Japanese worried over U.S. 'racism'

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TOKYO — An increasing number of Japanese are worried that American criticism of Japan is becoming tinged with racism, directed — as one U.S. congressman put it — at "little yellow people."

The news media pounce on every criticism of Japan from the United States, whether it's over trade, defense or just the generalized comment: "Who won the war anyway?"

At a July seminar on differing Japanese and American perceptions of the trade problem, Ryutaro Yamamoto, a senior at Nagoya University, said a year of study at Oberlin College in Ohio left him disturbed.

"I was treated as a guest everywhere and there were no problems for me," he said, but he had noticed "anti-Japanese racial feelings."

He cited incidents like much-publicized assaults with baseball bats on Japanese cars, a reference by Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., to the "little yellow people" and a perception that "Japanese-American congressmen are often considered representatives of Japan."

"When I heard stories like that, I got worried," Yamamoto said.

Remarks by top U.S. officials, which at best seem to reflect cultural arrogance, at worst are interpreted in Japan as racist.

Commerce Undersecretary Lionel Olmer said in Senate testimony in March: "We, indeed, are asking for some fundamental changes (in) part of the Japanese way of life."

His boss, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, last December said Japan must change "its cultural traditions," a remark that drew a protest from Japan's ambassador in Washington.

Japanese businessmen with extensive dealings in the United States are worried about bad feeling stemming from a poor U.S. economy, high unemployment and Washington's trade deficit with Tokyo that hit a record $18 billion last year and is expected to be larger this year.

"There are younger people now in Congress," said Takeshi Kondo, manager of corporate planning for the Western hemisphere of C. Itoh and Co., a major Japanese trading firm.

"People like (former Sen. Mike) Mansfield and (J. William) Fulbright are disappearing. The new generation of American legislators doesn't know about the role the United States played in the past.

"They tend to make emotional statements that don't reflect the wisdom past senators had."

Japan itself is a society in which virtually everyone has the same background. It repeatedly emphasizes its uniqueness, the difficulty of penetrating the thoughts of the Japanese and the impossibility of then understanding them.

It keeps outsiders at arm's length.

Dallas oilman strikes it rich in ex-boomtown thought dry

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CISCO — In the 1920s Cisco was the heart of a booming oilfield.

The town swelled to more than 20,000. Young Conrad Hilton operated his first hotel here, a two-story, red-brick building that still stands. Some of the rooms were rented three times a day to oilfield workers toiling around the clock.

But by the 1950s only a few low-volume wells remained among the scrub oak, mesquite and long-needled cactus. The oil boom was over and a dry-hole syndrome prevailed. The population had dwindled to about 4,000 people trying to eke out a living from a largely unproductive, hilly rangeland about 50 miles east of Abilene.

"This area was very well known to oilmen as a depleted field," Dallas oilman Don Hanvey said. "It was overlooked.

"They said it had low pressure and low volume. Well, they were wrong. It's high pressure and high volume."

Hanvey, who specializes in finding oil others have overlooked, has drilled 13 wells in the Cisco area since January and struck oil or gas in every one.

"The other oilmen call me the Cisco Kid," he said with a grin.

All are relatively shallow free-flowing wells. Hanvey has one pump unit on the scene, but hasn't had to use it.

Bright orange flame shot 20 feet from the end of a pipe as one of Hanvey's crews vented a well. A mixture of black and white smoke — black from burning oil and white from burning gas — belched from the roaring flame, swirled around the site and then rose hundreds of feet in the cloudless sky.

A sign identified the well as J.B. Boggs Lease Well No. 2. Hanvey said Boggs is an Abilene banker who owns the mineral rights on the property.

"We finished this one two weeks ago," engineer Harry Brooks said. "It was flowing 1,500 barrels a day on a two-inch opening."

Hanvey sells the oil to JM Petroleum Co. in Dallas for $34.50 a barrel, which would bring in $51,175 a day. In addition, the gas from this well and others will be sold to Ensearch, which is building a six-mile pipeline to the area, Hanvey said.

He said drilling and completion costs on the well were about $190,000.

Within a 200-foot radius of the well were two dry holes, heartbreaks of many years ago that helped condemn the area as being non-productive. Hanvey has drilling rights on 4,000 acres in Cisco and north of the city.

One well is being drilled at the city airport and two producing wells were sunk in the town dump.

"It's the richest trash dump in the world," Hanvey said. "We had to dig pits in a bunch of trash, I mean right in the garbage."

On high ground near the airport a rig was drilling a hole 3,800 feet deep under a 90-foot derrick over which flags of Texas and the United States flapped in the breeze. Every time the drill went another five feet, Beth Broyles, 22, of Cisco scurried out of a portable laboratory to scoop up a sample of sand and analyze it.

Brooks, the engineer, was confident this well also would strike oil or gas, probably both.

"This field was abandoned in 1953," he said. "Hell, they left 90 percent of the stuff in the ground."

Cisco City Manager Michael Moore said the city anticipates an annual income from the wells of $150,000 to $200,000, depending on current prices.

"The City Council plans to earmark this money for capital improvements," Moore said. "We have a problem with our streets and I know the City Council is planning to use some of this money to improve our streets.

"Mr. Hanvey seems to have done very, very well. I hate to call it luck, but every time he puts a hole in the ground, he seems to hit oil."

Hanvey, 36, admits there has been some luck mixed with a lot of sound research.

"My forte is completing these wells in the right manner," Hanvey said. "We do extensive research. We study and study and study. Plus I'm a little lucky. Just a little bit.

"You drill a well that might be your best prospect, and it turns out to be a dry hole. Then you drill one that you don't think is worth a damn and it will be your best producer."

This isn't the first time Hanvey has struck it rich in a passed-over field. In 1979 he hit a string of successful and shallow wells in the Dead Horse Creek area near Abilene.

Acupuncture used to help smokers

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HONG KONG — Smokers in Hong Kong are turning to acupuncture to kick the habit.

"The treatment causes any inhalation of smoke to produce a slight faintness and make the tobacco less satisfying than before, thus reducing the lust for tobacco," Dr. Woo Ping Pok says.

Woo, secretary of the Hong Kong Acupunturist Federation Ltd., took a cue from the anti-smoking ad-blitz in the British colony to open a clinic offering the treatment.

However, a spokesman for the Hong Kong Medical and Health Department said the most important factor in the acupuncture treatment is the patient's own determination to stop smoking.

"If the program is effective and not harmful, the Medical and Health Department will not interfere," the senior medical officer said. "But we ourselves do not adopt the treatment because there is no scientific proof of the effectiveness of acupuncture."

A 77-year-old patient of Woo's who goes by the name of Uncle Wong said he tried all kinds of medication to break his 45-year habit.

"Two years ago, my health grew worse and my doctor told me to quit smoking," Uncle Wong said. "Acupuncture was the only treatment that worked on me."

Y.C. Chan, 21, said Woo's treatment, combined with counseling offered by the Hong Kong Health Department, helped him view tobacco as a dangerous substance.

"Although the nauseous feeling in inhaling cigarette smoke during the treatment is uncomfortable, it really did remind me of the harm tobacco can do me," he said.

According to Woo, of the 50 who enrolled in the program, 45 have not returned to smoking.

The acupuncture cure, which Woo offers free, starts after a member of the doctor's staff explains fully how the process works and what is expected of the patient.

Then two needles are inserted in the patient's external ear where they stay for about six days. If the patient smokes with the needles in his ear, he gets a faint or nauseous feeling that can only be relieved by stopping smoking and gently massaging the skin around the needles, Woo said.

'Ghost hunt' set for resort mansion

United Press International

HONESDALE, Pa. — If a ghost haunts the mansion at Bethany Colony resort, the man who wants to find it says the spirit probably is "warm, compassionate, perhaps even loving."

Norm Gauthier of Manchester, N.H., who has studied more than 100 "haunted" buildings, planned a six-hour vigil at the mansion early Tuesday in an attempt to make a tape recording of the spirit.

A half-dozen reporters were to join Gauthier as he monitored microphones placed in a bedroom and the nursery on the second floor of the 57-room mansion.

Gauthier, the director of the Society for Psychic Research of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, detected no malevolent presence in a tour of the mansion north of Honesdale on Monday.

"I certainly felt no hostility," said Gauthier. "The ghost, if there is one, is probably warm, compassionate, perhaps even loving."

Gauthier believed the spirit was that of the late Hortense Strongman Miller, a former owner who had a "great affection" for the mansion.

Although Gauthier said most of his ghost hunts end in failure, it has not shaken his belief in ghost.

"I'm not out to make converts," he said. "If people don't believe in ghosts, that's OK, because I believe."

Jack Edwards, caretaker at the mansion for more than 20 years, said he encountered the ghost during the winter of 1980, when a snowstorm forced him to spend the night.

Edwards said he heard someone walking from the second-floor bedroom used by Miller to the nursery. Although he called out, he said, he received no reply.

"Then I heard footsteps going back to the bedroom, and I heard Mrs. Miller's door close," he said. "There was no one in the mansion except me."

Sherry Wheeler, who operates a gift shop on the second floor of the mansion, said she and her husband purchased the resort in January "and really didn't give any thought to the ghost."

She said: "I don't stay here very late in the evening. I respect this kind of thing."

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