

Experts call for temperance

Backlash at Japanese has long-term disadvantages

(AP) — Some politicians are acting on the popular cry of 'Buy American.' Experts say a backlash against Japan, no matter how emotionally appealing, will have long-term disadvantages.

The war of words escalated this week when a Japanese legislator was quoted as saying American workers are lazy and illiterate. Yoshio Sakurachi, speaker of the lower house of the Japanese parliament, later apologized.

Then, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission scrapped a \$122 million contract with an American subsidiary of Japan's Sumitomo Corp. to build rail cars for its transit system. The commission said it wanted to pursue the possibility of starting its own factory to produce U.S.-made rail cars.

"This will keep jobs from go-

Study of U.S. worker habits indicates error of Japanese politician/Page 1

ing abroad," said Los Angeles City Councilman Joel Wachs, a critic of the contract. "You will see this all over the country in how government contracts are awarded now. This will reverberate around the country."

A day before Wednesday's vote, the town board of the Rochester suburb of Greece, N.Y., rejected a \$40,000 Komatsu excavating machine. It costs \$15,000 less than the American-made John Deere model, but town officials wanted to make a symbolic point about Sakurachi's rhetoric.

"It really irritated me to the point that I moved to reject the

purchase of this equipment," said board member Vincent Campbell.

Sen. Don Riegle, a Democrat from Michigan where U.S. automakers are headquartered, said: "Mr. Sakurachi's attitude in slandering American workers was the same view the Japanese held the day its warplanes struck Pearl Harbor. Their arrogance was gone by 1945, when they learned the full measure of America's capabilities."

"As much as Japan has outspoken politicians who relish the idea of attacking America, the folks who run Japan understand their national interest lies in maintaining a close and relatively friendly economic relationship with us. We on our side recognize the same thing," said Edward Lincoln of the Brookings Institution, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

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(the story so far...)

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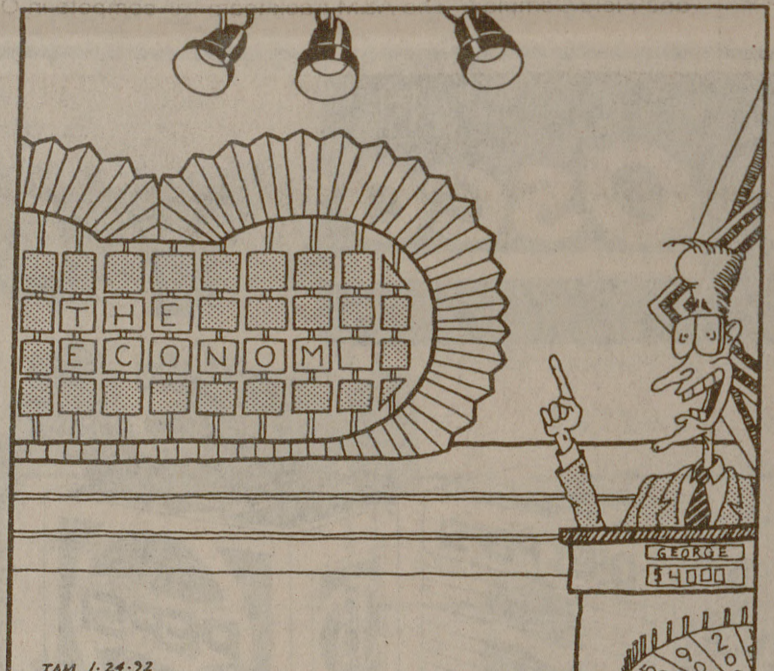
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Crew stains Depository

DALLAS (AP) — Hollywood film crews making a movie about Jack Ruby permanently discolored bricks on one side of the old Texas School Book Depository county commissioners have been told.

Film crews last summer left black spray paint on the south side of the building, now used for county administrative offices. Several efforts to clean the historic structure have failed, staff members told the Dallas County Commissioners Court this week.

"It looks like soot," said Commissioner Court Administrator J. Allen Clemson. "It's apparently some sort of carbon that was diluted and sprayed on and absorbed into the brick."

Commissioners have tentatively agreed to retain \$15,000 of a \$50,000 security deposit left by the movie company, Lava Films Inc.

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5. What will you do after graduation?
6. Where would be the ideal place for you to live after graduation?
7. What is your favorite building on campus and why?
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11. What will you remember most about A&M after graduation?
12. What does Aggie Bonfire mean to you?
13. (Seniors) How did it feel to walk through the H2O fountain during Elephant Walk?(Juniors) Describe what you did to the seniors during Elephant Walk.
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15. How did you feel when the Aggies beat SMU and confirmed going to the Cotton Bowl?
16. Describe the emotion at the 1991 t.u. game.
17. How did you christen your Aggie ring? How long did it take, etc.
18. What are your feelings about the sexual harassment issue in the Corps?
19. Was senior bootline worth the wait? Why or why not?
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