U.S.-Japan trade trauma varies geographically inside U.S.

HONOLULU—U.S.-Japanese relations have improved considerably over a year ago, but some trade and defense issues remain as possible causes of future friction.

Mitsuo Donovan, Japan's consul general here, reviewed the accomplishments of the Japan-U.S. trade relationship during his year in office.

"One year ago, the media and some politicians on both sides of the Pacific were playing up the so-called IBM international espionage case," Donovan said at a Hawaii International Services Agency and Pacific & Asian Affairs Seminar held in July.

The installation of Prime Minister Yashiro Nakasone at year's end has "ushered in a fresh air..." Donovan continued. But one trade storm still remains, and that is the statement made in July by one Japanese official that he had no intention of extending the (voluntary) auto export restraints beyond March, 1983.

Donovan noted Michigan Sen. Donald Riegle's reference to another Japanese "who has destroyed the jobs and homes of millions of Americans."

Under Nakasone, Japan's market is continuing to open, Donovan assured. However, he charged criticism like the one made by Riegle could be "dangerously misleading." He argued that high U.S. unemployment was due to sluggish economy.

Another seminar speaker, Dick Yamashita, an American Nisei and president of Marconi International in Tokyo, said the persistent trade deficit with Japan isn't necessarily bad. "It has made Americans wake up to the fact that we have to get off our center to remain competitive.

The charter member of Japan JACL, emphasized America's opportunities for exports to Japan in services, which is already a $2 billion item: the "true growth area in a significant number of fields: hospital/health care, legal advice, computer/financial and computer software."

Shinshaku Sago, director of international communication development for Japan External Trade Organization, added that even though the nation's re-remaining import restrictions are on agricultural products, Japan purchased $6.1 billion farm goods in 1982 and $1.8 billion worth of computer software.

At the 84th National VFW Convention held here Aug. 21, the resolutions, sponsored by Legion delegates from Washington and Pennsylvania, were removed because of a technicality. Prior to introduction of the resolutions, Nisei delegates to the convention, T. Jack Uno of Seattle Nisei Morimitsu of Chicago Nisei waters "ed the PC.

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All Nisei posts for world War II

ARMY CLEARLY RESOLVES CASE OF 11 COURT-MARTIALED NISEI

WASHINGTON—Eleven Nisei soldiers whose 1941-1944 convictions were set aside by President Carter in 1977 were granted full pardons by the president yesterday.

The court-martialed Nisei, who were convicted in 1941 at Ft. McClellan, Ala., for refusing to fight for the United States while their families were detained in the relocation centers had all become American citizens by 1977 and had discharged their reparation duties.

President Carter's decision came after an opinion by outgoing Attorney General William French Smith in 1977 that the Nisei had been "wrongly convicted and unjustly sentenced to death" because of a "lack of due process and due consideration of the facts as well as the legal principles involved in each case.

The events leading to the recall of the Nisei servicemen were a part of the ongoing effort by various groups to redress the wrongs committed against the Japanese American community during World War II.

The Army, which had already recalled the servicemen in 1977, said it would begin a review of the cases of all other servicemen who were convicted of military offenses during the war.

"We have been asked to examine the cases of all Nisei servicemen who were convicted of military offenses during World War II," said Army Secretary John F. Lehman, Jr. "We will do everything possible to ensure that these cases are handled in a fair and equitable manner.

The recalling of the 11 servicemen brought to an end the long legal battle that had dragged on for more than three decades.

The recall of the 11 servicemen was part of a larger effort by the government to redress the wrongs committed against the Japanese American community during World War II. In the past, the government had also recalled 12,000 more servicemen who were convicted of military offenses during the war.

Although the recall of the 11 servicemen was a significant milestone, there is still much work to be done to fully redress the wrongs committed against the Japanese American community during World War II.

The government has already paid reparations to many of the survivors of the internment camps and has also provided financial assistance to those who were affected by the war.

However, many survivors are still seeking justice and compensation for the injustices they suffered. The government has also been slow to provide reparations to those who were refused entry to the United States and to those who were denied the right to vote.

The recall of the 11 servicemen is a step in the right direction, but there is still much work to be done to fully redress the wrongs committed against the Japanese American community during World War II.

Reparations for those who were refused entry to the United States should be paid immediately. The government should also provide reparations to those who were denied the right to vote.

The government has a moral obligation to do the right thing by the survivors of the internment camps and to ensure that they are treated with the respect and dignity that they deserve.
Americans say no lineup of firms to enter Japan, despite Nakasone open market action

Los Angeles–Oriental Americans are being asked if they can open the Japanese market, the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan says to lineup of U.S. firms wanting to get in. So said Laurence F. Kirman, president of that chamber in Tokyo, in a luncheon address to corporate members of the Japan America Society of Southern California here at the Bonaventure Hotel.

Snowden, who is West Coast area vice president of Hughes Aircraft International, said too many American executives are assuming their knowledge of the Japanese market on information that is several years old and are reluctant to take another look at it.

"But in the past 18 months many changes have been taking place," he told his audience, "changes of great promise. American executives. He credited Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone’s recent “third liberalization package,” announced in January, with “getting to the heart” of liberalizing trade restrictions that had been placed at the discretion of the Japanese bureaucracy.

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Minidoka's Hunt graduates of '43, '44 gather at Seattle reunion

CAMP RADIO SHOW—The "Minidoka Matinee" group from the Minidoka Center at Hunt, Minidoka's Hunt High graduates of

Japanese ancestry was considered dangerous and ineligible for service, said Dorothy Yamaguchi, who narrated the program. "The only crime of most of us was that we had Japanese parents."

Life in Minidoka was in many ways common to life on the outside, if Yamaguchi's slides are to be believed. Babies were born in camp and old people were buried. Someone organized a beauty contest. Softball teams played in the Sageshure World Series. A sashay itself was sprung up to double for a Christmas tree. A smiling girl handed a check over to a man in a business suit; it was the camp's contribution to the War Fund.

Recom Drawbacks

But some things could not be denied. Hunt High school was really a man camp filled with tables headed of desks and wearily short of supplies.

Fire destroys four stores in San Jose

The kindergarten center which businessman Tuan Nguyen took eight years to build burned to the ground Saturday, Aug. 20.

Fire Capt. Gerry Hubbard said the blaze which enveloped the 12,000-square-foot center at 4:30 and destroyed four shops in the complex, fire officials suspect arson.

The Tu Do Business Center at Fourth and St. John streets was described as one of the most successful Vietnamese businesses in town. The fire apparently started in the kitchen of Maxum's restaurant and there was no evidence that it was a stove, gas line or anything like that, Hubbard said.

"I want to start all over again," said 40-year-old Nguyen who ran the business with his wife and eight children when the country was taken over by the Communists.

California First reports dividend

SAN FRANCISCO—A cash dividend of 7 cents per share for third-quarter 1982 was announced by Yasushi Sumiya, president of California First Bank. Payment will be made on Oct. 14, to shareholders of record as of Sept. 16. Assets include $4.2 billion, the state-chartered bank has approximately 1.3 million in common stock outstanding.

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First Nisei promoted to star army general


A brigadier general since Aug. 1979, Tagawa, president of Group Architects Collaborative Inc., commanded the I Corps Reserve from 1979 to 1982. He has more than 35 years of active commission service in the Army.

Tagawa is the first Nisei with the rank of major general. Three other Nisei all retired now, have been one-starbrigadiergenerals: Francis Takemoto and Edward Yoshimura, both of Hawaii, and Theodore Kanamori of Los Angeles, now retired in Florida. In his civilian life, Tagawa is an architect.

One of 47 graduates of St. Louis High School who completed his studies at Notre Dame with a bachelor of arts degree in architecture in 1962. In addition, his military education, he completed the Army's Engineer Career Course in 1963, Command and General Staff College in 1968 and Army War College in 1971.

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was served " and "good time" credit. Thus he left the courtroom with an unconditional freedom.

Because of Lee's admission of guilt, "he could be deported as a convicted felon," Judge sais said he would recommend to the Immigration and Naturalization Service that this conviction not be used for deportation proceedings.

Defense attorney Hanlon said: "We have immigration lawyers who will defend him; no law under which he (deportation) would be successful.

Community Support

Lee said he had been overpowered by the support he had received from the Asian American community of the nation and of his personal thanks for their years of support.

The sense of justice that I have received from all the support people and defense committees over the last six years has a much more positive effect, "he said, "than any justice that I could ever receive from the courts," Lee commented.

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THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WASN'T ORGANIZED AS IT IS NOW, said Kay Kato of Merced Island, a member of the Class of '42. "We didn't have any assignment. We had to do whatever we had. We didn't have any meetings.

"Our biggest drawback was not being allowed to go to college for college prep," said Lily Shima of Seattle. "It wasn't fair for those of us who wanted to go to college.

Forty years ago, the graduates listened as commencement speakers told them to look to the future with optimism. Did they?

"No, but that was our wish," said Ikeda. When I went in (to Minidoka), I didn't believe I would ever get out. We had maybe one week's notice, and we could only take one bag in. We burned everything. Japanese, anything, that would suggest loyalty.

35 Fallen Heroes

Dorothy said it was something the war-time classes at Minidoka were not. Most of the young men signed up for military service as soon as they graduated, serving with the 442nd Combat Team, the most highly decorated Army unit in World War II.

The reunion drew more than 70 graduates of the classes from the two years. They came from all states, and among them were five in uniform.

But there were some missing faces at the reunion—the classmates and friends who left Minidoka after graduation and died fighting for their country.

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NEW ADDITIONS...
A grave injustice?

The Sacramento Bee
Monday, May 30, 1983

After much study a commis sion created by Congress in February 1977 that a "grave injustice" had been done to 120,000 Japanese Americans interned in World War II. It said President Roosevelt had acted out of political and racial motives to remove the Japanese from the "war zone" and had used the internment's aftermath to further his political agenda.

It is significant that this commission was created as a result of protests by Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II. The commission was established to investigate the circumstances surrounding the internment and to recommend compensation to those who were wronged.

The commission's report stated that the internment was a "grave injustice" and called for compensation to those who were wronged. The report recommended that Congress establish a commission to investigate the internment and to make recommendations for compensation.

The commission's recommendations were adopted by Congress, and a law was passed that established the Civil Liberties Authority to investigate the internment and to make recommendations for compensation. The authority was later renamed the Civilian Alien Control Commission.

The commission's report was widely criticized by those who argued that the internment was a necessary measure to protect national security.

In the years that followed, the commission's recommendations were ignored, and the Japanese Americans who were interned were left without any form of compensation or acknowledgment of their suffering.

Today, the internment of Japanese Americans remains a controversial issue, with some arguing that it was necessary to protect national security, while others argue that it was a grave injustice that should be acknowledged and compensated for.

Keeping Track of Editorials

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A Pacific Citizen editorial from May 30, 1983, states that the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II was a "grave injustice" and calls for compensation to those who were wronged.

The editorial argues that the internment was a result of political and racial motives and that it had a devastating impact on those who were interned. The editorial also notes that the internment was a violation of the basic rights of American citizens and that it has had a lasting impact on the lives of those who were interned.

The editorial concludes by calling for the internment to be acknowledged and compensated for, and it argues that such action is necessary to ensure that such a grave injustice is never repeated.
FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

One of the gifts I received on retirement was a small aluminum tube inside a supermarket bag. There was something powerful in the tube, of course, but first I had to read the attached card on which was written:

"Bill—5 years ago Palmer Hoyt extended his hand to you and started you on what has become a mutually enriching and rewarding career on The Post. We know he was someone you respected and admired. It seems only fitting now that he should reach out again with The daughter's recounting here of Tad's activities, incidentally); the Boatrights gave me a pair of hipboots, a rod, a reel, and most lately a fishing license in an effort to entice me out on the stream. They have had some success. Despite my protestations of great love for fish, 70 always seemed to be too many more important things to do.

Some weeks ago Warren was nosing around a fly fishing tackle shop when he ran across what seemed to be an excellent used rod. It bore the name of Palmer Hoyt, the late editor and publisher of The Denver Post, who had hired me and who, after I overcame my awe of him, had become friend and mentor as well as boss. In his prime there was no better newspaper executive in the country—serious, astute, and influential man. He received many gifts, and I guess I would say the fly rod was among them. If someone had given it to him, it had to be an excellent one. Hoyt loved to fish, but in his declining years he had to give up the sport. I imagine that after his death nearly a decade ago some of his possessions were sold, and somehow the fly rod wound up in the tackle store.

More out of curiosity than anything else, Warren bought Palmer Hoyt's rod. He tried it out and found it worthy. And then when he found out that I was retiring, he decided it was only proper that I, not he, should own the Hoyt's rod. So Warren persuaded me to try it. It was the sort of day that at long last I would have both reasons and occasion to go out with him to work the streams and quiet beaver ponds and see if we couldn't fool a few trout on the prowl into lunging at a fake insect.

It was a warm and sincere gesture on Warren's part. It would be as ungracious not to accept the invitation as to not accept the rod and the sentiments that accompanied it. So early last week Hoyt's rod was loaned, and clearer, we will have to give out and go the rod a workout. We'll have to see whether the trout are still there, and how well I've absorbed Warren's instruction about casting a dry fly.

Old poof, indeed.

DENVER POST

Very Truly Yours: by Harry Honda

Friends of Tad Hirota

It was fitting that friends of Tad Hirota, the community leader and raconteur of Eastbay, held the testimonial for him two Saturdays ago (Aug. 20) here in the middle of San Francisco Bay. Originally from Miyagawa, Japan, Tad settled in Berkeley in 1939.

Many of the speakers that day were connected with East San Francisco and the Eastbay Communities. Both communities have an interest in the Hirota story.

Prominent was the late Senator Alan Cranston, who served in the United States Senate from 1953 to 1993. Cranston was a strong advocate for civil rights and a supporter of the Japanese American community. He was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Cranston's passion for justice and equality was evident in his work, and he continued to fight for civil rights throughout his career.

Cranston's love for Tad Hirota was evident as he spoke about Hirota's contributions to the community. He mentioned Hirota's work in the field of civil rights and his dedication to the community. Cranston also spoke about Hirota's role in the establishment of the Eastbay Community Center and his role in bringing attention to the plight of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Another prominent individual who spoke about Tad Hirota was the late Fred Korematsu. Korematsu was a civil rights activist and a 1942 recurrence of the Supreme Court's decision that upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese Americans. Korematsu's work in the field of civil rights and his dedication to the Japanese American community was evident in his speeches. He spoke about Hirota's role in the community and his dedication to justice and equality.

In conclusion, Tad Hirota's legacy is one of dedication to justice and equality. His work in the field of civil rights and his role in bringing attention to the plight of Japanese Americans during World War II will continue to be remembered by the community. The testimonial held in his honor will continue to serve as a reminder of his contributions and his dedication to justice and equality.


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KOBES—When the City of New York decided to purchase new subway cars from Kawasaki Heavy Industries, there was a buzz & cry over the deal in New York. Come October, 11 special Japanese-made coaches will make their appearance in New York.

(The first car was unloaded Aug. 18 at South Brooklyn.)

The new-type car is stout and light and “scribble-proof” since the vehicle is made of aluminum and covered with a special Japanese paint, which is easy to clean. However, the vehicle is made of aluminum, which is expensive. Heavy Industries, Tokyo, is the manufacturer of the new-type car. They do not die, according to the Hawaiian Humane Society, which is one of the few organizations that allow animals to be killed quickly.

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CRUEL DEATH...?

Humane society receives complaints over ‘live sashimi’

HONOLULU—Few people who eat oysters on the half-shell worry about how the oysters feel. They are only food. They’ve been cooked. And they’re just dead.

The oysters are not only fresh, but alive.

They do not die, according to Ian Cook of the Univ. of Hawaii zoology department, “until they’ve been in the stomach for one minute.”

The Hawaiian Humane Society hasn’t complained about the oyster on half-shells, but more than two dozen people did protest to the society about the Japanese practice of ikizukiri, or live sashimi, in which fish and lobster are served still moving. The complaints led one restaurant, Suntory, to take oyster-sashimi service off the menu.

Alan Howard of the Univ. of Hawaii anthropology department thinks the question is one reason people can accept one way of eating while being appalled by another. The Rev. Eizen Yoshida of the Sanju-do-In Temple said the ikizukiri-style developed because they believed something really fresh.

Hawaiian Humane Society director Ruth Wade said her organization does not aim to make moral judgments on what can and cannot be eaten. It is the manner in which the animal meets its death with which they have a problem.

This year the society recommends that the fish be killed quickly and lobster put in cold water to anesthetize them before bringing them to a slow boil.

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