

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. When Japanese aircraft dropped bombs on United States military installations at Pearl Harbor in 1941, everyone knew immediately that the Japanese and the Americans were at war. Now, in 1985, newspaper headlines shout about another war between these two nations. It's an economic war, and we'll be talking about that today with Dr. Michael Barnhart, assistant professor of history at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

In 1984, American businesses had an international trade deficit of 123 billion dollars. That means that Americans bought an eighth of a TRillion dollars more from foreign companies than American businesses were able to sell to foreign buyers. Of that total, more than a fourth -- a total of about 37 billion dollars -- was the American foreign trade deficit with one country: Japan. In the past few weeks, the deficit has taken on the drama of a soap opera as American and Japanese government and business leaders try to find ways to work together. That will take a while, if only because they must first try to agree on what's wrong with the present system.

Dr. Barnhart, there is no simple solution, is there?

INTERVIEW DR. BARNHART:

- Background: - Japanese labor/management structure
- Japanese administrative restrictions
- U.S. failures in: - international trade
- language development
- federal budget deficit
- BRIEFLY: What hope for resolution lies ahead?

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We'll talk <sup>~~MORE~~</sup> about some of the solutions being suggested in a moment when we return.

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Hi. I'm Al Oickle, and I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook with Dr. Michael Barnhart, assistant professor of history and a scholar in the field of ~~Japanese industrial practices.~~ <sup>and given international relations.</sup> We've been talking about international trade deficits, and especially about the more than 40 billion dollars deficit the United States is expected to ring up in 1985 with Japan. Many solutions have been proposed, Dr. Barnhart. Do you see some help coming from Japan itself?

INTERVIEW DR. BARNHART:

- Japan's current efforts to improve U.S. imports
- American business practices
- U.S. Congress' role
- Administration's role vis a vis federal deficit
- International trade practices, restrictions
- Economic summit in Bonn in May

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