

freedom-of-information law. He emphasizes, "Although the report had been presented to the environmental subcommittee of the Japan-U.S. Joint Committee, the public announcement was delayed. That's because of the Joint Committee's closed-door nature, and the responsibility rests with the Government. As for base environment problems, it's necessary to set up a consultative institution to discuss measures, including countermeasures to be taken after a problem occurs, with local municipalities also attending."

(4) Amakudari (Golden Parachute) to Be Banned for Five Years after Retirement; Draft Plan Presented by Ruling Parties' Administrative Reform Project Leader; Package Employment of Government Officials to Be Adopted

MAINICHI (Page 3) (Full)
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Yukio Edano (Sakigake Lower House member), chair of the ruling parties' Administrative Reform Project, yesterday mapped out a "government officials personnel system reform plan" (draft plan), featuring (1) package employment and personnel changes of government officials; (2) extension of a ban on former government officials from obtaining high posts at public corporations to five years after retirement; and (3) abolition of a premature retirement system and the adoption of a principle of making it possible for government officials to remain in office until they reach the age limit. The Chairman will shortly present the draft

proposal to the Project Team for finalization.

According to the draft plan, the national government employees examinations will be consolidated, by scrapping the present foreign service national government employees examination. For that purpose, "foreign service posts" will be included in the "1st-class examination," and a "national personnel office" will be established in the Cabinet to take charge of decisions on personnel hiring and assignments. In addition, government officials are to be transferred to various agencies in rotation after a certain fixed period in order to eliminate the practice of giving priority to the interests of one's own ministry." Furthermore, the principle is to be adopted in reforming the national personnel system is to transfer government officials to other government agencies when they are promoted and not to allow them to return to agencies to which they had previously belonged.

The draft has expanded business entities that are subject to an amakudari (golden parachute) rule from the present profit-making firms, by adding special corporations and public utilities corporations. The period of a ban on amakudari will be extended from the present to years after retirement to five years. A premature retirement system will be corrected in stage by the year 2003 so that all government employees can remain in office until they reach the age limit. At the same time, posts for elderly persons will be increased. (Shigeru Sakurai).

Draft Plan for Reforming Government Official Personnel System

The part and parcel of the draft plan for reforming the national government official compiled by Chairman Yukio Edano of the ruling parties' Administrative Reform Project Team is as follows:

(Consolidation of National Government Employees Hiring System)

-- The present foreign service national government employees examination will be abolished. Instead, "foreign service posts" will be included in the 1st-class examination.

(Consolidation of Personnel Changes for National Government Employees)

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-- Regarding those who are to be employed as national government officials, by passing the first-class examination (including former diplomats), a Cabinet National Personnel Office will decide on their hiring and assignments. Government agencies are to appoint those officials according to such decisions.

-- A Cabinet National Personnel Office is to make it a principle that when government officials are promoted to administrative work of grade seven or that equivalent to such, it transfers them to other government agencies than those for which they served until that time and does not allow them to return to their previous agencies.

-- Government officials whose grade is six or higher are to be transferred to other government agencies for a period of around five years. They should not remain in the same government agencies over ten years at the longest.

(Establishment of Cabinet National Personnel Office) The Cabinet Law is to be amended so that a Cabinet National Personnel Office is to be established in the Cabinet Secretariat for an overall control of personnel matters.

(Transitional Measure) This change in the system is to be implemented from April, 1998.

(Restrictions on Amakudari)

-- Clause 2, Article 103 under the National Government Employees Law stipulates a ban on amakudari to profit-making firms. Amakudari to special corporations and public utilities corporations over which the concerned authorities

have overseeing authority is also to become subject to this rule.

-- The period of a ban on amakudari is to be extended from two years after retirement to five years after such.

(Scrapping Premature Retirement System)

-- The current personnel system, under which senior government officials are forced into retiring before they reach the age limit, is to be corrected in stages. During a transitional period, senior government employees are to be allowed to remain in office for another year or two by the year 2003 so that all government officials can remain in office until they reach the age limit.

(Increase in Posts for Elderly Persons) Increase experts' posts. Those in such posts are to be in charge of the administrative side that requires specialized knowledge on areas other than organizational control and to be treated in proportion to their age, experience and ability.

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GAVE TOP PLAY TO THE GOJ STUDY ON A "QUASI-CRISIS"
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1. "'FUTENMA EFFECT' FAILS TO MATERIALIZE" THE LIBERAL
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SUPPORTING GOV. OTA CAPTURED A MAJORITY (25) OF THE 48
SEATS IN SUNDAY'S OKINAWA PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION,

OUTSTRIPPING THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY-LED CONSERVATIVE CAMP BY TWO SEATS. DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, THE LDP WAS COUNTING ON THE SO-CALLED 'FUTENMA EFFECT.' THAT IS TO SAY, THE PARTY TRIED TO WIN THE ELECTION BY PUBLICIZING PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO'S POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ACHIEVEMENT OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. ON THE RETURN OF FUTENMA AIRFIELD. HOWEVER, IT FAILED TO TAKE EFFECT AS OKINAWANS REACTED NEGATIVELY, SAYING THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS ONLY TRYING TO MOVE U.S. BASES FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER ON OKINAWA.

"THE ELECTION RESULTS SHOW THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE NOT ONLY SUPPORT GOV. OTA'S 'POLICY OF OPPOSITION' TO THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE BUT ALSO HAVE A CRITICAL VIEW OF THE CURRENT BASE CONSOLIDATION AND REDUCTION PLAN PROPOSED IN THE MID-TERM SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON OKINAWA (SACO) REPORT. BOTH THE U.S. AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE A FINAL SACO REPORT THIS NOVEMBER, SHOULD CONSIDER THE ELECTION RESULTS IN A SERIOUS MANNER AND COME UP WITH A MORE CONCRETE BASE CONSOLIDATION AND REDUCTION PLAN WHICH WILL WIN THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE. FOR EXAMPLE, ISN'T IT NOW TIME TO STUDY THE RELOCATION OF A U.S. MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS UNIT WHOSE TRANSFER FROM OKINAWA TO GUAM IS RUMORED, WHILE KEEPING THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE'S CRITICISM OF 'SHIFTING U.S. BASES FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER' IN MIND?" BLACKBURN

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[News Conference by Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman Hiroshi Hashimoto with unidentified reporters on 11 June; place not given; from the "What's New" link]

[FBIS Transcribed Text] [Topics of Discussion] I. Introduction to the Press Conference and announcements to the Press
A. The arrest of Japanese Red Army member Kazue Yoshimura
B. Japan-Republic of India relations
C. The situation in the Union of Myanmar
II. Japan-U.S. security cooperation
III. Humanitarian assistance to North Korea
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V. United Nations humanitarian assistance to North Korea and the proposed four-party conference
VI. North Korean Rodong missile development and reported possession of nuclear warheads
VII. Possibility of North Korean matters being discussed at the Lyon G-7 Summit
VIII. Reported misuse of disaster insurance funds by North Korea
IX. Okinawa elections and the realignment, consolidation and reduction of United States bases on Okinawa
X. Japanese policy regarding the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) and the National League for Democracy (NLD) in Myanmar [Burma]

XI. Statement by Minister for Foreign Affairs Yukihiko Ikeda on the arrest of Japanese Red Army member Kazue Yoshimura

XII. Distribution channels for humanitarian assistance to North Korea

I. Introduction to the Press Conference and announcements to the Press [subhead]

A. The arrest of Japanese Red Army member Kazue Yoshimura
Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hiroshi Hashimoto: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. "Kazue Yoshimura, a member of the Japanese Red Army was arrested thanks to the cooperation extended by authorities of the Republic of Peru. I would like to take this opportunity to express our great appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Peru. This arrest truly shows how important international cooperation is in the prevention of terrorism, including the finding and arresting of terrorists. I would like to continue with actually promoting this international cooperation vigorously." This is the gist of the remarks made by Minister for Foreign Affairs Yukihiko Ikeda on the arrest of Kazue Yoshimura.

B. Japan-Republic of India relations

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hiroshi Hashimoto: Newly-elected Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda of the Republic of India, sent a letter to Prime Minister Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in which he wished to develop a comprehensive dialogue to develop the bilateral relationship in many fields, and proposed to reopen deputy foreign minister meetings. The India-Pakistan dialogue had ceased in January 1994 when the deputy ministers of the two countries talked about the Kashmir issue. The Government of Japan hopes for the reopening of the dialogue to improve the bilateral relations between the two countries.

C. The situation in the Union of Myanmar

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hiroshi Hashimoto: Thirdly, on matters relating to the Union of Myanmar, on 6 June, Japanese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Yoichi Yamaguchi, appealed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar that the meetings held by National League for Democracy (NLD) Chairman Aung San Suu Kyi of the Union of Myanmar should be permitted from the viewpoint of freedom of political activities. On 7 June, the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) of the Union of Myanmar issued a new law -- the law protecting the peaceful and systematic transfer of state responsibility and the successful performance of the functions of its national convention against disturbances and opposition. And, on 8-9 June, the weekly meeting in front of NLD Chairman Aung San Suu Kyi took place as scheduled. SLORC did not interfere in the meetings. On 10 June, Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama stated at his press conference that the Government of Japan hopes that political activities will be respected in Myanmar and that SLORC will continue its restraint measures against the NLD. The situation in Myanmar remains unpredictable. The Government of Japan is closely watching the situation with concern.

Those are the announcements that I wanted to make, and I will be delighted to respond to any questions that you might have.

II. Japan-U.S. security cooperation [subhead]

Q: Many of the Japanese papers this morning reported that the

Japanese Government has decided, or is studying, the possibility of stepping up cooperation with the United States when there is a conflict on the Korean Peninsula -- as being different than when conflict occurs in other parts of the Far East. They would take it as a strong threat toward Japan when there is a case on the Korean Peninsula.

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[FBIS Transcribed Text] [paragraph continues] Some of the reports said that the Japanese Government would treat such a situation almost the same as a threat on Japan itself. Could you confirm the situation, and could you tell us what some of the cooperation actions are that will be stepped up between the U.S. and Japan?

A: I believe you are talking about the so-called guidelines of Japan-U.S. defense cooperation. The so-called mini-Security Subcommittee (SSC) meeting took place on 28 May. First of all, I would like to tell you what basically was agreed on at that meeting. Firstly, the two sides decided to reform the Subcommittee on Defense Cooperation (SDC). Under the new Subcommittee, the two governments will review the present guideline. Secondly, at the end of this month, Defense Department Under Secretary for Policy Walter Slocumbe of the United States of America is expected to visit Japan. Both governments intend to formally announce the reform of the SDC. The new terms of reference will be published then. Thirdly, in September, both governments intend to hold the so-called 2+2 Meeting. The two governments intend to publicize a sort of progressive report of the review of the guidelines. As for the Japanese side, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Defense

Agency have been reviewing this, but have not yet reached any conclusion. In this sense, what the newspaper reported is speculation. I would like to remind you that the Cabinet itself is reviewing, or studying, the so-called emergency measures. The study of the review of defense cooperation will be done together with the study of emergency agencies.

III. Humanitarian assistance to North Korea [subhead] Q: It was reported that the leaders of the current Japanese political parties agreed that Japan should provide North Korea with US\$6 million worth of material. Is that position of the political parties comfortable for the J

A: I would like to emphasize that the Government of Japan is now at the advanced stages of the decision-making process. However, the Government has not entered the stage of final decisions and its announcement. This morning, the Government had a chance to talk to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). Tomorrow, we understand that the Joint Foreign Policy Coordination Committee of the Coalition Party will take place. The Government is going to consult with the Committee tomorrow, too. At the same time, we know that the Government of the Republic of Korea announced its emergency aid to North Korea in the amount of US\$3 million. The Republic of Korea has already informed us of this. The Government of Japan is also informing the Governments of the Republic of Korea and the United States about the process of our decision on the aid.

IV. Alleged North Korean missile capability [subhead]

Q: Recently, the Asahi Shimbun reported that the North Koreans have four nuclear missiles. Could you tell me how the Japanese Government Self Defense Forces survey the missile situation in North Korea?

A: The Japan Self Defense Forces are exchanging information with Japan's ally, the United States. As far as this particular issue is concerned, we are now investigating whether or not the newspaper reports reflect reality or not. We understand that Vice Chairman of the Foreign Economic Committee Kim Jong U of North Korea did not tell Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Hubbard of the United States of America that North Korea owned four missiles. But, in any case, we are investigating whether North Korea has four missiles.

V. United Nations humanitarian assistance to North Korea and the proposed four-party conference [subhead]

Q: Could you tell us the background of how the United Nations came up with this deal to Japan, South Korea and the United Nations for food aid to North Korea, and if it is connected in any way to the four-nation peace proposal? If it is not connected, if it is not a condition, do you hope that North Korea would reply positively to the U.S. and South Koreans?

A: Three countries -- the United States, Japan and the Republic of Korea have been independently studying whether any of those countries would extend food aid to North Korea. When the Deputy Ministers Meeting took place on Cheju Island, they exchanged views on the food situation and the economic situation in North Korea. The three countries more or less shared the same evaluations on this, and after that, on the initial United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs (DHA) appeal. While information was being exchanged among the three countries, the Republic of Korea announced the aid to North Korea. Japan, as I said, is at the advanced stages

of decision making. We have been informed that the United States is also at the final stage of finalizing its aid. I believe all three countries are independently deciding. At the same time, all three countries have extended or are going to extend aid for humanitarian purposes. If you talk about other aspects -- for example, the four-party conference is still an outstanding issue -- we sincerely hope that North Korea will respond positively on this. But, we have not yet received any information on a new move by North Korea.

Q: My question was were the two connected in any way -- was it a condition?

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