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Prof. Hiroaki Matsuzawa.

Canada's mediator role praised

by Kent Cochrane

Japan has much to learn from the history of Canadian foreign relations, says Professor Hiroaki Matsuzawa.

Matsuzawa, the Dean of Law at Hokkaido University in Japan, spoke Monday night on Japanese Canadian relations and Japanese perceptions of Canada.

"Canadian foreign policy is significant to Japan," said Matsuzawa.

"Canada defined its rank in the post-war world as a middle power," he said.

The longstanding presumption of many Japanese is that the world is determined by big powers, he noted.

Japanese foreign policy has thus been characterized by a distaste for initiative and by conformity to superpower politics, he added.

"Thus, Canada's role as an international mediator came as a revelation to the Japanese," said Matsuzawa.

"Canada saw that there was a unique role on the world stage which only a middle power could play."

"Canada declined to join the crusade against Cuba, and was reluctant to accept nuclear armament."

Lester Person's liberal internationalism and view of Canada as a middle power greatly impressed the Japanese, he said.

"The Japanese were impressed

by Pearson's commitment to the Suez crisis, and celebrated his Nobel Prize," he said.

He also noted that in Japan there is a black and white contrast between Canada and the United States, due in large part to Pearson's criticisms of the Vietnam War.

Matsuzawa said that the flow of draft dodgers into Canada during the war reminded him at the time of the Underground Railway, which helped black slaves escape from the South during the U.S. Civil War.

He added that the Japanese see a continuity between Pearson and Trudeau's foreign policy.

The Japanese thought that Trudeau's "Third Option", whereby Canada sought to expand its relations beyond the U.S., marked a new stage in Japanese Canadian relations.

Matsuzawa also spoke about changes in Japanese perceptions of Canada.

Japan's idea of Canada used to be either as a part of the British

Empire or as a northern extension of the United States, he said.

"Canada seemed to lack its own culture in Japanese eyes."

Before the Second World War, Canadian missionaries were almost the only source of information about Canada, he said.

"The Canadian missionaries emphasized social progress, equality, the building of a new society," said Matsuzawa, "and they were sympathetic to emerging democratic tendencies in Japan."

Matsuzawa will be at the U of A until mid-February as a Distinguished Visiting Professor, and will be giving two more public lectures.

He will discuss "the Impact of Victorian Liberal Literature upon Japan's Modernization", on Thursday, Jan. 17, 3:30 pm, and will talk about "Japanese Civilization as Viewed by Japanese Intellectuals" on Monday, Jan. 21, 3:00 pm.

Both lectures will be in room 2-5, Business Building.

Notley fund grows

by Suzette C. Chan and Gilbert Bouchard

The Grant Notley Memorial Chair fund has so far raised about \$69,000 toward the endowment of a chair in honor of the late provincial New Democratic Party leader.

Notley was killed in a plane crash near High Prairie Oct. 19, 1984.

An ad hoc committee of the University of Alberta began the fund-raising drive in December, setting a goal of \$600,000. The government of Alberta has agreed to match the interest generated by the donations.

At a press conference launching the campaign, Sandy Notley, Notley's wife, said an endowed chair "is an impressive way of honoring Grant's memory."

Al Hollander, director of U of A fund development, explained that an endowed chair consists of "a professor occupying a position for five to ten years."

"You endow a chair by raising, for example, a million dollars, and work on the interest," said Hollander. The interest would be used to pay the salary and expenses of the holder of the chair.

Prof. Fred Englemann, chair of the political science department, is also chairman of the selection committee for the Notley chair.

"The chair honors a politician, but it not to be a political chair," Englemann said candidates for the chair must have knowledge in areas Notley was concerned about, such as politics, economics and the history of Western Canada.

"This is not a university with a proud alumni," said Englemann. "Grant was proud of having a U of A degree. He didn't visit the campus often, but when he did, he felt like he was coming home."

Two hundred and sixty-five people have contributed a total of \$19,000 through the current advertising campaign. The Alberta Union of Public Employees have committed \$50,000.

The campaign is expected to run another six months. The ad hoc committee will then decide what to do with the collected money in the event the campaign falls short of its goal.

Persons wishing to contribute to the fund may address donations to the University of Alberta, 450 Athabasca Hall, T6G 2E8. Cheques should be made payable to the Grant Notley Memorial Chair. Donations of \$1000 are President's Club. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information, call 432-4418.

Liberation lecture Tuesday

Rev. Roy Neehall, formerly of the World Conference of Churches and the Caribbean Conference of Churches, will be at the U of A for an upcoming forum.

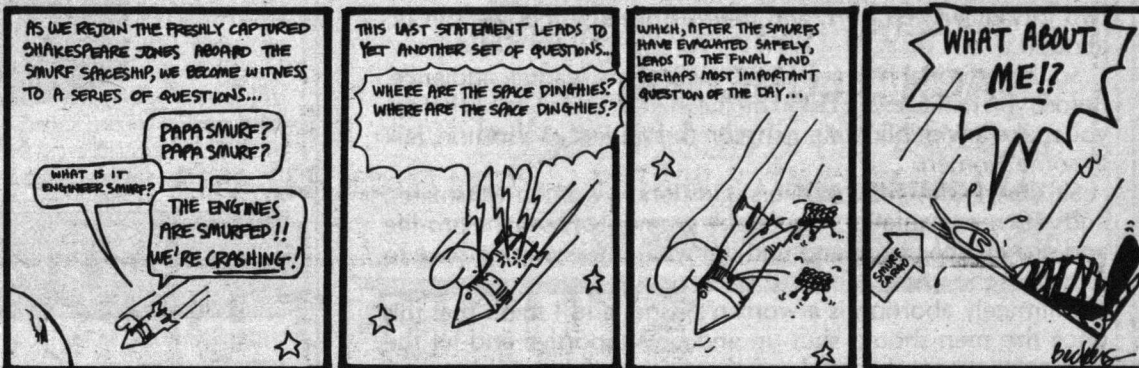
Neehall will be speaking on the topic "Socio-political Significance of Liberation Theology." Liberation Theology has been a strong force in the independence drives of

numerous countries in Latin America. Neehall is from Barbados and counts among his personal friends Cuban leader Fidel Castro and slain Grenadan leader Maurice Bishop.

The forum is set for Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. in room 14-6, Tory Building.

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by Hans Beckers



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