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1. JIAP NEWS

JIAP's director, Mindy Kotler has been giving a series of interviews to the Canadian press about the politics of Mad Cow in Japan.

Contents: COVER STORIES, JAPAN: Japan Banking, Japan Business, Japan-Economy, Japan-Foreign Policy, Japan-Intellectual Property, Japan-Politics, Japan-Security, Japan-Society & Culture **JAPAN RELEVANT:** Australia, China-Economy, China-Foreign Policy, China-Hong Kong, China-Politics, Economic Espionage, Foreign Policy, Global Economy, Indonesia, Information Economy, India, Iran Issues, Iraq Issues, North Korea, Science & Technology, Security, South Asia, South Korea, Southeast Asia, Taiwan, Trade.

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2) MEMBER NEWS

Everyone generally stayed out of trouble.

3) CRITICAL REPORTS

RMB Revaluation

“**Currency Has Little Effect on China’s Export Prowess: Morgan Stanley,**” People’s Daily Online in English 7/7/03. Morgan Stanley’s chief economist Stephen S. Roach says China’s competitiveness rests in labor costs, technology, infrastructure, human capital, and drive to reform, not the RMB’s value.

http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/200307/07/print20030707_119666.html.

Revaluation Fallacies, Global Economic Forum, Morgan Stanley, 6/11/03

<http://www.morganstanley.com/GEFdata/digests/20030611-wed.html>

The Truth Is Out There

“**US Admits Iraq-Africa Uranium Link Was ‘Bogus’; White House Says Bush’s Allegations in State of the Union Address was Based on Wrong Information,**” FT7/8/03, p1. Responding to accusations, Press Sec. Ari Fleisher insisted 7/7 that Pres Bush did not know the reports were wrong when he made the allegation. See:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/07/20030707-5.html>.

“**Bush Charge on Iraq Arms Had Doubters, House Told,**” NYT7/9/03, A10. State Dept. letter provided to Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-CA), ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Government Reform, says that American diplomats warned the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that the US could not confirm reports 7 days after Bush’s State of the Union address. See: [letter to Pres. Bush](#),

http://www.house.gov/reform/min/pdfs_108/pdf_inves/pdf_admin_nuclear_evidence_july_8_let.pdf;

State Department letter,

http://www.house.gov/reform/min/pdfs_108/pdf_inves/pdf_admin_nuclear_evidence_july_8_state_let.pdf;

IAEA letter,

http://www.house.gov/reform/min/pdfs_108/pdf_inves/pdf_admin_nuclear_evidence_july_8_iaea_let.pdf.

>In case you haven’t noticed, the US Department of Defense revamped its website on June 25th. The new look is a hindrance to the serious researcher and just fun for the casual browser.

See: <http://www.defenselink.mil>

Japan Falling Behind

“**UN Human Development Report 2003,**” Japan Ranked 44th in the world on the Women’s Participation in Society measure in UNDP Human Development Report 2002 report. See:

http://www.undp.org/hdr2003/pdf/hdr03_HDI.pdf.

“OECD Economic Outlook No. 73, June 2003,

http://www.oecd.org/document/45/0,2340,en_2649_201185_2668269_1_1_1_1,00.html

Reports that Household saving rates for Japan, Korea, and the US declined from 11.9%, 16.8%, and 5.6%, respectively, in 1995 to 5.8%, 9.6% and 3.7% in 2002. The decline of household saving rates was greater for Japan and Korea than the US. The report forecasts that the rate will stay the same for Japan in 2003 and 2004 and rise slightly to 10% and 10.8% for Korea and 4.6% and 4.8% for the US. For comparison table see:

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/5/48/2483858.xls>.

Corruption

“**Politicians And Courts Top the Corruption League, Says Survey,**” FT7/3/03, p3. Political parties, courts, police and medical services are top areas of corruption, according to Transparency International’s first “**Global**

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Corruption Barometer.” Japan and Argentina considered politicians the most corrupt people in their nation, with Peru and Indonesia considering the courts as most corrupt. See:

http://www.transparency.org/pressreleases_archive/2003/2003.07.03_global_corr_barometer.en.html

Human Trafficking

“**Responses to Human Trafficking**” in June 2003. US State Dept Electronic Journal:

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/journals.htm> (No republication restrictions.)

4) OPINION, REPORTS & STATEMENTS

COVER STORIES

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. [limited access]

NATIONAL JOURNAL – “**Compete, Or Else:** President Bush wants to remake the bureaucracy so that government workers routinely vie with private contractors for their jobs,” 7/12/03, <http://nationaljournal.com/members/news/2003/07/0711nj1.htm>. [limited access]

FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW – “**Street Fight: New Hong Kong Protests Now Demand Democracy** - Since over 500,000 people marched on July 1 to block new security laws, democratic reform has emerged as a central demand in Hong Kong. The REVIEW asked protesters, business leaders, politicians and ordinary people what they hope for, and looks at what they may get,” 7/24/03, http://www.feer.com/articles/2003/0307_24/p028achina.html.

ACCJ JOURNAL – “**Akebono Oyakata:** Look for an even bigger impact,” 7/2003, <http://www.accj.or.jp/content/offerings/pub/journal>.

JAPAN

JAPAN-PUBLIC OPINION

ASAHI 7/1/03, P4. (Figures shown in percentage. Parentheses denote the results of a telephone-based survey conducted May 24-25.) [US Embassy Translation 7/2/03]

Q: Do you think it better for Japan to take part in Iraq's reconstruction?

Yes	68
No	23
O/A + N/A	9

Q: The Japanese government plans to dispatch Self-Defense Forces (SDF) personnel to Iraq. What do you think about this plan?

For	46
Against	43
O/A + N/A	11

Q: (Only for those who answered they are "for" the SDF dispatch to Iraq) Why? (One choice only)

Because Japan's relationship with the U.S. is important	6
Because Japan can contribute to the international community	29

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Because SDF support is necessary	8
Because Iraq is now safe	2
O/A + N/A	1

JAPAN-BANKING

“Leaked Memo Puts Tokyo Regulator On The Defensive,” FT7/9/03, A7. Memo containing an alleged transcript of conversations between the FSA and Tokio Marine & Fire, where the FSA threatens disciplinary action unless it merges with Asahi Mutual.

JAPAN-BUSINESS

“Fear Of Recession Fading In Japan Business Survey; Manufactures Anticipate Increase Sales,” NYT7/2/03, W1. The BoJ’s quarterly “Tankan” survey of business sentiment rose 5 points to –5, defying predictions of independent economists. See: http://www.boj.or.jp/en/stat/tk/all0306_f.htm.

“Japanese Companies Show Frontier Spirit; Dispute with Russia Fails to Deter Investors in Sakhalin, Ranging from Oil Companies to an Indian Restaurant,” FT7/2/03, p18. More than 100 Japanese companies have a presence in Sakhalin, mostly centered around energy industry.

“Sakhalin Power Line to Japan Proposed,” FT7/2/03, p18. Russia’s power monopoly UES signs deal with Sumitomo to build a \$10 billion electricity supply line from Sakhalin to Hokkaido and Honshu.

“Amazon Predicts Japan Will Be Second Market,” FT7/2/03, p18. Amazon Japan has registered more than 2 million users since it started in 11/02 and was the fastest Amazon unit to reach quarterly profits in 2002’s Q4. It expects more users after it offers electronics on its site 7/1.

“Japan’s Corporate Doctors Bring in Foreign Surgeons,” FT7/3/03, p6. Japan’s Industrial Revitalisation Corporation (IRC) hires foreign management consultants to oversee troubled companies because of the lack of qualified staff. Consultants include PriceWaterhouseCoopers, McKinsey & Co, and Booz Allen & Hamilton. See: <http://www.ircj.jp/>

“Japan Inc Feels Crushing Weight of History; Modern Japan Suffers from Huge Bad Debts, Mistrust of Stock Markets and a Corporate Sector That Is All But Cut Off From Shareholder Pressure,” Randall Morck (Professor, University of Alberta Business School); Nasao Nakamura, (Professor, University of British Columbia Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration) FT7/3/03, p9. “Stock markets seem better suited than banks to financing [value-added tech and services ventures]. Japanese investors were badly burnt and are unlikely to entrust their savings to stocks again without reassurances that shareholder returns figure in management decisions. This sounds distressingly like succumbing to shareholder pressure – at long last (maybe).” See: <http://www.ecgi.de/families/>.

JAPAN-ECONOMY

“Companies Turn On ‘Bullying’ Regulator; As Japan Struggles To Turn Round A Sick Economy The Old Consensus Between Officialdom And Industry Is Under Strain,” FT7/4/03, p7. Leaked memos embarrass FSA and expose divisions between those who wish to accelerate reform and those transferred from MOF determined to “neuter” reform mandate.

“Questioning reform initiative; Redesigning financial system (part 2); Vexations of Industrial Revitalization Corporation; Banks reluctant to drastic disposal of ailing companies,” NIHON KEIZAI, 6/1/03, p1, US Embassy Translation 7/2/03.

“Capital Adequacy Measures Delayed Until Next Year,” FT7/4/03, p7. FSA postpones until 2004 limits on use of deferred tax assets (DTA’s) to calculate bank capitalization. See: <http://www.fsa.go.jp/indexe.html>.

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“Bonds Fall As Japanese Sale Adds To Fears Of End To Rally,” FT7/4/03, p15. JGB prices fall after poorest subscribed offering since September of 10-year bonds worth ¥1.9 trillion. Yields rise 22.5 basis points to 1.125%.

“Sell-off Hits Japanese Bonds; Yields Show Sharp Rise As Country’s Big Four Banks Unload Their Holdings On The Prospects Of Heavy Losses,” FT7/1/03, p17. Due to a price drop on 6/30, the yield on 10-year JGBs rose by 15 basis points to .875%, bringing the increase since mid-June to more than 40 basis points. Could signal the burst of the JGB bubble.

“Japanese Stay on Sidelines As Nikkei Stages a Big Rally,” NYT7/8/03, W1. After hitting a 20-year low in April, the Nikkei 225 has risen nearly 30% driven by foreign investors. See: <http://www.nni.nikkei.co.jp/CF/FR/TNKS/nikkeinews.cfm?GenreID=12&PageSet=3>

Basic Policies for Economic and Fiscal Management and Structural Reform 2003 (Summary)
<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/japan/reform0306.html>

“Tokyo Strikes Back at Critics of the ‘Lost Decade’,” FT7/2/03, p5. METI releases annual **“White Paper on International Trade 2003: Revitalization of the Japanese economy through input of foreign dynamism,”** arguing Japan has implemented many reforms with substantial results, challenging the ‘lost decade’ idea. See: <http://www.meti.go.jp/english/report/index.html> (selected text, pdf, full at Japanese site)

JAPAN-FOREIGN POLICY

“Transcript: Amb. Baker Lauds Japan's New Active Role in the World, Howard Baker Jr.'s June 30 speech in Tokyo,” US State Dept, 7/1/03. “There has been “a remarkable evolution of the public debate about Japan's role in the world,” says U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker, Jr. In a June 30 speech to the International Friendship Exchange Council in Tokyo, Baker said the 1991 Gulf War, the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, and the North Korean threat have all contributed to increased public awareness of the possible threats to Japan. But Japan's reassessment of its international role, the ambassador said, “is mostly due to the growing realization that this nation is a great power with worldwide interests.”” <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0307a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R1265>

“Close-up 2003 column (Part 2--conclusion): America's putting a "stop" to projects causes ripples; Iran -- Japan's oil field development project sails against wind; U.S. making clear its tough attitude, even hinting at applying "sanctions act",” MAINICHI 7/3/03, p3, US Embassy Translation 7/7/03.

“Does Irrelevancy Await Japan?” By Brad Glosserman (Pacific Forum, CSIS) Japan Times, 7/4/03. “Japan-U.S. relations are at a postwar high, “the best they have ever been,” report policymakers on both sides of the Pacific and longtime observers of the relationship. Credit growing realism in Japan about security issues, unprecedented decisions in Tokyo and a remarkable personal relationship between the leaders of the two countries. But Japan's current activism is unsustainable. The country has neither the interest nor the resources to continue on its current trajectory.” <http://taiwansecurity.org/News/2003/JT-070403.htm>

JAPAN-INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

“Government Announces Draft Plan to Strengthen Intellectual Property Rights,” Japan Foreign Press Center, 7/3/03. “On June 20 the government announced a draft of its Intellectual Property Promotion Plan, which has the goal of raising the international competitiveness of Japanese industry by strengthening the protection of patent rights and promoting content industries. Background factors necessitating such a plan include the lengthy nature of Japan's patent examination process compared with that of other countries and the recent spate of cases in which employees have sued their companies seeking compensation for patents resulting from their inventions. The main points of the government's draft plan are: (1) speeding up the patent examination process; (2) establishing a high court to deal exclusively with lawsuits relating to intellectual property; and (3) urging companies to conclude contracts with employees ahead of time specifying the value of inventions. The government intends to work out details after the

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Intellectual Property Policy Headquarters, which is chaired by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, officially decides on the plan.” <http://www.fpcj.jp/e/shiryo/jb/0337.html>

JAPAN-POLITICS

“**Outrage At Japanese Gender Equality Minister’s Alleged Quote On Raped Women,**” FT7/4/03, p7. Japan’s Chief Cabinet Secretary and Minister for Gender Equality Yasuo Fukuda said that women who were raped were “asking for it.”

“**Japanese MP’s Pay at Lowest Level on Record,**” FT7/1/03, p8. Diet releases member 2002 income, showing a decrease in the average MP’s income to Y26.93 million (\$224,500), following a 10% cut in pay that took effect last April. Koizumi’s net salary rose Y3.9 million to Y40.79.

JAPAN-SECURITY

“**Defense Agency ’03 White Paper s Signals Shift in Policy,**” Nikkei Net Interactive, 7/3. Pre-public preview of JDA’s 2003 White Paper urges Japan to change defense posture from the Cold War model to one more prepared for North Korean ballistic missile attack. Official release August 5. See: <http://www.nni.nikkei.co.jp/AC/TNKS/ni20030703D02JFA13.htm>

JAPAN-SOCIETY & CULTURE

“**Japan’s Gender Ranking Slips Amid Rise In Slurs On Women,**” FT7/9/03, A7. The United Nations Development Program’s (UNDP) releases 2003 Human Development Report, calling on countries to meet several goals by 2015. The report measured gender equality among countries and called for improvements. 1.Iceland, 2.Norway, 3.Sweden, 4.Denmark, 5.Finland, 10. US, 44. Japan (dropping 12 places since 2002). See: <http://www.undp.org/hdr2003/>.

“**Japan’s Quietly Accepted Discrimination Surfaces; OUTCRY: Recent Flippant Remarks By Politicians Displaying a Lingering Negating of Equal Rights for Women Have Fueled the Fires of Activists and Embarrassed the Prime Minister,**” Taipei Times7/9/03. Recent gaffes by Japanese politicians reveals that Japan stills struggles with gender equality. See: <http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/world/archives/2003/07/06/2003058264>

“**Japanese Winning Cleanup Battles; How One Little Island Prevailed A Toxic Waste Dump,**” NYT7/2/03, A9. After 25 year legal battle, the \$500 million process to clean up the tiny island of Teshima has finally begun.

“**Did Bob Dylan Lift Lines From Dr. Saga? Author is Flattered; Don’t Think Twice, It’s All Right, Is the View Of This Japanese Writer,**” WSJ7/8/03, A1. Bob Dylan’s most recent album “Love and Theft” contains songs that appear to have been borrowed from “*Confessions of a Yakuza*,” an oral history of a Japanese Gangster, by Dr. Junichi Saga.

JAPAN-RELEVANT

AUSTRALIA

“**Australia Does U-Turn To Handle Pacific Tensions,**” FT7/5-6/03, p4. Australia adopting mantle of regional power player.

“**Troubles Plague Plans For A Pipeline To Australia,**” NYT7/2/03, W1. The \$3.5 billion natural gas pipeline that would stretch over 2,000 miles from Papua New Guinea to Brisbane, Australia has been postponed from planned completion in 2000 until 2007 due to lack of customer interest. Consortium led by ChevronTexaco began the pipeline in 1996, and is now led by Exxon Mobil.

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CHINA-ECONOMY

“China Seeks to Ease Currency Pressure; Officials Say Central Bank Is Forced to Buy US Dollars as Expectations Grow of Renminbi Revaluation,” FT7/2/03, p1. Officials say People’s Bank of China bought \$600 million a day to keep renminbi pegged to the dollar. This has driven China’s forex reserves up to above \$340 billion by the end of May up from \$316 billion at the end of April. See: <http://www.pbc.gov.cn/english/>; Stats <http://www.china.org.cn/e-company/03-05-20/page030322.htm>.

“Chinese Overture Interrupted; A Banking Takeover That Would Set the Tone for Future Foreign Investment in the Country Is Stalled by a Bitter lawsuit,” FT7/1/03, p11. Newbridge’s takeover bid for Shenzhen Development Bank (SDB) has been stalled for over a month after SDB terminated relationship despite binding contract after possible interference by Taiwanese Chinatrust Commercial Bank.

“China Set to Allow Overseas Bond Purchases,” FT7/1/03, p1. Soon to be implemented plan would allow creditworthy domestic companies to buy bonds abroad. The plan would use the Hong Kong Monetary Authority as the settlement agency for the trade.

“China Opens a Door to Trade; Agreement With Hong Kong Accelerates Access,” NYT7/1/03, W1. FTA gives greater access to the PRC for Hong Kong companies and the local subsidiaries of multinational corporations.

“Fault Lines in China's Economic Terrain,” by Charles Wolf, Jr., K. C. Yeh, Benjamin Zycher, Nicholas Eberstadt, Sung-Ho Lee, RAND, \$24.00 (paperback, 232 pp, 2003. Supplied Note: The authors consider how and by how much China's stellar economic performance might be impaired by eight potential adversities that China may face in the next decade. Former Secretary of Defense William Perry said of the book: "Fault Lines in China's Economic Terrain...should be of compelling interest to government officials and scholars...timely, carefully researched, and well-written...a significant contribution [to] this vital issue." See: <http://www.rand.org/nsrd/capp/bulletin/faultlines.html>

CHINA-FOREIGN POLICY

“Text: U.S. Disappointed by Deterioration in Human Rights in China (July 2 State Department statement),” US State Dept, 7/3/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0307a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R8202>

“South China Sea: Pact Won't Calm Waters,” By Alan Boyd, Asia Times, 7/2/03. “China's decision on the weekend to ratify a key Southeast Asian security protocol is unlikely to ease tensions in the oil-rich South China Sea until rival claimants are ready to let economic pragmatism hold sway over national pride.” <http://taiwansecurity.org/News/2003/AT-070203.htm>

CHINA-HONG KONG

“Beijing Weighs Value of its Man in HK; China’s Attitude to Democracy is at the Heart of the Crisis in the Territory,” FT7/8/03, p6. Beijing has not pledged its customary support for Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa.

“Virgin Marchers’ Set to Take on Hong Kong’s Lawmakers; First-time Protesters Are Expected to Swell the Numbers Opposing an Anti-subversion Bill,” FT7/1/03, p16. Growing opposition to Hong Kong’s Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa has set “well-heeled people” against his anti-subversion bill.

“HK Sees 400,000 Protest Over Planned Subversion Law,” FT, 7/2/03, p6. 400,000 HK citizens protest proposed anti-subversion laws on 7/1. Protest was the biggest demonstration in HK since 1989 march after Tiananmen Square.

“Hong Kong Campaigners Plan Second march Over Subversion Law,” FT7/3/03, p6. Demonstration to coincide with the bill’s final debate on 7/9.

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“Hong Kong Delays Security Bill After Cabinet Member Quits,” NYT7/7/03, A2. Chief executive Tung Chee-hwa defers internal security legislation after pro-business Liberal Party Chairman James Tien, resigned from the Executive Council. The government needs the support of the eight Liberal Party members on the Legislative Council to pass the security bill. See: 7/7 News Conference.
<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200307/07/0707200.htm>.

“Unpopular Hong Kong Bill Derailed After Huge Protests,” WP7/7/03, A1. 400,000 citizens take to the streets.

“Hong Kong Reformers See Opening; But Pro-Beijing Officials Stress Economy Over Political Change,” WP7/8/03, A10.

“Hong Kong Chief Executives Face Calls to Step Down,” NYT7/8/03, A3.

“People Power in Hong Kong; The Government Should Modify Its Security Law Again,” Editorial, FT7/4/03, p12. “Hong Kong’s future as an international financial center depends on the free flow of information and on strict adherence to the “one country, two systems” idea. Mr. Tung and his officials should bow to popular anger and rethink several aspects of the security law, even if it means delaying its implementation. Such a decision would require courage but it may head off more vociferous protests in the future- and bolster the faltering credibility of his administration.”

“Hong Kong’s Velvet Revolution,” Editorial, WSJ7/8/03, A16. “There’s also an important lesson here for China. Events in Hong Kong are demonstrating that it is not democracy, but rather the lack of it, that fosters instability. By renegeing on Chinese promises to maintain Hong Kong’s freedoms, Mr. Tung and his patrons in Beijing created more local unrest and invited international criticism. If Mr Tung had had the mandate that comes from being elected rather than appointed, he would have been better able to respond to public mistrust in the proposed legislation...China’s new leaders have a historic opportunity to use the events in Hong Kong to allow greater democracy in the territories. That would enhance domestic, Taiwanese and international confidence in their promises as China itself bids to become a respected part of the modern world.”

“Hong Kong Victory; But the ‘One Country, Two Systems’ Idea is Still in Doubt,” Editorial, FT7/8/03, p14. “One criticism of the security bill was precisely that it went against “one country, two systems” by allowing groups to be banned in Hong Kong purely because they were outlawed in mainland China. In the same vein, Hong Kong cabinet members and legislators should not be popping up to Beijing to seek advice on such a matter. They should consult their constituents- the people of Hong Kong.”

CHINA-POLITICS

“Use Power for People, Says Leader of China,” FT7/2/03, p6. On CCP’s 82nd birth anniversary, Pres. Hu delivers much anticipated speech, but does not announce reforms such as intra-party democracy as previously thought, revealing little about what reforms he plans for China.

“China’s Leader Gives No Sign Of Changes To Come,” NYT7/2/03, A3. In a much anticipated speech commemorating the 82nd anniversary of the Communist Party in China, Hu Jintao did not advocate a reform agenda for the government as expected.

“Analysts See Tension in China Within the Top Leadership,” NYT7/1/03, A1. Supporters of President Hu Jintao are at odds with followers of his predecessor Jiang Zemin. “Mr. Hu may have crossed a sensitive political line when he dismissed people handpicked for their jobs by Mr. Jiang,” say the officials and analysts.

“Pressure Eases in Shanghai Property Corruption Probe,” FT7/5-6/03, p5. Public appearances of Shanghai officials convince analysts that fallout for scandal will be limited.

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“Capturing the Cultural Revolution; A Historical Record Created and Preserved By One Photographer,” NYT7/7/03, B1. Photographer Li Zhensheng, taken secretly of the Cultural Revolution, publishes memoirs and photos in a book, *Red-ColorNews Soldier*.

“China’s Leaders Ignore Graft At Their Peril,” Simon Cartledge (Owner, Big Brains, a Hong Kong-based publishing and research company), Op-Ed, FT7/7/03, p13. “Judging from the endless series of anti-corruption campaigns, the Chinese leadership understands the threat to its legitimacy. As it should. For if public discontent at corruption was to bring about the Communist’s party’s demise, the process will look more like the violent collapse of Suharto’s Indonesia than the end to Kuomintang rule, which was peaceful thanks to the island’s transition to democracy.”

CHINA BRIEF, 7/1/03, Volume III, Issue 13, <http://www.jamestown.org> In This Issue: * Willy Lam: Hu And Jiang Struggle For Primacy; * Arnold Zeitlin: Sars And The Chinese Media: A Brief Opening; * Holmes Liao: Referendum--Taiwan's "Provocation?"; * Gordon G. Chang: Communist Cousins, Part III.

"UNDERWATER -- The world's biggest dam floods the past," by Peter Hessler, who formerly taught English writing in Fuling, *The New Yorker*, 7/7/03. A beautifully written account of a few days on the river's bank as the water rises inch by inch. See: http://www.newyorker.com/fact/content/?030707fa_fact#top

ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE

“Spy Fears Bring Samsung Shutters Down,” FT7/7/03, p1. Samsung bans camera cell phones in its R&D and semiconductor labs, fearing that the cameras could be used for industrial espionage.

FOREIGN POLICY

“U.S. Allows Continuing Military Aid to Some ICC Signatories, (Bush memorandum; Boucher briefing excerpt),” US State Department, 7/2/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0307a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R7572>

“US Freezes Aid To Allies That Withhold War Crime Immunity,” FT7/2/03, p2. Six European countries that would lose aid – Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Slovenia – are set to join NATO next year. See: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/07/20030701-6.html>

“Extradition Dispute Robs a Loyal Ally of US Military Aid; Colombia May Be ‘Pro-Gringo’ But It Has Not Toed Washington’s Line on the International Criminal Court,” FT7/3/03, p2. Columbia will lose \$5 million in military aid for the current US fiscal year, and a possible \$111.6 million next year if it does not agree to grant US citizens immunity from ICC prosecution.

“U.S. May Cut Aid Over ICC Immunity; About 35 Nations Could Lose Funds,” WP7/1/03, A7. 35 nations that did not sign immunity deals over the ICC with the U.S. by the midnight, 6/30 deadline could stand to lose \$64 million in unspent aid in 2003. See: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/07/20030701-6.html>.

“Bungling Bully; Strong-Arm Diplomacy Is Damaging US Interests Abroad,” Ed, FT7/3/03, p12. “Washington has made clear from the start that it will do free trade deals with countries that support its broad foreign policy goals... That is a dangerous message from a country badly in need of friends – above all in the Middle East – after the Iraq war. It can only undermine trust in the US. If Washington is to repair the damage done by its behaviour towards the ICC and Egypt, it needs to ditch strong arm tactics, get some coherent policies and start engaging in constructive diplomacy.”

“Washington Needs a Colonial Office,” Max Boot (Olin Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations), Op-Ed, FT7/3/03, p13. “The US does not need or want a formal empire on the British model. But it desperately needs to win the peace in places such as Afghanistan and Iraq – where the British, as it happens, had a lot of experience of their

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own. They had their share of setbacks but they could not have accomplished as much as they did without their top imperial civil services. America needs to create one of its own, before its hard-won military gains turn to dust.

“State Department Scapegoats,” Richard C. Holbrooke (U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, 1999-2001), Op-Ed, WP7/1/03, A13. “In 1972, as a young Foreign Service officer, I wrote an article titled “The Machine That Fails.” It dealt with many of these same problems and appeared in the inaugural issue of *Foreign Policy*. So I would say to Newt: Welcome to the right side of this long running battle. But if you want to make a serious contribution, be prepared to take on some of your friends in the White House and Congress to help get the funding and reforms you advocate, instead of inventing enemies in the State Department.”

GLOBAL ECONOMY

“Expect Little Change From Asia’s Currencies,” Jonathan Anderson (Chief Asia Economist, UBS Investment Bank), Op-Ed, FT7/8/03, p15. “Over time, trade liberalization and growing demand for imported natural resources should pull China’s trade balance into deficit, while a gradual widening of trading bands would produce a small but steady appreciation. Although Japanese domestic demand will not recover soon, real appreciation in neighboring economies should ease the pressure on the yen. This is not the most exciting and rapid economic adjustment story-but it could well be enough to get by.”

“Influenza ‘Could Be Turned into Next WMD’,” FT7/1/03, p7. Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine article by team of scientists led by Dr. Mohammed Madjid, warns that creating genetically engineered viruses is easy, making their use as WMDs a threat. See: <http://www.jrsm.org>.

“Tax Cuts Not Helpful, Says Global Bank Body,” FT7/1/03, p1. BIS 2003 annual report states that US tax cuts have “not been helpful” due to growing budget deficits. See: <http://www.bis.org/publ/ar2003e.htm>

“UK Rethinks Its Strategy On Fighting Money Launderers,” FT7/2/03, p4. A British taskforce composed of representatives from law enforcement agencies and the private sector will overhaul its system for combating money laundering, following a report by KPMG which concluded that the system was “falling short” on successfully investigating cases. See: http://www.kpmg.co.uk/kpmg/uk/services/finsect/anti_money.cfm

“Pressure Builds on OPEC to Export More Oil,” FT7/3/03, p3. Aiming to keep the price of a barrel of oil between \$22-\$28, OPEC kept its output quota the same in June, though calls are mounting for increase in output. Head of International Energy Agency (IAEA) Claude Mandil said 6/2, “The prices are too high for everybody, too high for the world economy, and that is one of the reasons the economy is sluggish and not recovering very well.”

“State-Run Education Can ‘Help Overcome Hurdles’,” FT7/2/03, p5. According to joint OECD/UNESCO study *Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)*, state-run education can be more effective than national or individual wealth in overcoming children’s socio-economic problems. See: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php@URL_ID=13023&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
<http://www.pisa.oecd.org/>.

“Finance Academic to Become IMF’s Chief Economist,” FT7/3/03, p3. Chicago Business School Finance professor Raghuram Rajan will replace Ken Rogoff as the IMF’s chief economist. See: <http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2003/pr03100.htm>

INDIA

“India And China Co-ordinate Trade Policy,” FT7/1/03, p7. India’s Commerce Minister Arun Jaitley said in an interview that co-operation will likely focus on medicines, agriculture and investment.

“Justice ‘Fails Gujarat Massacre Victims’,” FT7/1/03, p8. Human Rights Watch report alleges that the Hindu nationalist government of Gujarat has obstructed efforts to find and prosecute perpetrators of February 2002 sectarian massacre of around 2,000 Muslims by Hindus. See: <http://hrw.org/reports/2003/india0703/>.

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INDONESIA

“**New Law Clears Way For Megawati Re-Election Move,**” FT7/8/03, p6. Indonesian parliament passes on 7/7 legislation outlining the perimeters for Indonesia’s first presidential election to be held 90 days after 4/5/04 parliamentary election. Law allows university dropouts, Ms. Megawati included, and convicted criminals appealing sentences, Golkar rival Akbar Tandjung included, to seek election.

“**Megawati Sparks New Human Rights Fears in Aceh,**” FT7/2/03, p6. Pres Megawati supports the creation of civilian militias to help security forces battle rebels in Aceh, despite human rights concerns.

“**Suharto’s Party Looks To Reinvent Itself; Indonesia’s Dictator is Long Gone But His Party Lives On With Hopes of Living Down Its Murky Past,**” FT7/5-6/03, p5. Islamic scholar Nurcholish Madjid announces candidacy for presidential election, bringing a fresh face to the Golkar Party.

“**Further Breakthrough for Jakarta as Key Suspect in Bali Bombings Is Arrested,**” FT7/1/03, p8. Indonesia arrests Idris, a suspected planner of Bali bombing. Idris is said to have confessed his role in the bombing and admitted that he and fellow JI members had been planning further attacks in Indonesia.

INFORMATION ECONOMY

“**The Information Revolution in Asia,**” by Nina Hachigian and Lily Wu, RAND .Supplied Note: A broad look at the economic and political effects of the information revolution in Asia. The report analyzes Asia's huge role in the production and consumption of technology; Asia now accounts for over 80% of the total world output of desktop PCs, notebooks, cellular phones and modems, and China represents the world's largest cell phone market of over 200 million users. Likewise, information technology (IT) has had a profound effect on the politics of some Asian nations, both liberal democracies and one-party states alike. <http://www.rand.org/nsrd/capp/bulletin/inforev.html>

RAND’s CAPP co-sponsored perhaps the largest U.S. conference on the Internet in China. “**China and the Internet: Technology, Economy, and Society in Transition,**” a two-day conference, was held at the University of Southern California on May 30-31, 2003. See: <http://www.rand.org/nsrd/capp/bulletin/internetconf.html>

IRAN ISSUES

“**Iran Completes Testing Of Long-Range Missile,**” WP7/8/03, A13. Iranian FM spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi stated that final testing of the Shahab-3 ballistic missile concluded within the past few weeks. The Shahab-3 has a range of 800 miles, with the capability of reaching Israel. See: <http://www.mfa.gov.ir/News/english/documents/doc2845.htm>

“**Paris Frees Head Of Group Opposing Iran,**” NYT7/3/03, A5. A Paris appeals court ordered the release of Maryam Rajavi, the head of Mujahedeen Khalq, on 80,000 euros (\$92,000) bail, a setback to France’s war on terrorism.

“**Economic Ills Fuel Iranian Dissent; Struggling Workers Find Solidarity With Protesting Students,**” WP7/8/03, A13. Independent economists estimate the total number of Iranians living under the poverty line at 40% and unemployment at 25%.

“**A U.N. Official To Visit Iran Over Nuclear Sites,**” NYT7/2/03, A5. IAEA head Dr. Mohamed Elbaradei visits Iran after an invitation by Iran’s Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council Hassan Rowhani to visit Iran on 7/9 “to remove technical problems.” See: <http://www.iaea.org/worldatom/>.

“**U.S. Hostages In Iran Are Denied Damages,**” NYT7/2/03, A16. According to a federal appeals court, the hostages, who filed a class action lawsuit in December 2000 seeking \$8 billion from Iran, cannot receive damages from Tehran due to an agreement made under the Carter administration, which promised Iran immunity from suits stemming from the kidnappings.

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“Long Shots in Iran,” Editorial, WP7/9/03, A26. “After Mr. Bush declared last month that Iran’s acquisition of nuclear weapons would not be tolerated, one poll showed that a majority of Americans would support military action. Yet such action would bring high costs and would be no more likely to succeed than the current policies. The reality is that Iran, like North Korea, poses a weapons threat that almost certainly will not succumb to one-dimensional or short-term policies. We can all hope that Tehran’s students will surge toward freedom today even as the mullahs choose to listen to Mr. ElBaradei’s sweet reason. But it’s not likely to be so easy.”

IRAQ ISSUES

“No Iraq ‘Quagmire,’ Rumsfeld Asserts; Secretary Disputes Vietnam Comparison,” WP7/1/03, A9. Rumsfeld said in a Pentagon news briefing on 6/30 that the opposition to U.S. forces is not organized, and thus “Doesn’t make it anything like a guerilla war or an organized resistance.” See:

<http://usinfo.state.gov/topical/pol/conflict/03063009.htm>.

“US Withheld Arms Data From UN,” FT7/9/03, A1. The IAEA states in a 7/8 letter to Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) that the US withheld Iraqi nuclear capabilities intelligence from December 2002 through early February 2003. The letter was released by Rep. Waxman. See:

http://www.house.gov/reform/min/inves_admin/admin_nuclear_evidence.htm

NORTH KOREA

“Beijing and Seoul Seek New Talks With North Korea,” WSJ7/8/03, A14. During Pres. Roh’s visit to China, S Korea and China agree that N Korea must stop its WMD program and that they would restart three-way talks that began in April among China, N Korea and the US. See:

http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/200307/09/eng20030709_119757.shtml.

<http://www.kois.go.kr/government/president/news/xnews.asp?color=BW&Number=20030707012>

“N Korean Security Fears Must Be Tackled, Says China,” FT7/8/03, p6. During Pres. Roh’s visit to China, Pres. Hu said 7/7 that North Korea’s security concerns must be addressed to resolve the crisis surrounding N Korea’s WMD program, implying Chinese support for the US to sign a non-aggression pact.

“Delay by U.N. On Rebuking North Korea Is Urged,” NYT7/3/03, A8. Russia and China sought on 7/3 to delay a UN Security Council resolution condemning the North Korean nuclear arms program. A letter issued from North Korea states that if the US pushes for sanctions, the North Korean army would “immediately take strong and merciless retaliatory measures,” and stating that “horrible disasters” would befall South Korea. See:

<http://www.kcna.co.jp/item/2003/200306/news06/30.htm#10>.

“N Korea Renews Threats as Neighbors Meet in US,” FT7/2/03, p6. TCOG meeting in DC between US Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly, South Korea’s Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Soo-hyuck, and Director General of MOFA’s Asia Bureau Mitoji Yabunaka on 7/1. China’s Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with US officials on 7/1 to discuss North Korea. Pyongyang responded to talks by saying to expect “merciless retaliatory measures” if the US attempts to strangle North Korea’s economy. See:

<http://www.kcna.co.jp/item/2003/200307/news07/02.htm#8>.

“C.I.A. Said to Find Nuclear Advances By North Koreans,” NYT7/1/03, A1. The US intelligence community has identified a sophisticated nuclear test site in Youngdokdong, North Korea. It is believed that the site is set up for testing trigger devices for a miniaturized nuclear weapon.

“Dear Leader Feasts While North Koreans Suffer Famine,” FT7/8/03, p6. Kenji Fujimoto, the adopted name of Kim Jong-il’s personal sushi chef of 13 years, has returned to Japan and published a book about his time in North Korea with the dear leader.

“Korea’s Golden Unwedding,” William Safire, Op-Ed, NYT7/3/03, A25. “A face saver all around, especially for the nervous North and for the conflicted Chinese, would be to treat the coming multilateral talks about a non-nuclear

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Korean peninsula as the first stage in a national reunification process. Hungry refugees should be repatriated by China to South Korea, which should accept them. As big thinkers say, the best way to solve an intractable problem is to enlarge it. In the land of negotiation, context is king.”

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

“A Subatomic Discovery Emerges From Experiments in Japan,” NYT7/1/03, A8. Physicists at the Spring-8 laboratory in Osaka have produced a new type of subatomic particle composed of five quarks, possibly common in the early universe.

“Heat Becomes Computing’s Hottest Topic,” Today’s Processors Are Getting More Powerful All the Time, They Are Also Getting Hotter, Giving the Industry a Serious Problem,” FT7/2/03, p9. Extreme miniaturization of processors has increased speed but has also increased power usage and heat release.

“Senate Nanotechnology Bill Heads to the Floor,” FYI, American Institute of Physics Bulletin of Science Policy News, Number 86: July 2, 2003.”Continuing on the fast track, the Senate Commerce Committee has passed a bill to authorize \$4.7 billion in nanotechnology research. Passage by the full Senate seems assured, as the bill language was proposed by Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and George Allen (R-VA), the principal movers of this legislation, and Committee Chairman John McCain (R-AZ) and Ranking Member Ernest Hollings (D-SC). In early May, the House overwhelmingly approved similar legislation. <http://www.aip.org/enews/fyi/2003/086.html>

“Indian Photonics R&D” ATIP03.039, July 2003. Report discusses the general state of Indian research in the field of photonics. It briefly describes and provides information on the major research activities in India today. It also discusses the applications of photonics in healthcare, the challenges that Indian researchers and companies are facing in pursuing research and development work, and the problems that remain to be overcome. For a summary including a table of contents: <http://www.atip.org/public/atip.reports.03/atip03.039.pdf>
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SOUTH ASIA

“Trade Pact With Pakistan Reflects Politics, Not Economics, Critics Say,” NYT7/2/03, C1. The Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) does not offer concessions for Pakistan’s textile makers, which account for the majority of exports between US and Pakistan (62.94%), meaning few economic benefits for the US’s partner in the war on terrorism. See: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/06/20030624-3.html>

“Give Musharraf’s Pakistan Project a Chance,” Shahid Javed Burki (Former Finance Minister of Pakistan, Former VP of World Bank), Op-Ed, FT7/4/03, p13. “The west, particularly America, is looking for a model of political and economic modernization that it could hold to the Muslim world. It will not find it in Afghanistan or Iraq. Nation-building has been slow in both countries, in spite of the fairly heavy investment of capital and human resources by Washington and its allies. Such a model could be found, on the other hand, in General Pervez Musharraf’s Pakistan...In an address in Washington during his recent visit, Gen Musharraf said that *neeyat* was good- using an Urdu word that means “intentions”. We should perhaps accept that claim and give him the benefit of the doubt.”

“Doubts Persist On Sri Lankan Rebels’ Motives For Ceasefire,” FT7/4/03, p7. Despite 16 months of peace in Sri Lanka assassinations persist, leading analysts to doubt LTTE’s motives.

SOUTH KOREA

“South Korea Fears Missing Its Growth Target,” FT7/4/03, p7. On 7/3, Governor of the Bank of Korea Park Seung discusses that the country may not meet its 4% growth target for 2003.
http://www.bok.or.kr/boks/pgm/svc/bbs/bulletin.htm?v_current=00000013&v_mode=view&v_seqno=2115867

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“S Korean Rail Workers Call Off Strike,” FT7/2/03, p6. Workers agree 7/1 to stop 4-day strike despite failure to block restructuring of the railways. Korean government toughens policy towards strike-prone unions.

“S Korea-China Ties Strengthen With Rise In Trade,” FT7/9/09, A6. Two-way trade has risen eight-fold to more than \$40 billion since Cold War. Increase in trade accompanied by increase in cultural ties.

“‘Transparency Should By Now Be a Given in Korea. But Foreign Investors Still Face Uncertainties and Surprises’; The Fraud At One of the Country’s Most Powerful Industrial Groups Raises Doubts About How Far Reform Has Really Advanced,” FT7/9/03, p11. Accounting fraud at SK Global goes to show that S Korea has made little good on Pres Roh Moo-hyun’s promise to move toward a more advanced and transparent economy.

“South Korean Anti-Americanism,” Meredith Woo-Cumings (University of Michigan), JPRI Working Paper No. 93, 7/03. “What is this “anti-Americanism,” a sentiment that is purportedly held by South Koreans, and that so provokes the ire of many Americans who feel that the Koreans have just bitten off the American hands that have so long fed them? I believe we need to go beyond the opinion polls, and examine the unraveling of the Cold War alliance was based on three pillars of patronage: politically, the United States sponsored Korean development by providing aid, tutelage of open economy and export-led growth, and opening its vast and lucrative market to Korean exports; and militarily, the United States guaranteed the security of Korea, the best example of this commitment being the presence of 37,000 American servicemen, to assure instant American involvement in the event of a conflict on the Korean peninsula.” Full text see: <http://www.jpri.org/WPapers/wp93.htm>

SOUTHEAST ASIA

“In Switch, Thais Crack Down On Alleged Terrorists,” WSJ7/9/03, A12. The Thai government has moved from denying a domestic terrorist presence to making arrests in Muslim dominated southern provinces.

“Burmese Exiles Face Thai Clampdown,” FT7/3/03, p6. Thai Foreign Minister Sihasak Phunangketkeow said that keeping exiles in refugee camps along Burmese border would allow Bangkok to control them and prevent them from participating in political activities that could hurt Thai ties with Burma.

“World Bank Cuts Cambodia Loan In Demobilisation Scandal,” FT7/9/03, A7. The World Bank has cancelled an \$18 million loan after the Cambodian government fails to follow proper purchasing procedures for motorcycles for demobilized soldiers.
[http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/eap/eap.nsf/Attachments/khdemobmisproc.doc/\\$File/khdemobmisproc10.doc](http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/eap/eap.nsf/Attachments/khdemobmisproc.doc/$File/khdemobmisproc10.doc).

“Western Newsmen Jailed for 15 Years in Laos,” FT7/1/03, p8. After reporting on the struggle of ethnic Hmong rebels and witnessing a fatal clash between the rebels and Lao security forces, two western newsmen were arrested and convicted of “possessing weapons and obstructing justice” after a two hour trial.

“Vietnam’s Cyberdissident,” Editorial, NYT7/7/03, A16. “Perhaps to counter mounting international criticism, Vietnam’s Communist regime recently released Thich Quang Do, a well-known dissident Buddhist monk. In assessing the range of threats to its power, Hanoi may have decided that it can afford to be more tolerant of religious freedom. That would be a welcome move, but it should not detract from pressure to force Vietnam’s government to release all prisoner’s of conscience, including Dr. Son.”

“Philippines Indicts Suspects For Manila Bombing,” FT7/8/03, p6. The Philippines indicted Riduan Isamuddin, or Hambali, and seven other JI suspects for plotting to bomb a train station, a bus depot and other targets in Manila. See: Department of Justice http://www.doj.gov.ph/news_07-07-03.html; Philippines Bureau of Immigration’s Counter-terrorism report, <http://www.immigration.gov.ph/COunter%20Terrorism.htm>.

TAIWAN

“US Suspends Plan to Sell Taiwan Four Aegis Destroyers,” Agence France Presse, 7/1/03.
<http://taiwansecurity.org/AFP/2003/AFP-070103.htm>

“Taiwan Already Independent, Cabinet Says,” Taipei Times, 7/1/03. “There is no need to hold a referendum on the nation's sovereignty because Taiwan is already an independent sovereign state, Cabinet Spokesman Lin Chia-lung said yesterday. “If we have to hold a referendum on the nation's sovereignty, it'll only be on whether Taiwan wants to unite with China, not whether Taiwan wants to declare independence, because we're already an independent sovereignty,” Lin said.” <http://taiwansecurity.org/TT/2003/TT-070103.htm>

“Taiwan's Referendum Plans Worry China, US,” Associated Press, 6/30/03. “Taiwan's leaders are making their biggest enemy, China, and their best friend, the United States, nervous at the same time by pushing for their first islandwide referendum.” <http://taiwansecurity.org/AP/2003/AP-063003.htm>

“Hong Kong Protest Poses Threat to Reunification Efforts With Taiwan,” Stratfor, 7/3/03. “Organizers of the massive July 1 demonstration in Hong Kong, where protesters rallied against proposed anti-subversion laws, have called for a second large protest to coincide with the final debate on the bill on July 9. Anti-Beijing elements might attempt to incite violence during the demonstration to embarrass the Communist regime and press the issue of rights and freedom. Any oppressive reaction from Hong Kong or Chinese security forces could cast a shadow over reunification efforts with Taiwan -- particularly in the run-up to the 2004 Taiwanese presidential elections.” <http://www.stratfor.biz/Story.neo?storyId=219596>

TRADE

“Mexico’s Lost Decade: As Investment Switches to China, the Opportunities Created by Nafta Are under Threat; Free Trade with the US And Canada Did Not Spur Wider Economic Reform, And Limited Progress Toward Creating Prosperity Is in Danger of Stalling,” FT7/1/03, p13. “Ten years on [after NAFTA], more than half of Mexico’s population still lives in poverty. Polls show that unemployment, which has risen sharply in the past two years – and most rapidly in the export driven sectors Nafta was supposed to swell – is the most important issue in next week’s congressional elections.”

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