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World Scene

FOCUS ON U.S. MILITARY PROCEDURES IN ASIA

(For Classroom and Group Discussion)

(The American public should be kept abreast of our general progress and involvements, both military and diplomatic, throughout the world. Because of Pentagon reluctance to release details known to others outside the U. S., this two-part series relies upon a Japanese reporter's notes. We are grateful to V. Hirano.)

(Part I of Two Parts)
Fresh Activity In Japan

Those in the United States who failed to learn the lessons from the defeat in Viet Nam have, in the so-called "post-Viet Nam" stage, further strengthened the policy of "power in East Asia". This is reflected in their advocacy of "the first attack by nuclear weapons", destroying the heart of an enemy", and the "nine day's war" as a short decisive nuclear war. It is also shown in frequent and severer military training carried out in South Korea under U. S. auspices. Those on the far right politically, and who are strongly pro-militarist, speak openly in this way. Immediately after the relinquishing of Saigon on 30 April 1975, President Ford and the then Defense Secretary Schlesinger declared that the U. S. would not hesitate to make a first attack by nuclear weapons against its enemy. This puts the U.S.A. in a possibly compromising position

with respect to promoting peace, as some see it.

Later, in a joint statement with Japanese Prime Minister Miki (August 6, 1975), President Ford said that the maintenance of peace on the Korean peninsula was necessary for the peace and security of East Asia, including Japan. The U.S. President stated this on a day which marked the 30th anniversary of Hiroshima. He also extolled the existing agreements between the U.S., Japan and South Korea as being important.

At the end of 1975, President Ford outlined the "New Pacific Doctrine" in which he stated that the U.S. alliance with Japan was the mainstay of U.S.A.'s strategy in Asia. On this basis, it was mutually agreed upon by both sides to establish the U.S.-Japan Military Consultative Committee during 1976. This is now being implemented in the form of specific steps for ensuring the free and stable use of U.S. military bases in Japan by U.S. forces, for strengthening the Japan Self-Defense Army on a qualitative level, for adjusting the share to be allocated to the U.S. and Japan for military operations, and for arranging logistics and transportation.

The "Winter Mountain Operation" deployed in South Korea jointly by the U.S., the Republic of Korea, and Japanese troops during February, 1976 was evidence of the fact that the focal point of current ten-

sion is on the Korean Peninsula. This cold season operation, carried out around Pohan on the eastern coast of South Korea was seen by some observers as not for jungle combat, like the Vietnam War but for attack on the regular army of an enemy, as the main firearms employed were 106mm anti-tank guns. The U.S. military bases in Okinawa were set as an inseparable part of the Operation. They will be the supporting bases in the rear for another Korean war being schemed by the U.S.

The use of military bases in Japan in an emergency on the Korean Peninsula has been openly approved, as stated by the Japanese Prime Minister Miki and Foreign Minister Miyazawa.

This is a matter of grave concern, now the U.S. has carried its nuclear weapons into South Korea.

Key Questions:

1. In what ways are interests of black Americans and Third World Peoples dealt with in the above material?
2. What practical things does it appear, in the above material, that deeply concerned groups and individuals may do to protect black and Third World interests?
3. What other issues are raised dealing with the best interests of our nation as a whole?

Niche Club Has Terrarium Workshop

The Flower Niche Club met Saturday afternoon in the Floral Design Department of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School's Career Center with Mr. John

Karakash, instructor in Horticulture at the center, conducting a workshop on making terrariums using colored sand. Each member made a terrarium using glass

containers of different shapes and sizes.

Mrs. Kenneth R. Williams, president, presided over the business session with Mrs. D.C. Hobson reporting on the trip that the club is to take to Chinqua-Penn in May.

Mrs. Roberta Cook, District Four Director, and Mrs. Romelia Mason, State Federation President, were guests at the meeting.

The group took a guided tour of the center with Mrs. Iris Officer, Guidance Counselor, conducting the tour.

Miss Louise Smith was hostess to the meeting.

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