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1. JIAP NEWS

ARE WOMEN TRANSFORMING JAPANESE POLITICS (ECONOMICS)?

Joyce Gelb, City University of New York

Discussant: **Dorothy Robins-Mowry**, Author, *The Hidden Sun: Women of Modern Japan*

Dr. Gelb's new book, *Gender Policies in Japan and the United States: Comparing Women's Movements, Rights, and Politics* (Palgrave Macmillan, Dec 2003) will be available for only \$20

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

12:00 – 1:30pm

The Chung-wen Shih Conference Room, Room 503, 1957 E Street, NW
The George Washington University Campus

Free, Reservation required, mkotler@jiaponline.org

Contents: COVER STORIES, JAPAN: Japan-Economy, Japan-Foreign Policy, Japan-Security, Japan-Society & Culture, Japan-Trade **JAPAN RELEVANT:** Australia, China-Economy, China-Foreign Policy, China-Politics, China-Trade, Foreign Policy, Global Economy, Indonesia, Intelligence, Iran Issues, Iraq Issues, North Korea, Science & Technology, Security, South Asia, South Korea, Southeast Asia, Steel, Taiwan, Trade, US Economy.

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2) MEMBER NEWS

“China’s Manned Space Program,” by **Dean Cheng (CNA)** PacNet #42A Pacific Forum CSIS. “The U.S. needs to take into greater consideration China’s burgeoning space capabilities, of which its manned program is merely the most public display. As an independent space power, China is a complicating factor for future American diplomatic and military initiatives, not only in the bilateral context, but potentially in regional and even out-of-area situations as well.” http://www.csis.org/pacfor/pac_0342A.pdf

“Freeman Report,” the monthly newsletter from the **CSIS Freeman Chair in China Studies**, October issue includes an essay by **Bonnie S. Glaser**, Senior Associate at the International Security Program, CSIS. In “A Fertile Agenda for the Upcoming Bush-Hu Summit in Thailand”, she looks at the breadth of issues that the two leaders will be addressing when they meet in Thailand for the APEC Meeting, ranging from the China’s RMB issue, North Korea to Taiwan. This meeting is hoped to “further solidify the increasingly cooperative Sino-American relationship”. <http://www.csis.org/china/FRv01v06.pdf>

“U.S.-China: The Best since 1972 or the Best Ever?” by **Bonnie S. Glaser**, *Comparative Connections*, Pacific Forum CSIS, 10/03. “Continued cooperation on security matters, especially the challenge posed by North Korea’s nuclear weapons programs, bolstered U.S.-China relations this quarter. Washington lauded China’s vigorous diplomatic efforts that culminated in the six-party talks in Beijing at the end of August. China formally joined the Container Security Initiative, agreeing to permit U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials to work side-by-side with their Chinese counterparts to target and pre-screen cargo containers destined for the U.S. Washington publicly rebuked Beijing for not living up to promises made last December to make progress on specific human rights issues. Treasury Secretary John Snow failed to persuade Chinese officials to appreciate the RMB.” http://www.csis.org/pacfor/cc/0303Qus_china.html

“U.S.-Southeast Asia: Terrorism Perpetrated and Terrorists Apprehended,” by **Sheldon W. Simon**, (Arizona State U) *Comparative Connections*, Pacific Forum CSIS, 10/03. “Acts of terrorism, arrests of terrorists, and judicial convictions dominated the Southeast Asian political scene this past quarter. The Jakarta Marriott bombing, the capture of Hambali – Jemaah Islamiyah’s (JI) most notorious fugitive – and the conviction of several of the Bali bombers as well as JI’s spiritual leader, Abu Bakar Bashir, capped a tumultuous three months during which the Philippine government put down an abortive military mutiny, ASEAN and U.S. relations with Burma further deteriorated, and new efforts to improve security collaboration within the region were made. U.S. intelligence played a significant role in terrorist apprehensions; however, Washington’s unwillingness to give Southeast Asian authorities access to terrorists in U.S. custody somewhat soured relations with regional allies.” http://www.csis.org/pacfor/cc/0303Qus_asean.html

3) CRITICAL REPORTS

“Excerpt: Bush Stresses Fair Trade, Fair Currency Exchange Rates (Roundtable interview with Asian journalists October 14,” US State Dept 10/14/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310b&L=WF-EASIA&P=R8695>

“Shipping is ‘wide open’ to terror threat; A new report warns that maritime security must be stepped up,” FT10/13/03, P2.

“‘Security’: Improving the Security of the Global Sea-Container Shipping System” by Maarten van de Voort, Kevin A. O'Brien With: Adnan Rahman and Lorenzo. RAND, October 2003. <http://www.rand.org/publications/MR/MR1695/index.html>

“The Last Emperor: Kim Jong Il, the world’s most dangerous dictator, has always been a figure surrounded by mystery and myth. But, from defectors and former aides, a portrait is emerging of a family dysfunction, palace intrigue and imperial menace,” By Peter Maass, New York Times Magazine 10/19/03, p38+.

4) OPINION, REPORTS & STATEMENTS

COVER STORIES

NATIONAL JOURNAL – “**Hillary Inc.**” By Eliza Newlin Carney, 10/17/03.

ECONOMIST – “**Congratulations, China: Having put a man into space, China presumably has no further need for foreign aid,**” 10/18/03.

FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW – “**AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN: Safe Haven for The Taliban,**” 10/16/03.

ACCJ JOURNAL – **Lights Camera...Meltdown, Getting the Mess Out of the Message**” October 2003
All these journals need membership passwords.

JAPAN

Japan: FT Special Report, FT10/14/03, 6 pages.

“Ray of hope flickers in the east; Good news on the economic front may be fragile but has important political effects.” “Timid Actor Eyes Leading Role: Moves to behave like a ‘normal country’ could alarm neighbors.”

JAPAN-ECONOMY

“Household Savings Continue Downtrend On Weak Job, Income Outlook,” Nikkei Online 10/12/03. Japanese household savings turned negative in the year ended June 30. Japanese households spent Yen 1.3 trillion more than they took in during the year. As recently as the late 1990s, households were funneling as much as Yen 30 to Yen 40 trillion a year into bank accounts, mutual funds and other investments. That diminished in FY 2002 to just Yen 6.2 trillion--and for the year ended in June, the figure slipped into negative territory. "If the trend continues, the myth that Japan is a major 'savings country' will disappear."

<http://www.nni.nikkei.co.jp/AC/TNKS/Search/Nni20031011D11JF767.htm>

“Takenaka Optimistic On Ending Deflation,” FT10/17/03, P6. Interview with FT.

“Japan Eases Monetary Policy To Aid Recovery,” FT10/13/03, P4.

“Currency Kabuki,” Glenn Hubbard (AEI, and former chairman, Council of Economic Advisers), Op-Ed, WSJ10/15/03, A18. “Yet monetary policy has its supporting role in this process. A commitment to low but positive inflation by the BoJ would enhance the cyclical recovery under way in Japan and improve the chance of better long-term growth prospects. In short, a win-win policy for Japan and the U.S. is achievable.”

Full text: <http://www.aei.org/news19284/>

JAPAN-FOREIGN POLICY

10/15 – Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuo Fukuda said Japan will contribute \$1.5 billion in aid to Iraq in 2004 for electricity and water facilities, education and health support. Although reports have indicated the \$1.5 billion would be the first installment of a \$5 billion package, Fukuda said the total package still was being considered. The announcement comes ahead of U.S. President George W. Bush's visit to Tokyo on Oct. 17, when he will meet with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

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Japan's Assistance for the Reconstruction of Iraq (MOFA)

http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/middle_e/iraq/issue2003/assist0310.html

“Japanese ambassador to U.S. [Ryozo Kato] denies report that U.S. asked Japan for huge amount of Iraq assistance,” NIHON KEIZAI 10/10/03, p2, US Embassy Translation 10/14/03.

“Editorial: Asia diplomacy -- Japan's influence is too weak,” MAINICHI 10/10/03, p5, US Embassy Translation 10/14/03. “Mr. Koizumi is apparently void of any diplomatic strategy and philosophy envisioning the entirety of Asia, not to mention the Korean Peninsula. Japan seems to be sinking in influence in Asia. Is this the right course for Japan to follow?”

“Bush's Japan visit -- A probe into Japan-U.S. relations (Part 1): U.S. world strategy after Iraq war, with vision of "turning Japan into a Britain in Asia",” By Hiroshi Fuse, senior staff writer of the Political Department, MAINICHI 10/15/03, p3, US Embassy Translation 10/16/03. “...there is a long-felt desire nurtured by some of the Foreign Ministry officials that goes: "Once friendly ties are built between the two top leaders, it would be easier for the U.S. to accept Japan's requests in the event tensions mount on the Korean Peninsula." But the argument of linking Iraq to North Korea seems intended to ward off the criticism of [Japan] "following America's footsteps." It will not necessarily be useful in containing an emergence of feelings of "dislike for the U.S.””

“Bush's Japan visit -- A probe into Japan-U.S. relations (Part 2): Behind America's warning against intervention in exchange markets, the question is looming: Which is U.S.' priority, "strong dollar" or "market-driven approach",” By Makoto Imazawa, MAINICHI 10/16/03, p3, US Embassy Translation 10/17/03.

“Japan-Mexico Free Trade Talks Falter,” NYT 10/17/03, W1. No agreement signed because of Japanese protection of citrus and pork producers.

THE JAPAN-MEXICO PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

<http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/latin/mexico/jmpp0310.html>

“Japanese Minister Provides Focus For Continuity,” FT 10/13/03, P4. FT Interview with FM Yoriko Kawaguichi

“Oil or Alliance” by Takuro (Tak) Nozawa, Visiting Fellow (from JETRO) CSIS, Office of the Japan Chair, Op Ed, Washington Times 10/17/03. “Does the United States really want China, or other countries like Russia and the European Union, to invest in Iran instead of its closest ally, Japan? Now that the options are limited and time is running out, the United States should allow Japan to pursue the contract with Iran before it abandons Japan to find other investment partners.” <http://www.washingtontimes.com/op-ed/20031016-085540-6763r.htm>

“Japan Lures Russia With \$7bn Offer On Pipeline,” FT 10/14/03, P4.

JAPAN-SECURITY

“Japan Says Its U.S. Alliance Helps Maintain Asian Peace,” NYT 10/17/03, A8. “A strong security alliance, he [The defense minister, Shigeru Ishiba] said, is critical not only to countering the North Korean threat, but also to keeping friendly relations with China. "To foster our mutual trust," Mr. Ishiba said of relations between Japan and China, "the U.S. presence is extremely important. In that sense, to continue to strengthen the Japan-U.S. alliance is important not only for Japan but also Asia." <http://taiwansecurity.org/NYT/2003/NYT-101703.htm>

JAPAN-SOCIETY & CULTURE

“Tokyo on One Cliché a Day by Seth Stevenson (a regular contributor to *Slate*, spent two months in Tokyo on a media fellowship from the [Japan Society](#)) A look at “wacky” Japan. *NB* Former JIAP interns both Japanese *and* Western alerted us to this amusing piece. <http://slate.msn.com/id/2089630/>

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JAPAN TRADE

“**Final-stage FTA talks with Mexico hit snag; Business circles getting impatient; Coordination of views on pork continues; Share of Japanese products on decrease,**” ASAHI 10/10/03, P11, US Embassy Translation 10/14/03. <http://slate.msn.com/id/2089630/>

“**Recent Balance of Payments Trends 80 Yen to the Dollar in the Absence of Intervention?**” By Kazuhiko Ogata Senior Economist, HSBC Securities (Japan) Limited Tokyo Branch, IIST Email Magazine, JETRO, No.0050 10/15/03. “A significant distortion has recently emerged in Japan’s balance of payments. The current account surplus has reached a record level, while the capital account is also in surplus. Currency intervention is the only way to prevent yen appreciation, but this is not necessarily a sustainable approach.”

http://www.iist.or.jp/wf/magazine/0206/0206_E.html

JAPAN-RELEVANT

AUSTRALIA

“**Transcript: Free Trade Pact with Australia a Top Priority, Armitage Says, Also sees further talk on North Korea situation,**” US State Dept 10/14/03. “A free trade agreement with Australia remains one of the administration’s top priorities, Deputy Secretary of State Richard L. Armitage said in an interview with the newspaper The Australian October 10.” [I]f it’s fairly equitable and it betters both our situations, then we certainly are keen on it,” Armitage said, noting that “about a month ago he [President Bush] had made it very clear to all of us that he wanted to move heaven and earth, if possible, to get an agreement before the end of the year.””

<http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310b&L=WF-EASIA&P=R8162>

“**Cattlemen Push For Korea, Japan Tariff Cuts As Price For Australia FTA,**” Inside US Trade 10/16/03, p8. “As the U.S. and Australia prepare for the penultimate round of negotiations on a bilateral free trade agreement, the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association this week warned that it could only support such an agreement if the U.S. were to press Japan and Korea to lower their beef tariffs to levels similar to China. Chandler Keys, vice-president of the Cattlemen’s Center for Government Affairs, this week reiterated the Cattlemen’s long-standing opposition to the proposed Australia FTA, saying support for the deal among cattle producers rests upon the Bush Administration providing producers with increased market access opportunities through tariff cuts in Japan and Korea and free trade agreements with countries such as Thailand and the Philippines.”

CHINA-ECONOMY

“**Text: U.S., China Announce Agreement on Technical Cooperation (Program to facilitate exchange of financial and economic experts),**” US State Dept, 10/14/03. “The U.S. Treasury Department and the Bank of China have announced a technical cooperation program to facilitate exchanges and cooperation between financial and economic experts of the two countries, according to an October 14 Treasury Department press release.”

<http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R1015>

“**China’s Bank Regulator Promises Sector Cleanup,**” WSJ10/16/03, A2. Liu Mingkang, in his first interview with foreign newspaper (WSJ) since taking office in March.

“**Beijing Vows To Aid Poor And Deepen Market Policy,**” NYT10/15/03, A9. Communiqué at end of 4-day annual party Central Committee meeting.

“**CPC Meeting Sets out Reform Goals,**” Xinhua 10/15/03. “Narrowing the gap between urban and rural areas, promoting employment and improving the social security system have been listed among the main tasks in improving China’s socialist market economic system.” A communiqué passed at the Third Plenum of the 16th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC):

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http://service.china.org.cn/link/wcm/Show_Text?info_id=77400&p_gry=central%20and%20committee%20and%20meeting

“**Rich lists testify to spread of capitalism [in China],**” FT10/15/03, P5. Chinamoney <http://www.asiamoney.com/contents/publications/asiamoney/index.html> and Forbes.

“**How To Help The Renminbi Find Its Own Level,**” Haruhiko Kuroda (special adviser, Japanese cabinet), Op Ed FT10/17/03, P15. “Further delay in adjusting the exchange rate could raise the danger of inflation or boom-and-bust cycles, or risk a sudden, steep appreciation of the Chinese currency in the future.”

“**Boost To China As Moody’s Raises Rating,**” FT10/17/03, P6. foreign currency debt from A3 to A2. www.moodys.com

CHINA-FOREIGN POLICY

“**China’s More Nuanced Diplomacy,**” Editorial, NYT10/14/03, A30. “Mr. Hu’s more responsible approach to foreign relations deserves American recognition and encouragement.”

CHINA-POLITICS

10/15 - China’s Shenzhou-5 capsule successfully entered orbit around the Earth, making China the third nation -- behind Russia and the United States -- to send a human into space. The flight orbited the Earth 14 times and landed in China’s northern grassland’s early October 16th.

Official Website: <http://www.china.org.cn/english/msf/75333.htm>

“**Launch Of China’s First Astronauts May Draw Eyes From Party’s Change Of Tack; Take-Off Should Be A Coup For Leader Hu Jintao And Camouflage The Growing Emphasis On A Social Agenda,**” FT10/13/03, P4.

“**Beijing Boldly Goes; China’s Manned Flight Is For Show, But The World May Benefit,**” Editorial, FT10/16/03, P14.

“**Chinese Space Launch: Jiang’s Absence a Sign of Hu’s Upper Hand?**” Stratfor 10/15/03. “Former Chinese President Jiang Zemin was unexpectedly absent from the country’s Oct. 15 manned space launch. Jiang’s absence could be a sign that the former president -- who made no secret of his ambitions to retain power after stepping down in 2002 -- is losing political clout and quietly is being pushed into full retirement.”

<http://www.stratfor.biz/Story.neo?storyId=223589>

“**[Hu] A leader in the ascendancy; China’s president is on a rising political trajectory but faces a delicate task in balancing the Communist party’s sensitivities about political reform with the need to maintain economic momentum,**” Commentary, FT10/18-19/03, P7.

“**Beijing Supports Right to Own Property, Amass Farm Holdings,**” WP10/15/03, C17.

“**Democratic Model May Be Toothless Tiger,**” FT10/14/03, P6. the Beijing (Lugu) community council.

“**Hong Kong has a bigger part to play in China,**” Simon Cartledge (owner of Big Brains, HK-based publishing and research company), Commentary, FT10/13/03, P13. “To rediscover its self-confidence, the territory will need the belief that it can determine its own future and influence that of China.”

CHINA-TRADE

“**Text: Commission Says China Unfairly Supports Its Manufacturers (China Economic and Security Review Commission news release),**” US State Dept 10/16/03. “China is unfairly supporting its manufacturers through its industrial policies and, in violation of both its International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organization

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obligations, is manipulating its currency for trade advantage, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission said in a press release issued October 15. China is following "a policy of one-way market interventions by the government to maintain its currency at a level that economists estimate is between 15-40 percent undervalued," the Commission said." <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R4292>

China Economic and Security Review Commission, <http://www.uscc.gov>

“China Takes Steps to Quiet Critics of Trade Policies; Export Growth Complicates Government’s Other Goals, Such as Protecting the Yuan,” WSJ10/15/03, A18.

<http://www.mof.gov.cn/wwwroot/C67-20020614113242539/news/20031014111821.html>

FOREIGN POLICY

“Rice Fails to Repair Rifts, Officials Say; Cabinet Rivalries Complicate Her Role,” WP10/12/03, A1.

“A Hawk With Ruffled Feathers; The sharp-edged US defence secretary is used to criticism; But a memo announcing that responsibility for the rebuilding of Iraq had been transferred from the Pentagon to the National Security Council has left him bruised,” FT10/13/03, P7.

“Cheney Goes on Offensive Over Iraq; Unyielding Speech Is Designed to Regain Support,” NYT10/11/03, A1. Address to the Heritage Foundation, 10/10:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/10/20031010-1.html>

“Bush Reaffirms Pre-Emptive Doctrine, Global Security Newswire 10/17/03. “U.S. President George W. Bush yesterday reaffirmed his administration’s doctrine of pre-emptive military action against terrorist organizations and those states that support them, calling the war on terrorism a “new kind of war””

http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2003_10_17.html#C7E25B2F

President Bush Discusses the Economy and the War on Terror, Remarks by the President on the Economy and the War on Terror, Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, San Bernardino, California, October 16, 2003. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/10/20031016-3.html>

“Trade and Terrorism Will Preoccupy Bush in Asia,” by George Melloan Op Ed, WSJ10/14/03, A21. “In the 10 day, six-nation tour.... The danger of terrorism will also be on the official agenda as Mr. Bush and his aides try to encourage a more proactive approach. Possibly because of the shared sense of danger, the [APEC] summit is likely to be one of the most amicable of recent years.”

“The World Must Not Let America Set Its Agenda,” Jeffrey Sachs (director, Earth Institute of Columbia University), Commentary, FT10/15/03, P13. “Will any country tell the US that its international agenda is askew? Will any country say to the US that impoverished countries, the Global Fund to Fight Aids, TB and Malaria, and the control of greenhouse gas emissions deserve at least as much attention and help as Iraq? Will any country, in sum, say that the world agenda should be set by the world, not by the US alone?”

<http://www.earthinstitute.columbia.edu/about/director/pubs/ft101503.pdf>

“Bush has been forced to moderate his rhetoric, but he has yet to come to grips with a clear policy on China’; Beijing looms large in the White House’s defence strategy. But the demands on the war on terrorism and the nuclear stand-off with North Korea means that the president has different priorities as he begins a tour of Asia and the Pacific,” Comment & Analysis, FT10/17/03, P13.

GLOBAL ECONOMY

“IMF Deputy Voices Global Economy Optimism,” WP10/13/03, A8. Shigemitsu Sugisaki, deputy managing director IMF. Statement: <http://www.imf.org/external/np/speeches/2003/101203.htm>

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“**China Fuels Rise In Shipping Rates,**” FT10/13/03, P15. Because of Chinese demand for raw materials, rates have quadrupled in the past year, and jumped 50% in the past 3 weeks.

“**Basel Committee Vows To Stand By Timetable,**” FT10/13/03, P18. Basel II by end of 2006.

“**Germany topples US as biggest exporter,**” FT10/14/03, P1. \$65 billion, exceeded the US more than 7%.

“**Wisdom Of FDI Incentives Called Into Question,**” FT10/15/03, P3.

McKinsey & Company, McKinsey Global Institute report: **New Horizons: Multinational Company Investment In Developing Economies.** <http://www.mckinsey.com/knowledge/mgi/newhorizons/>

INDONESIA

“**East Timor Learns How to Go It Alone; Lesson 1: Nation-Building Takes Time,**” WP10/12/03, A26.

INTELLIGENCE

“**Bush Had Better Take This Leak Seriously,**” John Podesta (CEO, Center for American Progress, and visiting professor, Georgetown University), Op-Ed, WP10/12/03, B7. “President Bush this week told reporters that we may never find out the real story here because the press “does a very good job of protecting the leakers.” The press has a challenging role to play in our society in uncovering the truth, and to do that it sometimes must protect sources. So the press may well protect the leakers. The president should not.” <http://www.centerforamericanprogress.org>

“**The Wrong Message,**” Editorial, WP10/13/03, A18. “The problem is not that reporters protect their sources... It is that the president has not consistently and unequivocally sent the message that he means to find out what happened and who was responsible, that those who know must tell the Justice Department and that responsible parties should ‘fess up.’”

“**No Message for Asia,**” Editorial, WP10/16/03, A24. “The emptiness of Mr. Bush’s Asian agenda, beyond terrorism and Iraq, is sadly representative of his foreign policy.”

“**Ex-Chiefs Disagree on Intelligence Overhaul,**” WP10/15/03, A3.

http://www.9-11commission.gov/archive/hearing4/9-11Commission_Hearing_2003-10-14.htm

IRAQ ISSUES

“**Text: U.N. Security Council Resolution 1511 on Iraq (Resolution sets framework for security, political, economic progress),**” US State Dept 10/16/03. “The Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution October 16 providing a framework for U.N. and international participation in the political and economic rebuilding of Iraq and maintenance of security. The resolution, originally proposed by the United States, was co-sponsored by Cameroon, Spain and United Kingdom.” <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R2708>

“**US Wins Full Backing On Iraq Vote; Countries Undermine Accord Despite Unanimously Approving UN Resolution,**” FT10/17/03, P1.

“**Getting It Straight On Iraq,**” Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX), Armed Services Committee, Op-Ed, WP10/11/03, A29. “And I “get it” at the same time that their sons and daughters are being wounded and killed in Iraq, the American people are being asked to pay the bill for programs and projects in Iraq that are desperately needed here.” <http://www.dod.gov/speeches/2003/sp20030925-depsecdef0482.html>

“**The U.N. Vote on Iraq,**” Editorial, NYT10/17/03, A26. “Despite yesterday’s U.N. victory, the Bush administration faces growing problems in Iraq if it persists in demanding exclusive control...the White House must resign itself to sharing real authority with Iraqis and the international community.”

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IRAN ISSUES

“Iran: Discontent and Disarray,” International Crisis Group 10/15/03. “documents the marked growth in popular dissatisfaction since ICG’s first report on Iran in August 2002. Steadily eroding standards of living, a stalled reform movement, and the restrictions on social and political freedoms have combined to leave much of the population dispirited and disconnected from its rulers. This popular discontent, however, does not mean political change is imminent.” <http://www.crisisweb.org/home/index.cfm?l=1&id=2324>

NORTH KOREA

“US Changes Tack Over North Korea,” FT10/18-19/03, P3. A new relaxed attitude?

“China-Korea: Middle Kingdom Diplomacy and the North Korean Nuclear Crisis,” by Scott Snyder (Asia Foundation), *Comparative Connections*, Pacific Forum CSIS, 10/03. “The quarter started with the first ever meeting between ROK President Roh Moo-hyun and PRC President Hu Jintao, and unfolded with assertive Chinese mediating efforts to deal with North Korean nuclear tensions. The PRC utilized its long-standing relationships with Pyongyang to maximum effect to get North Korea to the negotiating table. The only thing more intense than China-Korean consultations over the nuclear issue is the boom in China-South Korean trade, which has averaged over 20 percent growth year-on-year. This quarter may see the PRC emerge as South Korea’s number one trading partner, surpassing the trade volume of the U.S. for the first time. Still, as South Korean industry moves its manufacturing to China, the Roh administration’s initiative to turn South Korea into a regional economic hub appears to be ringing hollow.” http://www.csis.org/pacfor/cc/0303Qchina_skorea.html

“Intelligence Puzzle: North Korean Bombs,” NYT10/14/03, A3. White House believes threats; State believes they are bluffs; and the IAEA takes a middle road.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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SOUTH ASIA

Ashley J. Tellis, a leading policy researcher in international security and defense studies, joined the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on October 20. Tellis will serve as a senior associate with the Global Policy Program. He will contribute to a range of Carnegie Endowment work related to nuclear weapons proliferation, Asian security, terrorism, and U.S. national security strategy. <http://www.ceip.org>

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10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference 10/11-18/03, Official Site: <http://www.oicsummit2003.org.my/>

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US ECONOMY

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Chinese News Reader

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URL <http://www.math.lsa.umich.edu/~dporter/news.html>

6) KEY & QUICK NEWS LINKS

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- *Asahi Shimbun (AS): <http://www.asahi.com>
- *BBC Online: <http://news.bbc.co.uk>
- *Economist (EC): <http://www.economist.com>
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- *Financial Times (FT): <http://www.FT.com>
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- *Japan Digest (JD): <http://www.japandigest.com>
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