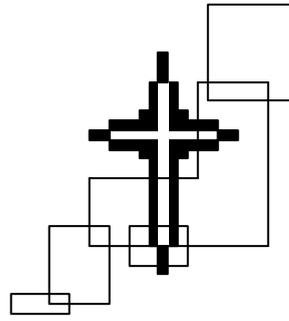


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Who is going to be judged?

-Lies about the military comfort women-

John H. Minagawa

*“Women were raped in Zion,
virgins raped in the cities of Judah.”*

Lamentations 5:11

Stop it, Tom!

“Hey, John, the Japanese women are quick to cry out. Ouch! You are hurting me!”

“Stop it, Tom. I don’t want to listen to the stories like that. You say you are a Christian, but aren’t you ashamed of yourself talking about things like that?”

“God damn it! Son of a bitch!” He shouted and grabbed my neck all of a sudden trying to strangle me. I prayed as I was frantically staving off his attack by holding on to his wrists.

“Oh, Jesus! ...Please forgive ... him.”

“God damn it! Jesus Christ!”

Tom let go of his hands from my neck and left.

The incident took place at the bar of the Officers’ Club in Yokosuka US Naval Base in 1946, a year after the war ended. In those days, it was predicted that one third of Japanese would die from starvation, my family also faced

this crisis. So, I could not help but to take a leave of absence from the college and jumped into the US base and became a boy at the bar of the Officers’ Club, in order to feed the family of four. Tom, who was in the Marine Corps and served as bartender, was a Catholic. Generally speaking, in those days, Catholics and Protestants regarded each other as heretics and discriminated against one another. We quickly got along well since both of us are Christians. But after this shocking incident, I was transferred to a new position of room boy to take care of seven wonderful young officers. That was the end of my relationship with Tom.

MacArthur’s Order

The war ended on August 15, 1945 with the Imperial Edict of the Showa Emperor. Allied Occupational Forces sent expeditionary forces of 2,300 that arrived at Atsugi, Kanagawa on August 28. Next, General MacArthur arrived on August 30. Furthermore, about 120,000 arrived in a half-month. By the end of October the total number of soldiers that were stationed in Japan reached about 300,000.

Under the circumstance in which the Japanese government did not know what to expect from the Allied Occupying Forces, they responded to

orders issued by the US forces one after another. With permission from the Interior Ministry and the Superintendent-General of the Metropolitan Police, vice racketeers established the “RAA*” on August 28, and the first comfort facility, “Komachi-en” opened at Ohmori. They consisted of about 30 comfort women.

*RAA (Recreational and Amusement Association)

With a tragic resolution of being a “sexual breakwater to protect Japanese women,” these comfort women was sent off by tearful banzai of the RAA staff and arrived at the Komachi-en by a truck. It is said that the first “customers”, American soldiers, showed up as early as in the evening of 28.

Nevertheless, these facilities were not sufficient sexual breakwaters. In those areas where they were occupied by the troops, frequent incidents of rape by the US soldiers began on August 30. American soldiers broke into those houses in the vicinities of the camps, while men were tied up or were threatened by a gun point, women were raped. There was an incident female pastor was pushed down to the ground in daylight and was raped in public, but nobody helped her, they just fled the scene. There were many cases where soldiers followed young women and housewives with a jeep, kidnapped them and raped them in desolate places. It happened day and night. Those women who worked on the camp were especially targeted, and they were frequently humiliated in and out of the camp. But, they, too, could not quit their job just like me to prevent their families from starvation. They just endured.

MP (Military Police) and SP (Shore Patrol) looked the other way or even participated in the act while these rapes were taking place: they did very little to stop it. The Japanese police was totally powerless after the war, some of them even helped American soldiers in raping women. Although some of these incidents were reported in the newspapers until the beginning of

September, but soon it was forbidden to do so under the new press code. So, the “occupation of Japan was conducted in a gentleman’s way” was a myth that carries favor with the Occupation Forces.

Under these circumstances, GHQ (General Head Quarters) issued an order for establishment of the Comfort Facilities for the Allied Forces, and RAA opened the Comfort Facilities across the nation. During the occupation period, the sentences such as “by the order of GHQ” or “by the order of General MacArthur” had a magical power that symbolized the absolute power and commanded absolute obedience.

But this order was rescinded in half a year. The reason was the comfort women was infected with venereal diseases, which were brought by American officers and soldiers from the southern war zones, and it became an epidemic proportion.

GHQ then issued the “Memorandum Regarding Prohibition of Public Prostitution,” and the Eighth Army HQ issued the “Order of Prohibition in Entering House of Public and Private Prostitutions” to US officers and soldiers. As the result, all Comfort Facilities eventually closed.

Number of Panpan increases

Although comfort facilities were abolished, private prostitution was not banned. Those comfort women joined the ranks of private prostitutes called “panpan.” It is said that the word “panpan” was an adulterated version of “prompan” which meant “woman” in Indonesian. There were two kinds of panpan: those who were called only and dealt with a particular soldier client and those who were called butterflies and dealt with any soldiers. They were all sick emotionally and physically without any exception and had a short life span, but it was said the reason why many women followed their suit was caused by rape by occupying soldiers in the majority of cases.

- (Refer to “Virtue of Japan” – Notes of Women who were raped by foreign soldiers- edited by Hiroshi Mizuno, Sojusha Publishing House, 1953)
This book was published a year after the occupation of Japan ended and after the Japan US Peace Treaty was signed in 1952.

Who is going to be judged?

As you can see from the above explanations, GHQ itself ordered the Japanese government to install comfort facilities after the war. The order of GHQ was absolute. That is to say that GHQ systematically and forcibly executed the system of sexual enslavement in the occupied Japan. Furthermore, they were responsible for random rapes to continue without control in after war Japan, not in the battle fields. Many Japanese women were forced to serve as sex slaves (as panpan) in order to live under the absolute power of GHQ without any protection.

Recently, at the World Women’s War Crimes Tribunal, since the Tokyo Tribunal of 1946 did not try the Showa Emperor, they declared that “Showa Emperor committed the crimes against humanity that consisted of rapes and sexual enslavement.” But, this accusation can also be applied to the United States. But, this accusation can also be applied to the United States. What would happen if the infamous International War Tribunal in Hague, Netherlands declared that “President Truman committed crimes against humanity in rapes and sexual enslavement against women, dropping atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the holocaust of non-discriminating carpet bombings of Japanese major cities?”

It was rightly so that the Allied Countries could not try the Japanese forces for the comfort women and rape problems at the Tokyo Tribunal. Because, they themselves committed the same crimes. And, since it is obvious we continue to commit the similar crimes in future (it is true nature of human sin), they cannot judge only

Japan.

Jesus Christ said, “That one of you who is faultless shall throw the first stone.” (John 8:7)

Women who believe strongly that “Then, the women who are faultless should be able to judge men who are sinful” came to judge the Imperial militarism. We can understand their search for justice, but this kind of simple mindedness is not sufficient to carry out the just trial that is based on the solid ground.

Lies about Forcibly Taking Comfort Women into Custody

(1) “Military Comfort Women” (1973) and “Military Comfort Women 2” (1974) by Natsumitsu Senda were the first book that made “comfort women” popular as war crimes in Japan. In this book Mr. Senda writes that of the 200,000 Korean women who were recruited as “Volunteer Corps” 50,000 ~ 70,000 were made recruited into comfort women. However, the “Volunteer Corps” consisted of those who worked at military factories and they are totally different from the comfort women. Also, there is not a single case that was verified that a volunteer corps member was forced into the ranks of comfort women. This was due to the false propaganda of Korean anti-Japanese activists who claimed that “those who are recruited into the volunteer corps will be made into ranks of the comfort women.” And Mr. Senda wrote about it without inspecting its authenticity.

(2) Next false book came in a form of “My War Crimes – Hauling of Koreans” by Seiji Yoshida (1983). In this book Mr. Yoshida confessed that, in order to recruit comfort women, they often hunted for women in Cheju Island, and he toured Japan, Korea and the US making lectures of apologies.

But, when Prof. Ikuhiko Hata of Chiba University went to Chju Island and investigated this, he quickly discovered that there was no truth to Mr. Yoshida’s claim that nearly 1,000 women were recruited. Also, the local paper had

already reported that “there was no factual information regarding Mr. Yoshida’s statements.”

The Korean government and the International Human Rights Committee have written the report quoting Yoshida’s statement, but this was largely due to the Japanese newspaper, the Asahi, who made it legitimate by reporting Yoshida statement.

However, everything about Yoshida statement has been proven false and he himself admitted that it was a fiction.

(3) In 1989 two anti-Japan activists, Atsuko Aoyagi of Ohita-shi and Soo, Korean Japanese, started the “movement for the Japanese nation to apologize and pay compensation to the comfort women.” They began to solicit 100 plaintiffs and victims.

(4) Professor Youn Jung-Suk, a Korean of Ewha Women’s Universtiy in Korea, believing the Yoshida statement to be true, has equated the volunteer corps and the comfort women. And she further stipulated the number of comfort women to be 170,000 to 200,000 Korean women, using the ratio of 29 Japanese soldiers to one comfort woman that came out of a game of making puns of “niku-ichi” (29 can be pronounced “niku” meaning “flesh” to “1” Japanese soldier, thus, “nikuichi.” Even though she is a university professor, when comes to ideologies such as anti-Japanese or anti-establishment stance, this type of distortion is common both in Korea and in Japan.

(4) In April of 1991, the Japanese Embassy in Seoul called Ms. Youn in to tell her that “there is no evidence of forced recruitment” and rejected six demands of the Committee of the Korean Volunteer Corps. These six demands are as follows:

1. Admit taking comfort women forcibly into custody.
2. Apologize publicly.
3. Make public all barbarous acts open.
4. Build a memorial statue.
5. Pay compensations.

6. Keep telling the story in history classes.

(6) The Asahi Shimbun started a big campaign about the military comfort women in 1991. The first Korean comfort woman who testified that she was rounded up by the Japanese military force was Kim Hak Sun, but when she came to Japan to testify she told that she was sold to brothel when she was 14 years old due to her family’s poverty. When she was 17 her father-in-law, the brothel owner, took her to a Japanese military comfort facility. But the Asahi Shimbun did not run an article of retraction regarding this. Also, they reported the false statement of afore mentioned Seiji Yoshida as the true story. They chose the visit of Prime Minister Miyazawa to release a false editorial stating that the “number of the comfort women that were rounded up as the volunteer corps were said to be anywhere from 80,000 to 200,000.” As the result of this, Prime Minister Miyazawa did not have any choice but to apologize for this incident in Korea. Later, Foreign Minister Kohno ended up confirming the incident. These hasty apologies given by two high ranking Japanese officials lead to the statement by Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy (Sri Lanka) in the “Report Regarding the Problems of Japan’s Military Sexual Slavery System” that the Japanese government has admitted her crimes.

(7) Mass media in Korea simultaneously released the shocking news that “even elementary school children were recruited into the ranks of the comfort women.” But this was a false report and the truth was that elementary school girls were mobilized into the volunteer corps. It was the wrong conclusion by mass media who equated the volunteer corps and the comfort women.

(8) In November of 1992, “Military Comfort Women” edited by Professor Yoshiaki Yoshimi of Chuo University was published. But there was not single evidence of any comfort woman who was “forcibly taken into custody.” In the

editorial of the book, Professor Yoshimi stated that “generally speaking, Japanese often think of hunting men when we talk about forcibly taking anyone into custody, but this is a narrow definition of the word.. We should look at a broad definition of forcible custody including fraud.” This man has been insisting that “there were some cases of taking women forcibly into custody, but after he investigated this matter and realizing there was no evidence to support his view, he switched his subject and started to tell us that we should consider the “broad definition of the word.” Also, he insinuated that “since the government maybe hiding the evidence, when that becomes available the situation will change.” He shows craftiness of a scholar here.

(9) Professor Yoshiaki Yoshimi, who appeared on the “Live TV Until Morning” of January 3, 19997, admitted that there was “no case of taking anyone into custody in slave hunting type operation is confirmed” and “no case of a member of volunteer corps was recruited into the ranks of the comfort women was also confirmed.” This was in agreement with the official report of the Japanese government of five years ago.

Therefore, we must say that we have discussed enough and investigated enough so that we have reached conclusion about the problem of taking forcibly any women into the ranks of the military comfort women.

Conclusions

Properly speaking, in the wave of globalism holding the International War Crime Tribunal that rehashes the matters that had been settled among sovereign nations itself is to deny the sovereignty of nations. Why don't they understand that by saying “protect the human rights of the comfort women” and asking compensation, they would step on the human rights of the comfort women? Even though they collect countless individual witnesses who cannot be verified, they won't be suitable for a trial. Rather, we should all gather those

testimonials into one and mount it on the pyre of God's altar and let them rise to the Heavenly court with the flame.

“This is the end of the matter: you have heard it all. Fear God and obey his commands; there is no more to man than this. For God brings everything we do to judgement, and every secret, whether good or bad.” (Ecclesiastes 12: 13~14)

Amen.

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Mizusawa: The Revival•Tohoku House of Prayer,
Mr. Noriaki Takahashi
Restaurant Praise, 26 Naka-machi, Mizusawa-shi, 023-6813
3rd Sun. 7:00 a.m., Tel 0134-62-3561

3. SAITAMA-KEN

Warabi: Warabi Intercessory Prayer Meeting, c/o Sagitani
Minami-cho, Warabi-shi, 335-0003
One Holiday, Every Month, 2:00 p.m., Tel 0484-42-0967

4. TOKYO-TO

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Yokohama-shi: The Bible and Tea Meeting, Ms. Hisako Yoshida
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9. OSAKA-FU

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Focus of our Prayer for June 2001

(1) Pending Subjects for Prayer

1. Let's pray that the influence of the Souka Gakkai on Japanese politics be quickly diminished.

[Editorial]

*The popular support of the Komei-to is dropping. It is necessary for us to pray that the Komei-to will lose nationwide in the Upper House election of July.

2. Let's pray that the Emperor will be saved and blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ and the blessings will spread over the entire Japanese people. Also, pray that the Emperor's presence among the peoples of the world will be used as the foundation of blessings. And pray that the Japanese people understand and respect the Emperor as the leader and work toward the world peace.

[Editorial]

* "Open discussion on the Emperor system by Christians" which is presented by Hiroyasu Sasai and started in the February issue of "Hazar" is very interesting. All articles and editorials of the Kirisuto Shimbun and other Christian newspapers for the past 50 years after the war, many pastors in the Evangelical, Liberal, and including socialistic Catholic churches had decided that the Emperor system is the obstacle to Japanese mission. But, we may have reached the point to reconsider this. I recommend that the readership will pay attention to the opinions of Rev. Kazuto Yukizawa, Mr. Taiyo Sasai, and Rev. Takatoshi Kobayashi.

3. Let's pray that the Christian Church and the Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Pentecostals, and various denominations and churches that criticize and feud against each other repent and reconcile with one another.

4. That the works of the Markorsh Mission will progress. That the subscribers of the Revival Shimbun that started as a separate company will increase from 2,600 to 5,000.

5. That the journalists who engage in TV, radio, newspaper, and magazine will cease arrogant and prejudiced reporting and news gatherings; and they will fear God and return to fair reporting of the news. Let's pray that those who are aware of such problems will raise their voice in protest and ask for retraction, and for them to play a role of the watchdog.

[Editorial]

*The Asahi Shimbun reported on the first page of the morning edition of February 21st issue that "China and ROK is worried about the textbook of tsukuru-kai," "Government won't interfere politically," and "Protests from China and ROK expected." The textbook approval should be carried out from the educational point of view without being influenced by political and diplomatic considerations. The Asahi Shimbun's article, which is sure to invite foreign pressures, cannot help but to be considered prejudiced.

6. Let's pray that the tendency to have a smaller number of children, that will destroy the country, to stop, and the policy that will encourage having a larger number of children according to the will of God will be practiced with blessings of the entire society.

“God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase, fill the earth and subdue it.’”

Genesis 1:28

7. Since it appears that the Education Reform Plan, which is scheduled to be implemented in the 14th year of Heisei (2,002 AD) contains the plan that will markedly lower the educational level of the youth and other dangerous ideas, let's pray that its content will improve reflecting criticisms of the entire nation.

(2) Timely Prayer Subjects

1. That the Koizumi cabinet, in fear of God, will not set the wrong course for Japan, they will govern in such way that will contribute to the world peace while they securely maintain the Japanese independence.

[Editorial]

*Let us pray that the new prime minister will show the stance of Japanese independence, and shift the foreign minister and finance minister, renew the personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and choose those who can calmly deal with foreign countries. True international peace does not come out of the low posture diplomacy.

2. Let's pray for the great revival of repentance to take place in Japan.

[Editorial]

* Repentance must begin from the house of God. Many Japanese Christians take the position of no-nationality abandoning the Japanese citizenship or to consider Japan as the idol worshipping nation, and to judge Japan as the Imperial militarism. Our citizenships are in Heaven, but at the same time, we have citizenship in Japan under the control of Jesus Christ. Peter and Paul encouraged the believers to pray for infamous Emperor Nero and other government officials in intercession (I Peter 2: 13-17, Romans 13:1-7). Our Japan is not merely an idol worshipping nation as some foreign missionaries preach and is not the country where Emperor's dictatorship or exploitation takes place as the anti-establishment socialists claim. Once more, we should look at our motherland, Japan, who loved us and nourished us, we should repent and step down from the seat of judgement, and please pray for the salvation of Japan. Japan is now facing great danger.

3. “Holy Spirit Renewal Congress” (Rev. Masaaki Tezuka, Executive Director) was established within the United Church of Japan would help others to correctly understand the charismatic movement within the Church.

[Editorial]

*The Holy Spirit Renewal Congress will hold the National Conference next July at the Takasago Christ Church. Rev. Toshiaki Ko will attend the conference as a Taiwan Holy Spirit Renewal Congress delegate.

4. That one more committee member that have the strong sense of calling to be added to the Intercessors for Japan.

5. That the domestic violence and murder are increasing. The crime, in which father or mother kills a

child, is repeatedly taking place. Let's pray that the salvation of Jesus Christ will be welcomed at the Japanese homes.

6. Frequent medical mistakes and medical accidents are taking place. That medical ethics will be established and practiced.

[Editorial]

*That the number of nurses be increased, so that they will be liberated from overwork.

7. That the organ transplant be abolished.

[Editorial]

*According to the memoirs, "A Change of Heart," of an heart transplant patient, Claire Sylvia, received Tim's heart in her body. Since then, she discovers that Tim's preferences, habits, and memories. That is to say that she discovered that his personality was transplanted into her body. This is a shocking truth!

8. That the Japanese schools will choose good textbooks that value Japanese traditions.

[Editorial]

*After the war, China and ROK repeatedly criticized the Japanese textbooks under the pretense of watching Japan not to go back to the militarism. It was a repeated ill pattern of the following formula. First, the Japanese mass media, particularly that of the Asahi Shimbun, report some news, China and ROK criticize them, then the Japanese government politically intervenes. In summer of 1982's textbook problem that debated "invade" and "advance" was a false reporting of mass media, but then Cabinet Secretary Miyazawa issued statements such as "we will report the textbook description with the government's responsibility" and "we will consider our friendship and goodwill with our neighboring countries." This only gave ill effect on the textbook issues. It further encouraged the publications of the textbooks that disgraced Japan in their contents. History textbooks that are to be used to publicly educate the children who will shoulder Japan's future should teach them our country's beautiful traditions and culture along with the well balanced statements of good and bad. The government officials should firmly reject any demand of Chinese and ROK to modify the Japanese textbooks to harmonize with their own. Instead, we should demand that they rewrite their anti-Japanese and Japan disgracing textbooks at their governments' responsibilities. Historically, both China and ROK resorted to incite anti-Japanese movement whenever their domestic environments worsened. We should not dance according to their own whims.

9. That the Japanese economy go through the fundamental structural reform and new industries that can truly compete at the international level to emerge. Above all that Japan will go through spiritual revival, and the Japanese people will have strong spirit and visions that will not lose hope in the Lord even we face pains and uncertainties.

[Editorial]

*As Seven signs of the Japanese economic bankruptcy, the following crises are pointed out (from the Weekly Toyo Keizai, January 20, 2001).

- (1) Crisis of re-ignited uncertainties of the financial system: As it can be seen in the break down of Tokyo Seimei, among the large holders of non-performing bonds in financial institutions there is a possibility for those who cannot redeem non-performing bonds on their own to go under. Particularly, due to low stock prices life insurance companies are
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suffering from the negative cash-flow, they pay out more in insurance money than what they gain by capital investments. Their capital is significantly reduced.

- (2) Huge crash of the Japanese national bond: Outstanding issues of the Japanese national bonds are worth 364 trillion yen. This translates into the debt of about 114.700 yen per every Japanese household. Currently, the interest rate for the Japanese national bond in the international currency market is 0.595% which is rated lower than the Irish national bond and we are forced to pay high interest rate. Also, the majority of the national bonds are held by banks, so that the Bank of Japan is pumping huge amount of money into the banks to support them with zero interest policy. That is to say that depositors' capital is buying the bonds to support the treasury. Also, the hyper-inflation that can break out with the zero interest policy, could strike the people's livelihood that has been weakened by high unemployment rate. If the Japanese national bonds totally lose its credibility and nose-dived in the international bond market, it will strike banks and life insurance companies that are heavy holders of the bonds, and the Japanese financial system will disintegrate.
- (3) US economy cools off suddenly, and US banks end up with a large amount of bad loans?!: As a matter of fact, in the US stock markets, both NASDAQ and the New York Stock Exchange, the stock prices are dropping without stop due to the bubble burst.
- (4) Would the world investment fund, particularly Euro dollar, accelerate investors from leaving dollar?: If the long term interest rate was lowered in the name of keeping the economic growth, the investors will flee from investing in the US and the dollar crash will be realized. If the dollar crashes and the US national bonds devalued, the largest holder of the US bonds, Japan, will end up holding the bad debt.
- (5) Are all IT ventures of Japan and US become insolvent?!
- (6) Do the default by the new economic zone nations such as Argentine revisit again?!: This will strike particularly the largest lender nation, the US, to Latin countries.
- (7) Crises in the Middle East, Balkan, and Indonesia: Increased conflicts in these region, would totally disrupt the world economy. Middle East conflicts will re-ignite the oil crisis and will strike Japanese economy. Indonesian conflict will have repercussions to Japan, its largest investor. Balkan conflicts, particularly worsening situation in Macedonia, will increase the military responsibility of US, and give damage to the US treasury.

10. For the peace of Israel. Psalm 125:5

[Editorial]

*That the Jews be saved by believing in Jesus, the Messiah.

*That Arafat cease sending terrorists and stop the intifada, and he will sit at the negotiation table.

*That the PLO cease educating their children with the anti-Semitism and teach them peaceful coexistence.

《FINANCIAL REPORT》 (MAR. 1~APR. 20, 2001)

(Unit = Yen)

INCOME		EXPENSES	
	AMOUNT		AMOUNT
Offering	60,300	Travel	29,000
		Printing	3,450
		Materials	13,290
		Postage	35,560
		Office Expenses	777
		Bank Charge	350
		Telephone	15,603
SUB TOTAL	60,300	SUB TOTAL	98,150
Brought Forward	126,549	Balance Carried Forward	88,699
National Activities Fund, Income	0	National Activities Fund, Expense	0
B.F.	15,700	C.F.	15,700
International Conference Fund	0	International Conference Fund	0
B.F.	35,474	C.F.	35,474
TOTAL	238,023	TOTAL	238,023

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【Editor's Note】

* We deliver the June issue of the Newsletter. The feature article is the sequel report to the March issue that Editor Minagawa wrote in response to the request to write a report about the “fact no military comfort women were forcibly taken into custody.” But, as I collect the information and sort them out, the memory of various incidents that took place under the Japanese occupation reappeared in my mind and I could not help but write it down.

* Although I refrained from using the real name of Tom, I have a photograph that I exchanged with him and I can write his full name. Even I had a terrible experience, I do not hate him. The war often makes a good man crazy.

* Japan does not educate her children to discriminate against anyone. But, China and ROK still continue their blatant anti-Japanese education. PLO, too, continues their anti-Israeli education. If you dispense this kind of education, you incubate hatred to the generation of children and grandchildren and sow the seed of war; it is impossible to have peace. I want these countries to love their own country first, settle the past differences, and change education to that of

coexistence with other countries.

* In this issue, there are many criticisms of the Asahi Shimbun and criticism of wrong actions by Mr. Kiichi Miyazawa and Mr. Yohei Kono. I do not believe this will not violate their privacy since the criticisms were for a public newspaper and persons who held public office. I feel they should admit in public their fault in making false statements and apologize with proper corrections. Unless they do that, the false reports have lives of their own and they even get mentioned in textbooks.

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