

# Japanese overcome 'little brother' role—speaker

By Joe Kreizinger

Japanese dependency on the United States for economic well-being and security is not as high today as it was in the 1950s and 60s, said Robert C. Angel, chief executive of the Japan Economic Institute of America.

Angel addressed a group of delegates at the Japanese-United States Business Conference Monday at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education. His lecture, "U.S.-Japan relations in the 80s: A Maturing Partnership," was part of a four-day conference sponsored by UNL, Kawasaki, and the College and University Partnership Program.

Angel said Japan is no longer looked upon as being the "little brother" of the United States. The United States is increasingly dependent on foreign relations in order to maintain good internal relations, he said.

"America can no longer remain passive in foreign relations," Angel said. "The United States has to get down to business in the 80s and learn how to sell its products abroad."

Angel said Japan would be the "most attractive" target for overseas trade in the future.

Angel said there could be periods of increased friction between the two nations in the 1980s as their free-world partnership matures.

One cause for this increased friction could be gen-

erational changes, Angel said. He said some Americans still expect Japan to play the minor role in U.S.-Japanese relations.

### Ruffled feathers

"Today's Japan will have a more assertive position in economics," he said. "This could ruffle the feathers of some Americans."

Angel said the diversification in Japanese political parties could also cause some unrest among Americans. He said the differing views of newly-formed political parties could frustrate Americans who have come to understand a more "standard" Japanese policy.

Angel said Japanese people are demanding a higher standard of living than before. He said the Japanese goal in the 1950s and 1960s was expressed as a "catch up" policy — to become economically equal with the standard of living in some of the less prosperous European countries. In the 1970s, the Japanese goal was to catch up with the American standard of living, which, Angel said, they have succeeded in doing.

### Language problem

Angel said a major problem between the two nations is the inability to effectively communicate in each others' native language.

"It is difficult for Americans to make rational decisions in dealing with the Japanese when they cannot speak or

read their language," Angel said.

He said too few Americans trained in the Japanese language are now working on Japanese-American relations. He said Americans need to improve their ability to deal with the Japanese in the Japanese language.

A more effective cross-campus program between American and Japanese colleges and universities could lessen some of this burden, Angel added.

## June prison . . .

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— Principal Hearing Officer Donald B. Hoffman, an investigating officer, did not thoroughly investigate the assault complaint filed by the inmate on June 23.

— Maj. Leon Barkdoll, acting deputy warden, failed to ensure a thorough investigation was conducted regarding the assault complaint filed.

Muhammad further concludes that preventive security training and techniques at the penitentiary are in need of substantial improvement.

He also says many of the inmates who put themselves in danger by providing advance information are disappointed that their sacrifice did not yield better results.

In addition, Muhammad said some inmates are receiving threats on their lives because other inmates believe they are "snitches" (those who report on other inmates to administrative officials).

In regard to the stabbings, Muhammad suggested a list of 15 recommendations ranging from firing Mason and Hoffman to reviewing internal investigative procedures.

Benson accepted four of Muhammad's recommendations, including the review of management techniques and internal investigative procedures used at the penitentiary.

Benson agreed to study the feasibility of a separate housing area for dangerous inmates and inmates who become continual disciplinary problems.

## Grant received to build Lincoln park

The old school buildings and wooden structures at 40th and Cleveland streets will be transformed into a one-and-a-half-block city park by summer, said Marty Sterkel, federal aid administrator of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The game and parks commission received a \$100,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior Land and Water Conservation Fund, matching funds by the Nebraska Legislature and city of Lincoln.

The grant will finance the landscaping, lighting and construction of a playground, softball field and multi-purpose court which includes basketball and tennis

courts, Sterkel said.

The park will also have restrooms, walking and bike paths, picnic tables and grills, Sterkel said.

The construction will close a few side streets, creating cul-de-sacs for off-street parking, he said.

The proposal is under review for final approval. Bids on the plans will be let within a month, Sterkel said. Weather permitting, preliminary grading may begin this fall.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is a liaison between the city, state and federal government in coordinating and funding the project, Sterkel said.



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