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## 1. JIAP NEWS

The last APW for the summer will be the issue July 28-August 2. We are currently a bit behind, but should be caught up shortly. JIAP will spend August updating and improving our website. The focus will be on providing tools to the Asia policy research and analytical communities.

**Mark your calendar now for Noon, September 15<sup>th</sup>.** JIAP will host a book party for JIAP Member Gillian Tett. More details soon.

**Contents: COVER STORIES, JAPAN:** Japan-Public Opinion, Japan Beef Issue, Japan-Economy, Japan-Foreign Policy, Japan-Politics, Japan-Security, Japan-Society & Culture **JAPAN RELEVANT:** China-Economy, China-Foreign Policy, China-Politics, Environment, Espionage, Foreign Policy, Iran Issues, Iraq Issues, North Korea, Obituary, Science & Technology, Security, South Asia, South Korea, Southeast Asia, Steel, Taiwan, Trade, US Economy.

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## 2) MEMBER NEWS

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**ORIENTAL ECONOMIST, JULY 2003.** ACCOUNTING SHENANIGANS: Leaked documents embarrass the FSA; TOKYO INSIDELINE: Ex-premier Mori flexing his muscle; ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: Alan Blinder considers Japan's economy; LABOR TRENDS: Homelessness grows in Japan; SECURITY: Restructuring US forward deployments. <http://www.orientaleconomist.com/current.html>

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## 3) CRITICAL REPORTS

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**“A Global Solution Is Needed for Illicit Weapons,”** Michael Levi, Science and Technology Fellow, Brookings Institution; Michael O’Hanlon, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution, Op-Ed, FT7/11/03 p11. “The North Korean threat could unite the international community in negotiating the kinds of agreements outlined. But even if such agreements cannot be concluded, efforts towards them will still be valuable. UN-based discussion of possible security arrangements can only bolster America’s position if it is ever forced to stop a North Korean ship in self-defence. And its willingness to take a multilateral approach would help repair America’s standing in the world.” <http://www.brookings.edu/views/op-ed/ohanlon/20030711.htm>

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## 4) OPINION, REPORTS & STATEMENTS

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### COVER STORIES

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**NATIONAL JOURNAL** – “**Compete Or Else** - President Bush wants to remake the bureaucracy so that government workers routinely vie with private contractors for their jobs,” 7/11/03, <http://nationaljournal.com/members/news/2003/07/0711nj1.htm>

**ECONOMIST** – “**Unjust, Unwise, UnAmerican** - America's plans to try terrorist suspects before military tribunals are mistaken,” 7/12/03, [http://www.economist.com/printedition/displaystory.cfm?Story\\_ID=1908281](http://www.economist.com/printedition/displaystory.cfm?Story_ID=1908281).

**FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW** – “**Media Barons: The Global Battle For The Chinese Market** - There is a growing market of Chinese readers from New York to Malaysia looking for news from home. Give them Chinese-language newspapers and you can earn a packet of change--and maybe enough political leverage on the mainland to one day print your publications there too,” 8/7/03, [http://www.feer.com/articles/2003/0308\\_07/p036money.html](http://www.feer.com/articles/2003/0308_07/p036money.html).

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### JAPAN

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#### JAPAN-PUBLIC OPINION

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##### Poll on Koizumi cabinet, political parties, Iraq

MAINICHI July 7, 2003, p2. [US Embassy Translation 7/8/03]

Figures shown in percentage. The figure "0" indicates that the proportion of answers was below 0.5. "No answer" omitted. Parentheses denote the results of the last survey conducted on May 31 and June 1.

[T = Total; L = Last; M = Male; F = Female]

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**Q: Do you support the Koizumi cabinet?**

	T	L	M	F
Yes	49	(49)	51	48
No	31	(26)	34	28
Not interested	19	(22)	14	22

**Q: The government plans a new law for Japan's assistance to Iraq in its reconstruction and is going to dispatch Self-Defense Forces (SDF) troops to Iraq. Do you support this plan?**

	T	M	F
Yes	19	28	12
No	38	38	39
Can't say which	39	32	44

**Q: Do you think the Iraq war was legitimate?**

	T	M	F
Yes	26	31	22
No	61	61	61

**JAPAN-BEEF ISSUE**

“Farm Ministry Wrong to Hike Beef Import Tariff”, Editorial, Nikkei Online, 7/7/03. WTO Safeguard triggered allowing Japan on August 1 to raise beef tariffs from 38.5% to 50%.

“Government To Hike Tariffs On Beef And Port As Scheduled, Starting Next Month, as Countermeasure to Sharp Rise in Imports,” Tokyo Shimbun, 7/11/03, p8, US Embassy Translation.

“MAFF Vice Minister: Import Restrictions Will Be Automatically Imposed,” Tokyo Shimbun, 7/11/03, p8, US Embassy Translation.

“Japan Sees Early Lifting Of Canada Beef Ban As Difficult, Kyodo News Online, 7/12/03, <http://asia.news.yahoo.com/030711/kyodo/d7s7hpu82.html>. NB This is costing Canada's beef industry \$11 million a day.

Possible Curbs On U.S. Beef Import May Trigger Trade Dispute, Nikkei Online, 7/12/03,

**JAPAN-ECONOMY**

“Pull the Japanese Cord for Job Flexibility; The Country's Changing Employment Patterns Exemplify the Way in Which the Concept of Part-time and Full-time Work Are Beginning to Coalesce Elsewhere,”

FT7/11/03, VI. According to International Labour Office (ILO) survey, *Employment Stability in an Age of Flexibility*, no more than a fifth of corporate employees in Japan work for one company for life. See: <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/support/publ/textem.htm#b7168>.

“Japan Sees Investment from Abroad at 4-Year High,” FT7/11/03, p13. Foreign investors bought \$10.54 billion in shares in June, fueling a Nikkei rise of 18% since the beginning of June. This was the largest level of foreign investment since March 1999.

**JAPAN-FOREIGN POLICY**

“North Korea: Abe hints at separating talks on the abduction issue from those on the nuclear problem,” ASAHI 7/10/03, p4, US Embassy Translation 7/11/03.

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**“Struggle for oil field in eastern Siberia between Japan, China now at crucial moment; Diplomatic offensive intensifying before selection of pipeline in September,”** YOMIURI 7/10/03, p11, US Embassy Translation 7/11/03.

**“SDF Dispatch to Iraq and Japan (Part 1): Japan, poised on the brink between Japan-U.S. alliance and international cooperation, comes up with decision lacking own initiative,”** MAINICHI 7/8/03, p3, US Embassy Translation 7/10/03. “One Foreign Ministry official stated that the new Iraq legislation "involves these three factors: the Japan-U.S. alliance, international cooperation and the domestic political situation. It was a difficult challenge, like one to solve complicated simultaneous equations." This means that Japan's diplomacy, having no definite viewpoint about the justification of the Iraq war, was lacking in a strategy on how to independently contribute to the post-war Iraq reconstruction process. The government's real intention seems to have been to play down the Japan-U.S. alliance angle, which was stressed when Japan supported the Iraq war, and to focus on finding a balance between the bilateral alliance and international cooperation.”

## JAPAN-POLITICS

**Possible candidates for the LDP presidency** [Tokyo Shimbun, US Embassy Translation 7/11/03]

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
• Mitsuo Horiuchi	73
• Yohei Kono	66
• Shizuka Kamei	66
• Takeo Hiranuma	63
• Akihiko Kumashiro	63
• Taro Aso	62
• <b>Junichiro Koizumi</b>	<b>61</b>
• Masahiko Komura	61
• Takao Fujii	60
• Yoshimi Watanabe	51
• Yasuhisa Shiozaki	52
• Seiko Noda	42
• Taro Kono	40

**“Ruling and opposition blocs raise questions about safety of SDF personnel to be dispatched to Iraq; Ruling coalition calls for relaxed weapons-use rules; Opposition parties point out difficulty making distinction between combat and non-combat areas,”** TOKYO SHIMBUN 7/8/03, p2, US Embassy Translation 7/9/03.

**“Fall Lower House dissolution scenario on thin ice; Nov. 9 general election theory gaining ground; Extra Diet may open in late September,”** NIHON KEIZAI 7/9/03, p2, US Embassy Translation 7/10/03.

## JAPAN-SECURITY

**“SDF—Between its self and "military" status (Part 3): SDF members wavering as public servants,”** ASAHI 7/5/03, p34, Embassy Translation 7/9/03. “A USGSDF officer, who participated in ranger training when he was young, said: "I never thought to defend the country. When I was in training, I just recalled the faces of my colleagues, my family and friends. I want to defend them.””

## JAPAN-SOCIETY & CULTURE

**Survey to Japanese University Presidents Conducted by Asahi Newspaper – April-June 2003, NSF Toyko Office Special Issue.** Translation of a survey of Japanese university presidents, to learn their views toward the national universities' shift to independent administrative organizations that will take place as of April 2004. This special issue focuses on the survey results to the extent that they were reported in the Asahi Newspaper dated June

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29, 2003. For a copy of this report which is not yet on the NSF website contact Kazuko Shinohara [kshinoha@nsf.gov](mailto:kshinoha@nsf.gov), <http://www.nsf-tokyo.org>.

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## JAPAN-RELEVANT

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### CHINA-ECONOMY

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**“China Powers Ahead as Asian Neighbours Slow,”** FT7/11/03, p6. Despite SARS crisis, China’s GDP continues to grow, fueled by a June trade surplus of \$2.14 billion. Singapore’s GDP decreases 11.8% in Q2 from Q1, South Korea reduces its GDP growth forecast for 2003 from 4.1% to 3.1%. <http://www.stats.gov.cn/english/index.htm>; <http://www.singstat.gov.sg/>; <http://english.koreaneconomy.go.kr/eseach.cgi?w=32&q=korea%20economy>.

**“SARS Does Little to China’s Growth,”** NYT7/11/03, W1. Compared with last June, China’s exports were up 32.6% to \$34.5 billion, imports up 40.1% to \$32.3 billion, the trade surplus narrowed to \$2.1 billion, industrial output increased 16.9%. See: <http://www.stats.gov.cn/english/>.

**“China Reports Unexpected Surge in Output, Exports,”** WSJ7/11/03, A7. China’s National Bureau of Statistics and the Ministry of Commerce release figures showing a 16.9% rise in industrial production and a 32.6% rise in exports in June year on year despite SARS. See: <http://www.stats.gov.cn/english/>.

**“China’s Main Stock Market Opens to Foreigners,”** NYT7/10/03, W1. On 7/10, UBS became the first foreign investor to buy shares on China’s Class A share market. [www.ubs.com](http://www.ubs.com).

**“China Tries New Attack on Bad Loans; Morgan Stanley Is Given Permission to Bypass Red Tape to Get Access to a Source of NPLs,”** FT7/10/03, p18. Morgan Stanley now circumvents asset management companies (AMCs) and works directly with China Construction Bank (CCB) to dispose of \$518 million in NPLs. <http://www.ccb.com.cn/english/>.

### CHINA-HONG KONG

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**“Beijing Sends Team to Assess Hong Kong’s Unrest,”** NYT7/11/03, A6. Beijing dispatches delegation consisting of 10-20 officials from the security and intelligence agencies, the Foreign Ministry, and the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office to assess Hong Kong’s political environment after the July 1<sup>st</sup> protests.

**“Hong Kong Bombshell for Beijing; Political Protests Put China’s Leaders in Awkward Situation,”** NYT7/10/03, A9. “...the angry debate over the proposed security laws has exposed the inherent weakness of the formula: what happens when vital interests, as perceived in Beijing and Hong Kong, conflict? No one pretends that in a crunch, Beijing’s needs would not prevail.”

**“Rebellion: Forcing a backdown over Hong Kong's new internal-security law could be only the beginning,”** Economist 7/10/03. [http://www.economist.com/displaystory.cfm?story\\_id=1908260](http://www.economist.com/displaystory.cfm?story_id=1908260)

### CHINA-POLITICS

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**“China’s Abuses on AIDS,”** Editorial, NYT7/11/03, A18. “Advocates for AIDS patients say that some in the government even recommend that the quarantine strategy the country used against the atypical pneumonia known as SARS be applied to AIDS. That would be a mistake. China should learn a different lesson from SARS. After months of denial, China finally began to deal with the disease openly, an approach that was the key to its apparent defeat. But it did so because SARS was affecting the economy and was an epidemic in Beijing. AIDS is still a disease mainly of China’s powerless rural poor. China cannot save itself from AIDS until officials understand that the enemy of the people is the disease, not its sufferers.”

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**ENVIRONMENT**


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**“US Groups ‘Worst’ at Tackling Climate Change,”** FT7/10/03, p16. Ceres, a US based coalition of investor, labor, and public interest groups and cofounder of Global Reporting Initiative with the UN, releases survey of the world’s 20 largest corporate emitters of greenhouse gases, sharply criticizing US companies for their lack of environmental initiatives. See: <http://ceres.org/newsroom/press/ceresirrcrel.htm>

**ESPIONAGE**


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**“Women Seized as Double Agent May See Some Counts Dismissed,”** NYT7/10/03, A19. Judge Florence-Marie Cooper suggested during 7/9 hearing that she will dismiss 3 - 5 charges against Katrina Leung because they do not specify if there was intent to benefit a foreign government at the expense of the US.

**FOREIGN POLICY**


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**“Liberal Democrats’ Perverse Foreign Policy,”** Editorial, WP7/11/03, A21. “What *should* be our criteria for military intervention? The answer is simple: strategic *and* moral necessity. Foreign policy is not social work. Acting for purely humanitarian reasons is wanton and self-indulgent. You don’t need to send US soldiers to die to assuage troubled consciences at home. Their lives should be risked only in defense of their country.”

**IRAN ISSUES**


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**“IAEA Seeks to Ease Iran Fears Over Protocol,”** FT7/10/03, p5. IAEA Head Mohamed ElBaradei said on 7/9 that the IAEA would send an expert team to “clarify” Tehran’s concerns over opening its nuclear program to UN inspection. See: [http://www.iaea.org/worldatom/Press/Focus/IaeaIran/iran\\_timeline.shtml](http://www.iaea.org/worldatom/Press/Focus/IaeaIran/iran_timeline.shtml).

**“Missile Muscle; Iran’s Tactics Hardly Allay Suspicions of a Nuclear Programme,”** Editorial, FT7/10/03, p12. “Some proliferation experts fear that Iran will sign the new protocol because it would give Iran continued cover to pursue atomic weapon development up to the point that it could burst out of the NPT with an atomic arsenal virtually ready. The North Korea experience has shown this to be a risk. But there is no alternative – short of military action, which no one wants. At least more IAEA inspections would widen the window on Iran’s activities.”

**“Russia And China Bid for Iran Oil Deal,”** FT7/10/03, p5. Russia’s Sakhalin Energy Investment Co. and China’s Sinopec Corp. enter bids to develop Azadegan oil field in Iran after Japan pulls out of the \$2 billion deal.

**IRAQ ISSUES**


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**“Bush Skirts Question on ‘Evidence’ and Defend War,”** NYT7/10/03, A11. In 7/9 news conference with South African Pres Thabo Mbeki, Pres. Bush dodged questions on his State of the Union allegations that Iraq tried to buy uranium in Niger. “There is no doubt in my mind that Saddam Hussein was a threat to world peace. And there’s no doubt in my mind that the United States, along with allies and friends, did the right thing in removing him from power. And there’s no doubt in my mind, when it’s all said and done, the facts will show the world the truth.” See: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/07/20030709.html>.

**“Senators Grill Rumsfeld about U.S. Future in Iraq; Gen. Franks, Secretary Disagree on Troop Levels,”** WP7/10/03, A1. Defense Sec. Rumsfeld testifies before Senate Armed Services Committee 7/9 on the cost and duration of the US military presence in Iraq, where senators gave him his roughest treatment since he became Defense Secretary. Gen. Franks testified that he expected 150,000 troops would be needed for the “foreseeable future,” contrasting with pre-war Pentagon estimates. See: Rumsfeld’s testimony, [http://www.senate.gov/~armed\\_services/statemnt/2003/July/Rumsfeld.pdf](http://www.senate.gov/~armed_services/statemnt/2003/July/Rumsfeld.pdf); Gen. Frank’s testimony, [http://www.senate.gov/~armed\\_services/statemnt/2003/July/Franks.pdf](http://www.senate.gov/~armed_services/statemnt/2003/July/Franks.pdf).

**“Focus Turns to Tubes Sought by Saddam; The Intelligence Assessment of the Material Is Being Questioned”** FT7/10/03, p2. Pres. Bush’s claim in the State of the Union address that Iraq tried to purchase aluminum tubes for

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nuclear weapons production was disputed by members of the US intelligence community, notably the INR, the Department of Energy, as well as the IAEA, prior to his speech.

**“War’s Cost Brings Democratic Anger; Lawmakers Voice Surprise at Rising Pentagon Estimate,”**

NYT7/11/03 A1. Congressional Democrats speak out against new Pentagon estimates of cost of Iraq war now at \$3.9 billion/month, up from April’s estimates of \$2 billion/month.

**“Proliferating Questions; Iraqi Nuclear Problems for the White House,”** Editorial, FT7/11/03, p10.

“The uranium allegation was not the reason the US and Britain went to war. Nor was the evidently faulty intelligence on the rest of Iraq’s WMD capability. The case against Mr. Hussein centred on his own failure to account for weapons the world had every reason to believe he possessed. But in both the US and Britain that forensic argument was embellished by bold intelligence claims, presumably because both governments feared the case needed bolstering. Now the White House needs to explain the precise details of that embellishment. The administration’s credibility depends on it.”

## NORTH KOREA

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7/9 - South Korea's National Intelligence Service issued a report claiming that North Korea has processed some of its 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods, as well as tested devices to trigger atomic explosions up to 70 times. The spent fuel rods allegedly are being stored in Yongbyon, while the triggers are being tested in Yongduk-dong, about 40 km (25 miles) northwest of Yongbyon. Recent reports have indicated that the CIA thinks North Korea is developing technology to build warheads small enough to be carried by its missiles, and that U.S. satellites have located an advanced nuclear test site.

7/10 - A 32-member North Korean ministerial delegation, led by Chief Cabinet Councillor Kim Ryong Song, begins Cabinet-level talks in Seoul on economic issues on the Korean Peninsula. This is the same day South Korean President Roh Moo Hyun finishes his visit to China.

**“Plenty of Intelligence But Few Facts on N Korea’s Weapons of Mass Destruction; Assessing the State of the Secretive Nation’s Nuclear Programme Is Proving Difficult,”** FT7/11/03, p6.

**"Korean Monarch Kim Jong II: Technocrat Ruler of the Hermit Kingdom Facing the Challenge of Modernity"** by Dr. Alexandre Y. Mansourov, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies [JIAP Member] 7/9/03 in The DPRK Briefing Book - the Nautilus Institute Policy Area: "Negotiating Style" Full Report  
<http://nautilus.org/DPRKbriefingbook/negotiating/issue.html>

## OBITUARY

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**“MIT Economist Charles Kindleberger,”** WP7/10/03, B6. Economic historian who helped create the Marshall Plan and author of the book *Manias, Panics, and Crashes*, dies of a stroke on 7/7 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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**“Quantum Dot Research in Taiwan (Academic),”** ATIP03.040: Reviews recent academic research projects in Taiwan in the area of quantum dots, a topic that has been identified as a potential star in the field of nanotechnology. Related research has been included in Taiwan's National Science and Technology Program for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (NSTP/NST), with university research primarily funded by the country's National Science Council (NSC). Research areas include simulation, electronics, photonics, bio-detection, etc. A list of these research projects is provided along with a discussion on quantum dot research capability in Taiwan. For a including a table of contents see: [http://www.atip.org/public/atip\\_reports.03/atip03.040.pdf](http://www.atip.org/public/atip_reports.03/atip03.040.pdf)

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**SECURITY**  
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**“Asia: U.S. Initiative Sets Stage for Miscalculations, Clashes?”** Stratfor 7/8/03. “The second meeting of the U.S.-initiated Proliferation Security Initiative will be held in Brisbane, Australia on July 9 and 10. The 11-member group will focus on ways to stem the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery devices -- with a focus on interdicting ships and aircraft for search and seizure. But as Washington and its allies prepare for a more intrusive presence in the region, tensions with Asian nations -- which are themselves concerned with the precedents being set -- are likely to rise, increasing the risk for miscalculation and clashes.”  
<http://www.stratfor.biz/Story.neo?storyId=219767>

**“Global Disarmament Regimes: A Future or a Failure?”** Stanley Foundation February 2003. Based on discussions among officials and experts from numerous countries and international institutions, these publications analyze the current status and future relevance of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as well as the political and conceptual gaps between the current US strategy of counterproliferation and the competing cooperative security school of thought. Policy Bulletin and Full Report: <http://sns.stanleyfoundation.org/issues03/>

**“Counterproliferation and Cooperative Security: Discussions of an Independent Task Force”** Stanley Foundation May 2003. The fifth meeting of the Stanley Foundation's Independent Task Force on US Strategies for National Security addressed the driving assumptions and goals behind three competing approaches to WMD proliferation trends: counterproliferation, cooperative security, and traditional balance-of-power realism. Draft Discussion Notes: [http://sns.stanleyfoundation.org/taskforce/0503a\\_notes.html](http://sns.stanleyfoundation.org/taskforce/0503a_notes.html)

**SOUTH ASIA**  
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**“Quotas Sew Pakistani Discontent; Senior Officials Are Frustrated with Lower Than Expected Textile Exports to the US,”** FT7/10/03, p17. Despite the \$3 billion aid package given to Musharraf after Camp David summit, Pakistani textile manufacturers remain frustrated by the lack of new expanded quotas for textile exports.

**SOUTH KOREA**  
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**“South Korean Labor Unrest Worries China,”** Stratfor 7/7/03. “South Korean President Roh Moo Hyun began his first official visit to China on July 7. While North Korea and regional stability will draw the bulk of attention, the growing trade and investment links between the former enemies will be high on the agenda as well. Beijing is increasingly concerned that labor unrest in South Korea might weaken Seoul's economic competitiveness -- and thus undermine the growing economic ties between the two nations.” <http://www.stratfor.biz/Story.neo?storyId=219712>

**“S Korean Olympic Official Blamed for Failed Bid,”** FT7/11/03, p6. Kim Un-yong, former president of the General Association for International Sports (GAIS), faces accusations that he sabotaged S. Korea's bid to host the 2010 Winter Olympics in order to secure his election as International Olympic Committee (IOC) Vice President.

**“Shinhan Completes Chohing Deal,”** FT7/10/03, p18. The acquisition of Chohung Bank by Shinhan Financial Group creates South Korea's second largest bank in a \$2.85 billion deal. See:  
[http://www.shinhangroup.com/eng/news/irnews\\_read.jsp?boardid=20000&seq=92&serial=8](http://www.shinhangroup.com/eng/news/irnews_read.jsp?boardid=20000&seq=92&serial=8)

**SOUTHEAST ASIA**  
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**“Text: Rohrabacher Submits Measure to Deny Vietnam Trade Status (H.J. Res. 64 sent to House Ways and Means Committee for action),”** US State Dept, 7/11/03. “Representative Dana Rohrabacher (Republican of California) introduced a measure July 9 that would disapprove a renewal of Vietnam's conditional normal trade relations (NTR) status with the United States. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0307b&L=WF-EASIA&P=R9889>

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**“Bin Laden ‘Inspired Bali Club Bombings,’”** FT7/11/03, p6. During Indonesian trial of Imam Samudra, accused of participating in Bali bombing, witness Wan Min Wan Mat said on 7/10 “I did not know what the money was used for but it may have been to plan bombings to threaten Americans and Australians, the infidels in Indonesia, in accordance with the fatwa of Osama bin Laden.”

**“Junta Says Suu Kyi Planned Uprising,”** FT7/11/03, p6. Burma’s Senior General Than Shwe states in a personal letter to an Asian leader obtained by FT that his regime acted against Suu Kyi “to prevent the country from sliding down the road to anarchy and disintegration.”

**“Stop Stalling on Burma,”** Editorial, WP7/14/03, A20. “For many years now, the United Nations and the United States have supported dialogue between Aung San Suu Kyi and the nation’s junta leading toward peaceful democratization. She has consistently endorsed such a nonviolent process, even during many years of house arrest. With their murderous attack of May 30 and subsequent incarceration of her, Burma’s leaders have shown contempt for the idea, and so far they have paid little price. The president and secretary general could begin to change that equation today.”

## STEEL

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**7/11 – WTO Panel report on US safeguard measures on steel products.** Concludes that the safeguard measures imposed by the United States on the imports of certain steel products are inconsistent with the WTO Safeguards Agreement and GATT 1994. The case was brought to the WTO by the European Communities, Japan, Korea, China, Switzerland, Norway, New Zealand and Brazil. [Download the panel report](#)

**“Text: U.S. to Appeal WTO Ruling Against Steel Duties, Aide Says (USTR spokesman says Section 201 duties will remain in place),”** US State Dept, 7/11/03. An Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) spokesman says the United States will appeal a World Trade Organization (WTO) panel final ruling against U.S. imposition of temporary higher duties on steel imports under Section 201 of U.S. law. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0307b&L=WF-EASIA&P=R12501>

## TAIWAN

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**“U.S. Puts Hold on Trade Meetings With Taiwan,”** Bloomberg 7/10/03. “The U.S. government has put a hold on future high-level commercial meetings with Taiwan, the eighth- largest U.S. trading partner, amid complaints the island isn't keeping pledges to safeguard copyrights and patents or open markets, a State Department spokesman said.” <http://taiwansecurity.org/News/2003/Bloomberg-071003.htm>

**“Free-Trade Agreements: Taiwan's Turn?,”** FEER, 7/17/03. “They won't likely get one soon. U.S. trade officials and business lobbyists say even preliminary negotiations on an FTA could be years away, as a host of thorny trade problems--especially complaints about Taiwan's intellectual-property protection--must be solved first.” <http://www.taiwansecurity.org/News/2003/FEER-071703.htm>

**“US Policy Is Undermining the TRA,”** Op Ed by Gary Schmitt (Project of a New American Century [NeoCon]), Taipei Times, 7/7/03. Allowing Taiwan to be further isolated, while leading Beijing to believe its "one China" policy is effectively our own, cannot help but create misunderstanding and, potentially, a confrontation in which we will be forced to intervene. What is needed is a revised US policy that reassures Taiwan that unification is only possible if freely chosen by the people of Taiwan, makes clear the US will resist militarily any effort by China to force unification and takes active measures to integrate Taiwan into the larger community of democratic states in Asia and the world. <http://taiwansecurity.org/TT/2003/TT-070703.htm>

*Taiwan Communiqué* an “opposition” publication, founded in 1980, ended publication with its June issue. It was a compendium of English language news from Taiwan with a focus on human rights issues. For scholars it served as an interesting history of democratization on Taiwan. Editors Gerrit van der Wees and Mei-chin Chen of Chevy Chase, MD, promise to publish occasional issues. <http://www.taiwandc.org/twcom/index.html> They are listed under

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an association of democracy focused groups in Washington, DC called the New Taiwan, *Ilha Formosa: The Website for Taiwan's History, Present, and Future*, <http://www.taiwandc.org>.

## TRADE

7/4 – WTO's [2003 Annual Report](#), which focuses on the first full year of negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda. Download the 2003 annual report in [pdf format](#) (178 pages; 900 KB).

**“Bilateral Trade Treaties Are a Shame,”** Jagdish Bhagwati (Professor, Columbia University) and Arvind Panagariya (Professor of Economics, University of Maryland), Op-Ed, FT7/14/03, p15. “Thanks to the myopic and self-serving policies of the world’s only superpower, bilateral free trade agreements are damaging the global trading system. They are undermining the most favoured nation rule ensuring equal treatment in the WTO. Bilateral deals have become a vehicle for introducing extraneous issues into the WTO for the benefit of narrow US domestic interests. They are thereby distorting the role of the WTO. Charles Kindelberger, the great international economist who died last week, looking back at the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, developed the notion of the “altruistic hegemon” that delivered the public good of a multilateral trading system. Today, we have a “selfish hegemon” precisely delivering the opposite.”

## US ECONOMY

**“White House Continues Its Shake-up of Economics Team,”** FT7/10/03, p2. White House announces two nominations to its economics team: Susan Schwab, Dean of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland, to become deputy Treasury Secretary; and Kenneth Leet, currently Managing Director of Goldman Sachs Investing Banking Department, to replace Peter Fisher as the next Treasury Under-Secretary for Domestic Finance. See: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/07/20030709-7.html>; <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/07/20030709-3.html>.

## 5) WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

### Article 23 Protest Site

Website organized by the Office of Legislative Councillor Cyd Ho S L. Includes links to other protest sites.

[Supplied Note] This website is dedicated to providing all the information relevant to Article 23. It is dedicated to countering official misinformation and misrepresentation on this subject. It is dedicated, above all, to the ideal that Hong Kong should be one of Asia's freest and most open societies.

URL: <http://www.article23.org.hk/english/main.htm>

## 6) KEY & QUICK NEWS LINKS

\*\*\*\*\*Many are by subscription\*\*\*\*\*

\*Asahi Shimbun (AS): <http://www.asahi.com>

\*BBC Online: <http://news.bbc.co.uk>

\*Economist (EC): <http://www.economist.com>

\*Far Eastern Economic Review (FEER): <http://www.feer.com>

\*Financial Times (FT): <http://www.FT.com>

\*Inside U.S. Trade (IUST): <http://www.insidetrade.com>

\*Japan Digest (JD): <http://www.japandigest.com>

\*New York Times (NYT): <http://www.nytimes.com>

\*Nikkei (NK): <http://www.nni.nikkei.co.jp>

\*Oriental Economist (OE): <http://www.orientaleconomist.com>

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\*Wall Street Journal (WSJ): <http://www.wsj.com>

\*Washington Post (WP): <http://www.washingtonpost.com>

\*Yomiuri On-line (YM): <http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/index-e.htm>

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