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**A Quest For Peace With Article 9:
With Some Reflections on Contemporary US Imperialism, and
US-Japan Security Arrangements**

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ARTICLE 9 of the Japanese Constitution

Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes.

In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized.

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.”

From Robert Frost’s poem “The Road Not Taken”

Commentary To Students of The Ohio University International Studies Forum

This paper was to have been sent to each of you within a week or two after my October 1st lecture. Unfortunately, several other matters have consumed me -- including writing for an update of our book, *A Call For Peace: The Implications of Japan’s War-Renouncing Constitution*. I am just now, November 4, after President Bush’s 2004 election to a second term -- getting the paper finished. I wish to apologize to those of you from other countries for what the American people did on November 2, 2004 in giving Bush and his neocon handlers another four years in which to dismantle Planet Earth. I prefer a non-violent secular democracy rather than a militaristic theocratic plutocracy. I am frightened for all our futures.

Introductory Materials

Part of the content of this paper has been taken, with minimal modification, from recent papers that I have presented on my, some would say, “quixotic quest for peace with Article 9” in Japan and at many other places around the globe. You can read several of these papers at our web site www.article9society.org. In my quest for peace with Article 9 I have, since 1991, made

seven lecture tours in Japan, covering all of the Japanese Islands from Hokkaido in the north to Okinawa in the south. These trips have ranged in length from three to six weeks, and have included lectures at national and private universities, and multiple public lectures in many Japanese cities including Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I have also made presentations in Europe and in Canada – as well as on parts of three of Peaceboat’s around the world voyages. My wife, Ruth, has accompanied me on most of this travel.

Most people in America and around the world have never heard of Article 9 (A9) and governments generally prefer that they do not know about it – especially not as something to be desired. Leaders of most nations, including my nation – the USA, love that dominantly masculine military fist with which to ultimately beat their way to “glorious” and “honorable” “victory.” Article 9 denies this to them.

Carl Von Clausewitz, that early 19th century European war-strategist, in his famous book, *On War*, (see my reference list at the end of this paper) starts his first chapter, “What Is War,” with the following commentary – “War is nothing but a duel on a larger scale.” By the end of the 19th century we as a species had reasonably well replaced the dueling brand of male stupidity with non-violent dispute settlement under “rules of law.” We in the United States in the 1930s outlawed labor-management violent warfare with “rules of law” with the Wagner Labor Relations Act.

I see Article 9, a “rule of law” in Japan’s constitution, as but a next grand step in humanity’s growth in wisdom. I seek for my nation, the USA, in all its “power and glory” to lead the way to this new level of enlightenment, rather than the path it presently pursues – one of arrogant, unilateral worldwide militarism for problems for which there are no military solutions. I seek for all nations to allow Japan to proudly demonstrate to the entire world -- non-violent, non-military means for war prevention and resolution of our inevitable Planet Earth conflicts – rather than trying to Orwellianize and kill A9 as is the present aim of the US and Japanese governments. I ultimately seek for all nations to adopt A9 principles in their basic core documents. I see all of this, paraphrasing Robert Frost’s poem cited above, as pointing us -- “to a road less traveled by that will make all the difference.”

My Gift To You

My dear Ohio University international studies students, how nice it is to have the opportunity to share some ideas and reflections with you. You received four things from me at the beginning of my lecture – [1] a small origami crane, [2] a small 3 inch square piece of paper with Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution printed on one side and the “Sadako Story” on the other side, [3] a copy of a short letter-to-the-editor of mine titled, “A Recipe For An Armageddon Cocktail,” and [4] a list of references -- books, periodicals, and DVD-video, of relevance to my lecture topic. A revised “list” appears at the end of this paper. Allow me to explain these items.

[1] As you will see below, the small origami crane that you received from me is from a large box of 1,000 cranes made for me by my youthful Japanese Peaceboat assistants on our most recent 2002 Peaceboat journey from Cuba to Colombia to Panama to Peru. Please check out Peaceboat at www.peaceboat.org. [2] The 3 inch square piece of paper is for you to make your own unique origami crane. You might ask your Japanese classmate and friend of mine from Chubu University, Kenji Kimura, or some other Japanese student at OU to teach you how to do this. Had we enough time in my lecture I would have instructed you in origami art. You see, in addition to my interdisciplinary-engineering Ph.D., I also hold a Ph.D. in “craneology.” [3] My “Recipe For An Armageddon Cocktail” is a satirical summary of some of my criticism of US Empire’s present direction, and [4] I share with you this list of reference materials that help me

continue on my “road-less-traveled-by.” To understand “my path” I urge you to read my “brief bio-sketch” at the end of this paper. An updated “reference list” appears at the end of this paper.

In keeping with the broad framework reflected in the title of my talk, after some additional preliminaries, I will explore a few relevant themes outlined below.

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On August 6, 1945, Little Boy, the nuclear bomb that destroyed Hiroshima, irradiated a two-year-old Japanese she-child, Sadako. Several years later she became ill with radiation-induced leukemia. An old Japanese fairy-tale suggested that if she could fold one thousand origami paper cranes, her illness might be cured. Sadako began folding but, well before reaching her goal, she died at the age of 12.

Shortly after her death a large statue of Sadako, with a symbolic crane perched on her head, was unveiled in Hiroshima Peace Park on May 5th, 1958. May 5th in Japan is “Children’s Day,” a national holiday. Children and people from all over Japan (and the world) fold multiple thousands of these origami cranes and connect them into “peace-justice-and-hope” chains that are then draped over and around Sadako’s statue. New paper cranes perpetually refresh this icon of hope for an end to the brutal obscene folly that is war

The small colored Sadako origami cranes that I am passing out to you are from a box of 1,000 of them that were sent to me by Japanese youth who traveled with my wife, Ruth, and me, and worked as my interpreter-helpers on our 2002 Peaceboat journey to troubled spots in the Caribbean and South America – Cuba, Colombia, Panama, and Peru. Perhaps they may be hoping that the “crane myth” might work its magic on Article 9 itself -- keeping the Japanese and United States governments from killing this beautiful wisdom. I am so impressed and moved by these dedicated young people who are willing to spend some of their time on peace and justice work.

Peaceboat

Peaceboat is a Japanese youth organized and run cruise ship, for up to 1,000 paying passengers, that makes at least two trips around the world each year with stops at spots on Planet Earth where war, violence, human-rights abuses, and environmental devastation etc. are taking place. Peaceboat has all the amenities of regular cruise ships, and there is much fun and conviviality on board. It differs, however, from regular cruise ships in that its dominant focus is to educate as to the awful things happening around the globe and to seek the birth and growth of saner cultures. I am profoundly impressed by these youth, mostly Japanese, but also several non-Japanese, who are willing to devote some time from their tender years to these ends.

Peaceboat was born in the early 1980s by four young Japanese students from Waseda University who thought that Japanese people were rather ignorant of what the Japanese army had done in East and Southeast Asia up to and including World War II. They began small by organizing tours of Japanese people to places all over this region of the world, and found it so successful that by the late 1980s they had grown themselves into the present the world cruises. For more information on Peaceboat see – www.peaceboat.org . Peaceboat offers some scholarships for youth who wish to work on the boat.

I have been a lecturer on portions of three Peaceboat trips – 1998 from Darwin Australia to Indonesia to Singapore to Mumbai (Bombay) India – 2000 from Vancouver Canada to Tokyo to North Korea, and 2002 from Cuba to Colombia to Panama to Peru. My wife, Ruth, has accompanied me on these adventures. Onboard I speak on the wisdom of Article 9 and “Green Technology By Design” in an interrelated way. In 2000 I was appointed to be a member of Peaceboat’s Global University Advisory Committee.

A Quest For Peace With Article 9

What is Article 9?

Article 9 (A9) renounces war for Japan. It was placed in the new Japanese constitution with strong encouragement by WW-II victor, the USA. This constitution was officially adopted by Japan on May 3, 1947. Most Japanese people old enough to know something about the days of Japanese military empire, and the WW-II firestorm that these militarists unleashed on their country – love Article 9, and wish to keep it from being destroyed. Unfortunately, as the old die off their generation’s experiential understanding of war disappears with them, such that the young who lack this sad wisdom, especially younger politicians -- are prone to become infected with the “war-glory” disease – a disease that leads to wish to rid themselves of the terrible Article 9 constraint in their constitution.

I have come to see Article 9 as having arisen like a Phoenix out of the ashes and holocausts of World War II, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki – and as humanity’s cry for an end to the obscene brutality that is war. Article 9 exists in the constitution of Planet Earth’s second most economically powerful nation, Japan, as the only living model for “rules-of-law” to replace “rules-of-war.” Article 9 implies that Japan negotiate the shoals and reefs of international relations and resolve its inevitable conflicts by non-violent means. It is my dream that the nations on Planet Earth encourage and allow Japan to demonstrate and exercise world-class leadership for peace and justice in non-military, non-violent means for war-and-violence-prevention, mediation, diplomacy etc. – with Article 9 as its badge of honor. I see Article 9 as a profound model for Planet Earth. In my view Article 9 must be kept alive as a model for all nations. See my proposed “war-renouncing” US Constitutional amendment at the end of this paper. Believe it or not many such constitutional amendments were actively introduced and debated in America in the 1920s and 1930s, out of revulsion at

the gross stupid obscenity that was World War I. To help you understand the atrocity that was World War I, please see the excellent book, Tuchman, Barbara W., *The Guns of August*, -- my reference list at the end of this paper.

Unfortunately almost since its adoption by Japan in May 3, 1947, with the growth of the US-USSR “cold-war-lunacy” the United States has increasingly encouraged the Japanese government to destroy Article 9. Of course only a few in the US government will ever say that A9’s destruction is one of the US’s objectives. Several in the neocon Bush administration do suggest this however. See my commentary at the end of this paper on “The Armitage Report” – “The United States and Japan: Advancing Toward a Mature Partnership,” an October 11, 2000 NDS-INSS report. Its lead author, Richard L. Armitage, is now US Deputy Secretary of State. Speaking of “cold-war-lunacy” -- for a refreshingly different view please see my reference list -- Eisenberg, Carolyn, *Drawing The Line: The American Decision to Divide Germany*.)

Today, younger conservative Japanese politicians who increasingly lust for the “glory-days” of Japanese Empire are also busily working to rid Japan of that terrible Article 9 constraint. These people have no experiential understanding of US Air Corps General Curtis LeMay’s March 9, 1945 one night’s B-29 work, the incineration of 100,000 Tokyo residents -- or of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They long for Japan to once again be a so-called “normal nation”-- which means, a Japan unfettered by A9 so they might once again sail international relations seas with a military fist as their “big-brother” the USA so clearly demonstrates. Thus, today Article 9 is in great danger of being completely Orwellianized by the Japanese government – reduced to words that mean nothing – with America’s blessing and encouragement. The United States government would dearly love to have Japanese soldiers be our surrogate military to do most of the killing in that region of the world should arrogant US imperial military unilateralism give birth to East and Southeast Asian wars. Please see the section later in this paper on the “1997 guidelines for US-Japan defense cooperation,” and the Orwellianese in the phrase, “situations in areas surrounding Japan.”

These myopic US visions assume that Japan will forever allow itself to be USA’s lap dog in these matters. Frighteningly, right-wing academics and politicians in Japan are now being seriously listened to when they argue that Japan should have its own nuclear weapons. A few years ago, Japanese people uttering these ideas were considered a part of the “lunatic fringe.” Much of Japan’s electrical power is nuclear. Japan imports massive amounts of plutonium from France and other countries to use in its nuclear power industry. US nuclear industry firms like General Electric and Westinghouse were instrumental in getting Japan hooked on nuclear power. If Japan at some future date chooses to abandon its US lackey status and ask its multitudes of creative engineers and scientists to make Japanese nukes and missile delivery systems – we are truly in a sea of trouble.

Founding of The Article 9 Society

Please see our book (my reference list), Overby et al., *A Call For Peace: ...*” page 57--67 for amplification on the founding of our Article 9 Society (A9S). A9S was founded in March 1991, shortly after the end of America’s first Gulf “oil-resource” War. Prior to launching this war President Bush “the elder” (Bush I) was cruising the world pressuring other nations for money and men so as to create a “New World Order” based on military force and power with the USA in the driver’s seat. We sought, with military force, to eject our former protégé, Saddam Hussein, from that great democracy, Kuwait – an oil kingdom long dominated by British-American oil interests.

I liked the idea of a “new world order” but one with a different flavor than Bush’s. It occurred to me that a “new world order” based on the war renouncing principles embodied in

Article 9 of the Japanese constitution is what we need. With the encouragement of like-minded friends in our Athens Ohio Unitarian Fellowship, I founded the Article 9 Society (A9S) in March 1991. My Japanese physicist friend, the late Dr. Hiroshi Katsumori, upon learning of this new A9S, became very excited and launched the Article 9 Society – Japan, an organization that took off and grew with chapters all over Japan by the late 1990s. Our main source of A9S activity is thus in Japan in whose constitution A9 resides.

The goals and objective of A9S are to encourage and support Japanese people in their desire to restore Article 9's integrity as a model for demonstrating non-military, non-violent means for conflict prevention and resolution. We seek the adoption of Article 9's war-renouncing principles in the constitutions and founding documents of all nations on Planet Earth – including the USA. Please see my proposed US war-renunciation constitutional amendment at the end of this paper. Interestingly, many war-renouncing amendments were proposed and debated in the Congress for the US constitution in the 20-year period after the end of World War I.

A Green Technology By Design (GTBD) Connection to the Founding of A9S

“Green technology by design” (GTBD) is a professional engineering area where I have been laboring as a pioneer since the early 1970s, thus far still without too much success. Please see my reference list for, Overby “Green Technology By Design” -- 1995 – also our book, *A Call For Peace*, pages 173-199 where I discuss GTBD and many related topics (entropy and economics, resource wars, etc.)

When engineers create new products and systems for human use they design with the aid of “design criteria” -- standards by which to judge efficacy and efficiency of the new idea. These “design criteria” are established at the very beginning of the engineering design process so that these essential product or system requirements determine what the technology will be. Unfortunately we swim in a world-wide capitalist decision making ocean with the USA as chief whale – a sea that usually does not include two essential design criteria, namely [1] that the product or system must minimize the consumption of Planet Earth's resources (including oil), and [2] the product or system must not pollute the ecosphere.” When these two design criteria are included in the product creation process, the outcome is GTBD.

As an “internationalist-eco-engineer” my juices for an A9 “new world order,” discussed above, were also turned on by the 1991 “Gulf-‘oil-resource’-War.” The United States with four percent of Earth's population, consumes some 25 percent of Earth's resources, massively including oil. Sadly also, the USA is the most resource wasteful nation on the planet – and it seems very uninterested in changing its ways. (Note Vice President Cheney's secret US energy policy meetings exclusively with the oil industry.) Rather than asking its engineers and scientists to use their creative talents and capabilities to make us a more “resource conserving nation” and one that minimally pollutes Planet Earth's ecosphere, the US government would rather use its powerful military fist to assure that other people's oil, under their sand, is controlled by America. Let me illustrate with a specific example.

In September 1990, six weeks after Saddam invaded Kuwait, the United States Senate was debating a bill (S-1224) that would have required the US to significantly raise fuel economy standards for all automobiles made and sold in the USA as was done in 1976 with a similar law called EPCA. Improved automobile fuel economy comes out of GTBD. Please see “John Locke – “on Property,” “Oil Resource Wars, and GTBG at the end of this paper for a discussion on EPCA and other dimensions of America's resource consumption.

Continuing my story about S-1224 – six weeks after Saddam had moved into Kuwait these august legislators (US Senators) felt that it would be a terrible imposition on US automobile

manufacturers were they to convert S-1224 into new automobile fuel economy legislation. These great statesmen turned “thumbs-down” in S-1224. Rather than demonstrating to the world that we had a moral conscience and were willing to clean up our obscenely wasteful consumption habits, these Senate paragons of virtue, three months later, gave George the 1st the authority to send 500,000 US soldiers to the Middle East to protect “our” oil supply, lying under their sands. Had we passed S-1224, by now 2004, we would be saving more than double the entire Kuwaiti annual oil production – every year on into the future. Had we asked our engineers and scientists to design and produce more fuel efficient vehicles we would also have demonstrated much healthier technology for all the developing countries of the world who lust for all the consumption “goodies” they see Americans devouring.

Unfortunately, so-called market forces fail to reflect the “true and full life-cycle costs” of “things” we produce and consume – including in the instances I illustrate here, the hidden military “oil” subsidies that enable us in America to lust for SUV and “humvee” gas hog vehicles. Market forces, as my EPCA and S-1224 stories indicate, often fail to instruct engineering and scientific creativity to use its talents for the “benefit of humanity.” Our capitalist decision-making system, now spread worldwide, tends to discount many dimensions of the future. I taught some of these decision making skills to bright Chinese engineering students in China in my 1986 half year of graduate engineering teaching there. China has today joined most of the rest of the world on the same capitalist railroad train that we in America travel. Please see our web site, www.article9society.org -- my 2004 paper titled, “Counting The Future Rather Than Discounting It,” for an elaboration on some limitations of “benefit-cost,” and Bentham’s utilitarian “calculus of pleasure and pain” decision making.

As an eco-engineer who has been working on “green-technology-by-design,” (GTBD) ideas since the late 1960s – the US Senate’s rejection of S1224 in mid September 1990 – just completely “blew me away” thus giving me another significant reason to seek a new world order based on Article 9. GTBD is a wonderful and hopeful non-violent, non-military resource-war-prevention methodology.

Some Dimensions of Contemporary US Imperialism

Caveat

Like all Americans I was devastated, depressed and angry at the tragic loss of innocent lives on 9/11. I felt that those persons responsible for this atrocity must be found and brought to justice. However, rather than a military rampage as the Bush administration chose, followed by a dominantly preemptive oil-resource war on Iraq, a war based on lies discussed below -- I would have preferred cooperative international police work to bring the 9/11 perpetrators to justice before the World Court or the International Criminal Court (ICC). Unfortunately, the United States frequently thumbs its nose at the World Court and has yet to support the ICC, perhaps for fear of having its own leaders one day charged for their crimes.

War itself is an atrocity that devastates innocent human beings everywhere. My experience as a combat pilot in the Korean War helps me understand that Asian anguish when their loved ones are killed is as painful and real as that in New York City and Washington. This is why I am so interested in Japan’s law, its constitution’s Article 9 renunciation of war. Article 9 implies that non-violent means be used to resolve our inevitable conflicts. We need to adopt this kind of law in all nations.

In my opinion, there is no military solution to the 9/11 atrocity, any more than there is a military solution to the huge demand for drugs in America. Unfortunately, history demonstrates that our leaders seem addicted to the drug of military-violence. See my reference list for the book

by Chalmers Johnson and *The Nation* article, both titled “Blowback.” See also Johnson’s 2004 book titled, *The Sorrows of Empire: Militarism, Secrecy, and the End of the Republic* to better understand the causes of our present sorrows, folly and arrogance.

Rather than leave fingerprints of violence around the world as our national legacy, I yearn for leaders who will leave fingerprints of hope -- people who will temper our arrogant super-power unilateralism and lead us under a more democratized United Nations umbrella on a multitude of cooperative paths.

Some of my commentary here might seem rather critical of my country, the USA, and its path as a world leader. Let me say at the outset, that I am most grateful for the many opportunities that I have had, as a US citizen, to fulfill some of my promise -- and yet I, along with millions of my fellow citizens, seek to improve this system that nurtured us. I am inclined to agree with Michael Sherry’s in his 1995 book, (see my reference list) *In The Shadow of War*, when he characterizes the US, since before World War II, as a culture living in a state of “militarization” which he defines as – “... the contradictory and tense social process in which civil society organizes itself for the production of violence.” I along with millions of other like-minded fellow citizens, seek an America where institutions will be judged according to how well they tend to maximize ethical, loving, and caring relationships nationally and internationally, rather than the culture of greed, alienation, cynicism, selfishness, violence, and materialism that seems to characterize much of contemporary America – as seen by many. For an exploration of this theme, please see my reference list, Michael Lerner, *The Politics of Meaning: Restoring Hope and Possibility in an Age of Cynicism*, Addison Wesley, 1996.

I am one who sees the present hubristic, arrogant, militarist unilateralist imperialist behavior of my nation to be the greatest destabilizing force on Planet Earth. Please see my letter-to-the-editor, “A Recipe For An Armageddon Cocktail” at the end of this paper as a condensed “essence” of some of my presentation for this Ohio University International Studies Forum. In a 2001 St. Bonaventure paper I coined a new word to describe some of this phenomenon – “testocracy.” I am delighted to have recently discovered a new and possibly controversial book Ducat, Stephen J., *The Wimp Factor: Gender Gaps, Holy Wars, and the Politics of Anxious Masculinity* – that elaborates on some of my own thoughts on the essential masculinity of war and violence. See my reference list for the full citation for Ducat’s book and also for, Barash, David and Lipton, Judith, *Gender Gap: The Biology of Male-Female Differences*.

I am also naïve enough to be profoundly attracted to the great words in our Declaration Of Independence – “all ‘men?’ are created equal.” I of course fault our founding fathers for their “white-male-edness” exclusion of all who were not “white-property-owning-males.” How sad that women had to fight our “white-male-dominated” government for a century and a half to be able to be considered equal enough to do a simple democratic thing like “vote. ” How sad that black people for three centuries were “property” and that Native Americans did not count. My values suggest that we as a nation must begin, in policy and action, to demonstrate that these words “all persons are created equal” abundantly implies that all humans on Planet Earth be treated with dignity and respect rather than as “collateral damage” or as “third class-ed.” I also expand my vision to include most importantly “Mother Earth” herself as deserving of our profound respect rather than rape. (See the end of this paper for a sample of some experiential existential poetry on ‘consumption’ and ‘pollution’ -- “A Utopian Reyarp” and “Rape of Mother.”)

The Iraq War

The U S government invoked the National Security Strategy of the United States (NSS) and preemptorily invaded Iraq in March 2003, as Bush said, because -- [1] Iraq had weapons of

mass destruction (WMD) that could be unleashed on the world in 45 minutes; [2] Iraq was intimately linked with Al Qaeda and the 9/11 terrorists; and [3] so that Iraqi people could have democracy with freedom etc. We are now know that these stated reasons for the war were lies. In fact Bush and his neocon handlers so lusted for a war on Iraq that providers of intelligence, CIA and others, felt great pressure to give him what he wanted -- the lies and half truths used to justify this unilateral war

Here, in my opinion, are a few of the most significant real reasons for this preemptive strike -- [1] Bush's lust for control of Iraq's oil and other resources such as water; See page 65 in our book *A Call For Peace*, for an assessment of the Gulf War I as an oil resource war. The same logic applies for Bush the younger's Iraq War II. [2] Bushite passion for the power, over other resource dependent nations, that would accrue to the US with its control of these resources; [3] to divert American citizens' minds from a host of painful domestic problems, many of which have deep links to the Bush administration, such as -- Enron and other major business scandals, now including Halliburton, V.P. Cheney's former company, and presently our prime Iraqi "private-war-conduct-and-rebuild-contractor;" a declining stock market; massively growing national debt; increasing unemployment; environmental disasters, etc. etc.; [4] as Orwellian defined means to keep Americans frightened and angry so they would be willing to allow the government to squander their taxes for stupid weapons projects like missile defense and other killing system boondoggles; [5] to keep Americans frightened and angry so as to make it easier for the neocons and fundamentalist Christians to further implement their right wing political-religious agenda; and to win the 2004 presidential election. Finally [6] it can be argued that a profoundly significant reason for Bush's Iraq war -- was the long-term intimate relationship between Israel and the United States, especially strong now with the neocon Bush administration's special affinity for the right wing Sharon government. For more elaboration on these "real reasons" for the US's March 2003 preemptive war on Iraq, please see my long (21 page) and short (15 page) paper at our web site www.article9society.org .

NSS -- United States Declaration of Empire

Two paragraphs above, I said -- "The U S government invoked the National Security Strategy of the United States (NSS) and peremptorily invaded Iraq in March 2003." Let us now look at the Bush administration's most clearly expressed written statement on our Imperialism -- **The National Security Strategy of the United States Of America (NSS)**

Let me zero-in with a few excerpts from this September 17, 2002 -- NSS. -- This small 33 page, nine-chapter document is the official statement on the Bush administration's imperial views and policies. It is important that you read it for yourselves by typing into your web browser the following words -- "The National Security Strategy of the United States Of America." See my reference list for a specific web address if this does not work for you. It is very important to note that this document did not arise out of 9/11, as most people think. Its roots reach way back at least to 1991, if not even before that. Right-wing neocon frustration at not getting Saddam after the first Gulf War, is the womb in which this baby was hatched. See my full-length (21 page) 2003 Japan lecture tour paper (www.article9society.org) for a Paul Wolfowitz connection to the NSS. Wolfowitz is now Deputy Secretary of Defense. In 1991 he was then Secretary of Defense, Dick Cheney's assistant and one of the chief architects of a document much like the NSS. At that time this document was so radical that it had to be suppressed. It showed up again after 9/11, but now Bush II quickly blessed it with a prayer and his signature.

President Bush in his cover letter to the NSS discusses the new "terrorist" threat in the world and says in the fourth paragraph, "To defeat this threat we must make use of every tool in our arsenal -- military power, better homeland defenses, law enforcement, intelligence, and vigorous efforts to cut off terrorist financing." Nowhere in his letter of introduction, or in the

entire 33 page document is there any sign of its authors trying to understand why this violence is directed at the United States. Please see my reference list for Chalmers Johnson's book, *Blowback: The Costs and Consequences of American Empire*, 2000, and his excellent article "Blowback," *The Nation*, October 15, 2001, pages 13-15 -- for an assessment of why we were attacked on 9/11 and elsewhere. The mindset of the NSS document is dominantly one of "force" and "violence" to be exercised by the United States in retribution for 9/11. See my comment on Wolfowitz' 1991 contribution to NSS. There is no Bush compassionate conservatism in NSS.

Perhaps two of the most significant statements in the NSS document that helps us understand this document's central militarist imperialist dimensions can be found on pages 6 and 14.

The excerpt from page 6, where the NSS, speaking of defending ourselves against terrorists says,

"...While the United States will constantly strive to enlist the support of the international community, we will not hesitate to act alone, if necessary, to exercise our right of self-defense by acting preemptively against such terrorists ..."

As we have seen these also include nuclear threats against non-nuclear states if the US deems it necessary.

The excerpt from page 14, a crystal clear statement of overwhelming "coercive force" says,

"The United States must and will maintain the capability to defeat any attempt by an enemy – whether a state or non-state actor – to impose its will on the United States, our allies, or our friends. We will maintain the forces sufficient to support our obligations, and to defend freedom. Our forces will be strong enough to dissuade potential adversaries from pursuing a military build-up in hopes of surpassing, or equaling the power of the United States."

NSS -- Rogue State Attribute – No Regard for International Treaties and Laws

Also in Chapter V, pages 13 and 14, the NSS discusses some of the attributes of "rogue states" who wish to harm us -- they are states who "... display no regard for international law, threaten their neighbors, and callously violate international treaties to which they are a party." They are, "... determined to acquire weapons of mass destruction, along with other advanced military technology, to be used as threats or offensively to achieve the aggressive designs of these regimes."

My goodness, this excerpt quite well defines the United States itself. Perhaps this is why some people like Chomsky (2000), Blum (2000), Prestowitz (2003), and I -- see the US as the world's chief "rogue state." To understand this let us list just a few of our most recent disregards of international law and treaties to which we are a party. [1] The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (the US has never ratified this treaty and is now planning to build "mini-nukes" for preemptive deep underground strikes – a destabilizing act that may well unleash a new round of nuclear testing); [2] The Mine Ban Treaty; [3] The Chemical Weapons Convention; [4] The Bioweapons Protocol; [5] The Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (Bush unilaterally withdrew the US from this treaty so as to push ahead with missile defense systems); [6] The Child Soldiers Protocol; [7] The International Criminal Court; [8] The Small Arms Action Plan; [9] The Kyoto Protocol; [10] The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) – Bush rejects parts of Article VI. What gross hypocrisy. Please see my reference list, "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists" 2002, for details on each of these little demonstrations of United States "rogue statedness."

When I read in the NSS about nations who threaten their neighbors, I imagine how North Korea might see us as a consequence of our half century of US threats toward them, including nuclear threats. Please see “The Korean Problem later in this paper.

Some US-Japan Security Arrangements

Earlier in this paper I have spoken of the United States government’s desires (generally not explicitly stated) to weaken and Orwellianize Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution. To illustrate a recent instance of this steady erosive pressure on A9, let me share this excerpt taken from my 1998 Japan paper “Save Article 9 – With Non-Military Japan-US Cooperation.” See www.article9society.org for the full paper. In 1996 and ’97 the US and Japan modified their security agreement so as to make it easier for Japan to assist the US in conflicts with the Orwellian phrase -- “situations in areas surrounding Japan.”

1997 Guidelines For US--Japan Defense Cooperation

The following are some examples of the “doublespeak” in this document, “**1997 guidelines for US--Japan defense cooperation.**” The “darkened” materials below and the paragraphs and sentences in quotation marks, are direct quotes from the 1997 guidelines document.

GUIDELINES; II. Basic Premises And Principles;

“1. The rights and obligations under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States of America and Japan (the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty) and its related arrangements, as well as the fundamental framework of the U.S.-Japan alliance will remain unchanged.”

My comment -- This paragraph is “Orwellianese” and really means -- “These changes will make it easier for Japanese military forces to assist in wars of US’s choosing anywhere on the planet.

“2. Japan will conduct all of its actions within the limitations of its Constitution and in accordance with such basic positions as the maintenance of its exclusively defense-oriented policy and its three non-nuclear principles.”

My comment -- More evasive Orwellian language. “Within the limitations of its Constitution,” refers to Article 9’s renunciation of war – which the US has been covertly pushing to void, almost since it was put in Japan’s constitution after WW-II. Also, the US government has often violated these so-called three “non-nuclear principles” – with Japanese governmental lackey-like acquiescence.

GUIDELINES; III. Cooperation Under Normal Circumstances;

“3. Bilateral Programs”

“Both Governments will conduct bilateral work, including bilateral defense planning in case of an armed attack against Japan, and mutual cooperation planning in **situations in areas surrounding Japan.**”

In the “GUIDELINES”, SECTION V one finds a clarification in the concept, situations in areas surrounding Japan. This clarification says, “**The, situations in areas surrounding Japan is not geographical but situational.**”

My comment -- This bit of deliberately ambiguous and evasive language is Orwellianese to say that – Japan is further freed from the very clearly stated constraint placed on it by Article 9, so that it can once again send its soldiers anywhere in the world – of course so long as the United States approves or desires it. Note the current presence of Japanese Self Defense Forces (SDF) in Iraq.

Other Proposed Forms of Japan-US Non-Military Cooperation Honoring Article 9

I urge you to read my entire 1998 paper, “Save Article 9 – With Non-Military Japan-U.S. Cooperation,” for a list of things that Japan might propose to the US in a new security agreement that encourages Japan to act with honor in accordance with the clear and unambiguous language of Article 9 -- www.article9society.org . I propose a new Japan-US security agreement titled “Guidelines For Japan-U.S. Cooperation in Non-Military Ways.” Some of the ideas you will find explored here are –

[1] Japan, as the only nation to have nuclear weapons used on them, should take the lead in reducing nuclear arsenals to zero by implementing Articles VI and VII of the **Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)**

Article VI of the NPT reads as follows:

“Each of the parties to the Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control”

Article VII of the NPT reads as follows:

“Nothing in this Treaty affects the right of any group of States to conclude regional treaties on order to assure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories.”

[2] Japan should lead in promoting the **Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, (CNTBT)**.

See also our book, *A Call For Peace*, (page 137 and following) for a long list and discussion of multitudes of possibilities for Japanese non-violent, non-military world leadership with Article 9 as its banner of honor. See also the paragraph at the end of this paper titled, **Forms of War and Violence Prevention**.

Some Aspects of The Japan-US-North Korean Problem

Earlier in this paper when I discussed the United States National Security (NSS) document I spoke of the USA as a rogue state that threatens its neighbors, sometimes with nuclear weapons, as is the case with North Korea. US belligerence toward North Korea excites Japanese people. Let us take a brief look at some of US-North Korean relations and its impact on Japan. Please see my 2003 Japanese paper for details on this problem, www.article9society.org - - “Article 9: Humanity’s Plea For Rules-Of-Law Rather Than Rules-OF-War – and a Rogue State, The USA.”

Japan has some special concerns about the situation on the Korean peninsula – especially with the North’s threats on nuclear weapons and their missile development activity. There are also other issues such as the “abduction issue” that complicate relations between the two countries.

Some History

The Korean Problem” has roots that go far back in history. Let us start by recognizing United States complicity in early 20th Century Japan-Korean relations. An early American president with imperialist inclinations, Theodore Roosevelt, won the 1906 Nobel Peace prize for his mediating efforts in ending the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05. One of Roosevelt’s promises to sweeten his peace proposal for Japan’s acceptance -- was to let Japan know that in the future, if they should wish to invade and occupy the Korean peninsula, the US would look the other way – which is exactly what America did when Japan moved into Korea in 1910 -- for a 35 year occupation.

Nukes in North Korea

The 1945 nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki frightened us as a species, such that by 1970 most of the nations of the world had entered into a treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons – the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

North Korea was one of the signers of the NPT, from which it has recently withdrawn -- saying that the USA has not lived up to its responsibilities under President Clinton’s 1994 agreement called the “Agreed Framework.” The 1994 agreement, brokered by former President Carter, was a non-violent resolution of a crisis similar to the present “nuclear crisis” with North Korea. This “agreement” required the North to freeze its nuclear facilities and go back into compliance with the NPT. In return for this, the US would help them build two less dangerous nuclear power plants, provide stopgap fuel oil, stop threatening sanctions, and begin trade talks. Japan also has an involvement in all of this.

This non-violent resolution of a dangerous 1994 crisis was slowly working its way along -- and then came President Bush with his unilateralist arrogant and hubristic neocon handlers who have a mind set 180 degrees out of phase with the one that produced the 1994 “Agreed Framework.”

A brief look at the history of nukes and North Korea might easily persuade one to conclude that aggressive military and nuclear threats by the US has been a significant factor in the North’s ambition to possess them. At one time the US had nearly 1,000 nuclear warheads in South Korea pointed north. Please see my reference list, “Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists” (2003) for detail on nuke history and North Korea. Being on the receiving end of continuing threats from the United States and noting the ever growing US imperial preemptive thrusts around the world -- the North argues, perhaps with some validity from their perspective, that nukes and missiles give them some bargaining chips in their long running dispute with superpower USA.

Bushite neocons are giving all of us on Planet Earth, especially our Japanese friends, an Orwellian “con-job.” By “con-job,” which is US slang, I mean – a misleading and frightening assessment with their argument that this tiny basket-case nation, North Korea, would be so stupid as to launch a live nuclear weapon on Japan or any other spot on the planet – unless it were forced completely to the wall.

In my opinion, key people in the Bush administration have cynically always known that National Missile Defense (NMD) was not a feasible technology that would protect Americans. They however do see N. Korea “nuke” threats as a fantastic vehicle with which to frighten and mislead American and Japanese people, into spending multiple billions on this “stuff” so that ultimately America can achieve its manifest destiny – US militarization and domination of space.

As I have long been writing, if I were a leader of a so-called “rogue state” who wanted to harm the USA, I would not be so stupid as to try and do it with a primitive missile, I would bring my “device” to my target in a suitcase, or in a Ryder truck as did our US-trained terrorist, McVeigh. Creative terrorist brains are awesomely mind-boggling. Should we set our engineers and scientists to work of devising a TBDS – a terrorist brain defense system?

My wife and I visited North Korea (the first time on the ground for me) in August 2000 when I was a Global University lecturer on the Japanese youth organized and run PEACEBOAT. We saw first-hand the basket-case state of affairs in this nation. We also saw several soldiers all of whom were engaged in road, agricultural, and other infrastructure work. Related to earlier comments, US and Japanese governments and media, in Orwellian fashion, frighten American and Japanese citizens with much focus on this “gigantic” North Korean army. North Korea’s military budget is absolutely infinitesimal compared to that of the US and Japan. Frightening US and Japanese citizens however helps to enrich Raytheon, one of America’s influential missile and weapons makers, and to get Japan to buy into this dangerous NMD boondoggle.

Here, 50 years after the July 27, 1953 truce the United States still has 37,000 troops in South Korea. We continue to threaten this tiny basket-case country, which President Bush identifies as part of an “Axis Of Evil,” with all kinds of military and economic violence, including preemptive nuclear strikes. How terribly sad. I have a different proposal for President Bush.

I encourage President Bush to please [1] stop threatening this tiny basket-case nation, North Korea, and [2] sign a bi-lateral peace treaty to end this half-century of dangerous and unwise folly. While working to sign the “bi-lateral” peace treaty, diplomacy methods should be used to get all other interested nations to encourage and support it. The peace treaty should be one that gives North Korea concrete assurances that the USA will not attack them militarily or economically. A cessation of threats would be healthy for Japan, China and all humanity on the planet. For example the Bush bunch’s threats against North Korea and its reaction to these threats frighten Japanese people such that their right wing is now beginning to be taken seriously when they argue that Japan needs its own nuclear weapons. My goodness! If the Japanese put their excellent scientific and engineering talent to work on nuclear weapons and their delivery systems – humanity will truly have a bit of a problem. Contemporary United States hubris thus threatens to massively destabilize all of East Asia and the entire Planet. Japan has huge quantities of nuclear materials from its own nuclear energy plants, and that which it buys from Britain and France and reprocesses for its nuclear energy program. Plutonium, the stuff of nuclear weapons, is plentiful in Japan.

Additionally the US government should [3] respond to the demands of many South Koreans and remove the US’s 37,000 troops, and [4] encourage new South Korean president Roh Moo-hyun, to do as he really would like to do, that is -- get on with his predecessor, Kim Dae Jung’s hopeful and creative “Sunshine Policy” of engagement with and reaching out to the North rather than the US favored threats of violence. I would also encourage the Bush administration to also pursue a policy of outreach and engagement with Cuba, that Earth menacing colossus 90 mile from Miami, rather than bluster and threats of violence.

A Final Reflection On The Korean Problem

I agree with former President Jimmy Carter when in a September 17, 2003 interview on US Public Broadcasting Television (PBS), the Lehrer News-Hour, about “the Korean problem” -- he suggested that there be bilateral talks between the United States and North Korea under the umbrella of the nations who participated in the recent six-way talks on the Korean problem” – North Korea, South Korea, China, Japan, Russia, and the United States. I believe that the above

policy was what the Kerry presidency would have brought, had he won the 2004 presidential election.

End OF Paper

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

Veterans For Peace Materials

A Resolution Approved And Adopted By the United States Veterans Group Called –

VETERANS FOR PEACE (VFP)

At their 2004 Annual Convention in Boston Massachusetts

On 24 July 2004

Support for Endangered Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution

Whereas one of the five goals in Veterans For Peace's (VFP) "Statement Of Purpose" is -- "To abolish war as an instrument of national policy."

Whereas the world's most significant legal expression of this goal exists as Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution, "... the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes." Article 9 abolishes war for Japan.

Whereas the Japanese and the United States governments have been overtly and covertly, in Orwellian ways, working for the past half century to destroy Article 9 and make it easier for the USA to harness Japan's so-called "Self-Defense-Force" (SDF) to be America's surrogate military force in "situational" (not geographical) areas surrounding Japan.

Whereas millions of Japanese people who love Article 9 and wish to keep it alive – are growing tired and discouraged by these massive efforts to rid the world of this treasure. These dear people are losing hope and desperately need our encouragement.

Therefore, be it resolved that Veterans For Peace proclaim to Japanese people – "We as a body share your love for the wisdom and ideal that is Article 9. We encourage you in your non-violent efforts to keep your and the US government from killing it. We join you in seeing Article 9 as having arisen like a Phoenix out of the ashes and holocausts of World War II, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki – and as humanity's cry for an end to the obscene brutality that is war. We share with you, dear Japanese friends, your vision that Article 9 is Earth's living model for 'rules-of-law' to replace 'rules-of-war.' "

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Overby, a frequent country-wide lecturer in Japan, will seek to disseminate this resolution widely to Article 9 Society groups across Japan, to many other Japanese peace and justice groups, and to Japanese media -- so as to encourage them in their fight to restore Article 9's integrity and health.

A Proposed Amendment To The United States Constitution

For Veterans For Peace Consideration For 2005 VFP Annual Conference

Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the people of the United States forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes.

In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized."

Recognizing that conflict is part of the human condition, the United States, will henceforth work in cooperation with the United Nations, The World Court and other relevant international institutions, and all other nations to resolve its international conflicts with non-violent means under international rules-of-law, as it does its domestic conflicts under national rules-of-law.

Any provisions of the United States Constitution that are in conflict with this war-renunciation amendment are hereby rendered null and void.

The Congress shall have the power to enact appropriate legislation to give effect to this amendment.

Submitted by Dr. Charles Overby, member of VFP, veteran of WW-II and Korea (combat pilot in Korea), Ohio University emeritus professor of engineering, internationalist, humanist, peace activist, engineering environmentalist, and the 1991 founder of the Article 9 Society – 7815 Angel Ridge Road; Athens Ohio, 45701; Phone/Fax 740-593-5759 – August 1, 2004

A Recipe For An Armageddon Cocktail

Take two half-pints of Wolfowitz's, Perle's, Feith's, Libby's, Abrams', and Rove's right wing unilateralist arrogance – add a few ounces of Rumsfeldian megalomania, and Cheney's Haliburted "oil liqueur" along with a touch of that sweet rose Sharon. Flavor with a half-ounce of Blair-Koizumi "lackey essence." Add a few Rice seeds along with the National Security Strategy of the United States of America, and our Ashcrofted "Act of Patriots." Pour this mixture into the empty warhead in the White House and shake well. Savor this brew while waiting for "The Rapture" listening to refrains from the "chicken hawk" waltz.

A "letter-to-the-editor" by Chuck Overby (3/27/2003) with slight modifications 6/2004
-- a disillusioned World War-II and Korean War (combat pilot) veteran

Some Overby Experiential Existential Poetry

<p>A UTOPIAN REYARP*</p> <p>Our father which art in things, / Hallowed be thy lucre. / Thy products come/ As it is in thy consumptiondum. / Gorge us this day with our daily bread, / big mac's, / and artichoke delicacies --/ while other bellies bloat/ as starvation raves. / Dry our tears --/ rivers of pollution. / Forgive us our lagging g n p. / As we forgive those who would/ change its distribution. / Advertise us into temptation/ so that our bellies swell/ armpits smell sweet/ constipation melts gently --/ and sominex nightly gives us/ peace. / Deliver us from heresy/, which strangely gnaws at our bones --/ Could thou be a false god? / But no --/ For thine is the kingdom of consumption, / The power and glory in things, / For ever and ever/ ah-man and wo-man --/ Have we arrived lost?</p> <p>* prayer spelled backwards -- © chuck overby, Athens, Ohio, 9/77, & 95</p>	<p>RAPE OF MOTHER ---</p> <p>Earth – blue, green, brown, and white/ living jewel in space/ from whose womb we crawl/ her breasts to suckle/ and then return --/ voracious, rapacious, deluded appetites/ have we – driving us to/ defile her essences and beauties --/ air, water, and soil/ with leavings in pursuit/ of the “goods” life --/ visible and shallow rapes now forbid/ we seek deep penetrations – and/ thrust our technological phalli/ deep into her fragile belly/ ejaculating poisonous excrement/ seeds of future pus. / deep-well injections/ doublethink speaks --/ wells from which our children/ and children's children will not quench their thirst.</p> <p>Jackson Ohio flirtation with “deep-well-Injection” hazardous waste disposal. © chuck overby, October '79</p>
<p>UNFETTEREDNESS</p> <p>Eagles soaring on winds/ swept up treeless hills/ of brown summer grass/ Or, climbing in thermal drafts/ over broiling prairies --/ To be one with the wind, / freed from tugs of earth/ to wheel and swing/ In wild abandon/ and with spontaneity/ through mansions of air --/ Eyes of a ten year old see/ childhood dreams of/ eagles' views of earth.</p> <p>© chuck overby, 6/25/78 -- reflections on childhood urges to fly, growing up in northeastern Montana in the 1930's</p>	<p>NIGHT VISIONS</p> <p>Penetrating black voids/ in night ahead/ brightened with/ july fourth-like/ works of fire --/ Steady on course/ into colored holocausts/ become hard metal/ with rockets red glare --/ While below/ bombs burst everywhere --/ our gifts to “gooks”/ and our flag was still there.</p> <p>© chuck overby; 6/7/78, Korean War B-29 pilot, Founder The Article 9 Society; 3/18/91.</p> <p>--- transferring technology to serve the needs of humans everywhere -- killing at each other -- B-29 night bombing in Korea</p> <p>--- anti-aircraft fire at night looks like 4th of July fireworks. some US national anthem violence words find their way into this poem. the term “gooks” was a common “term of endearment” used in the US military in the Korean war for North Korean and Chinese people who happened to be the “enemy” of the day</p>

Forms of War and Violence Prevention (page 137 in *A Call For Peace*)

[1] experiment with and practicing Preventive diplomacy, [2] reduce population growth, [3] assist social and economic development, [4] overcome world hunger and poverty, [5] cope with massive refugee problems, [6] reduce human rights violations, [7] reduce nuclear arsenals to zero, [8] stop international trade in conventional weapons, [9] educated for non-violent action and conflict resolution, [10] defend the nation with Civilian Based Defense (Gene Sharp), [11] preserve and conserve natural resources, reduce environmental degradation, design, manufacture and market “green technology by design --- etc. etc.

The Armitage Report

This 11 October 2000 report is named after Richard Lee Armitage, who is presently Bush the younger’s Deputy Secretary of State. See my “reference list” -- Mann, James, *The Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush’s War Cabinet*, for a short Armitage biography. The report’s title is, **Institute for National Strategic Studies, “The United States and Japan: Advancing toward a Mature Partnership,” National Defense University, October 11, 2000.** Following are two web sites listed for “the report” --but they may no longer be on the web --too old. I have not been able to bring them up.

www.ndu.edu/ndu/sr_japan.html ; www.ndu.edu/inss/pressSpelrepts/SR_JAPAN.HTM

See the following web site for some discussion on the “Armitage Report” from which I have taken this quote, www.jpri.org/publications/occasionalpapers/op20.html .

“...roughly half of it (the Armitage Report) is filled with suggestions for what Japan must do. ‘Japan’s prohibition against collective self-defense is a constraint on alliance cooperation. Lifting this prohibition would allow for closer and more efficient security cooperation.’ In other words, Japan should alter its postwar Constitution and repeal Article 9, in which it forever eschews wars of aggression (but not self defense). The US should make ‘priority availability US defense technology to Japan’ and ‘broaden the scope of US-Japan missile defense cooperation.’ In other words, Japan should continue to buy US weapons and even produce them under US licensing agreements.”

John Locke – “on Property,” “Oil Resource Wars,” and GTBD

In part this failure in America’s economic decision making apparatus complexly goes way back to John Locke, one of America’s founding intellectual fathers. (See my reference list -- Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*.) In this book, Locke gives much attention to property and its protection as being one of the important functions of government. Writing on “property,” (and I think from a Biblical view of man’s role in nature as one of God-given dominion over all nature) he says –

Though the earth and all inferior creatures be common to all men, yet every man, has a property in his own person: this nobody has any right to but himself. The labor of his body and the work of his hands, we may say, are properly his. Whatsoever then he removes out of the state that nature has provided and left it in, he has mixed his labor with, and joined to it something that is his own, and thereby makes it his property. It being by him removed from the common state nature has placed it in; it has by this labor something annexed to it that excludes the common right of other men. For this labor being the unquestionable property of the laborer, no man but he can have a right to what that is once joined to, at least where there is enough and as good left in common for others. (Underlining is mine, Overby)

Locke’s caveat, “... *at least where there is enough and as good left in common for others*” is relevant to the content of this paper. As we know from two Gulf Oil Resource Wars

(1991 & 2003) there may not be enough and as good resources left in common for others, therefore one response that we might make, from a public policy and engineering and science perspective, is that we as a culture might find ways to create a healthy life style for ourselves and as a model for all Planet Earth -- a style that minimizes the consumption of Earth's resources, that does not pollute our Mother's essence and does not take us back to the caves. As I discussed earlier in my paper, we must add two new "design criteria" at the very beginning of the engineering design process – in addition to all the other "design requirements" by which we create our "goods." Our systems must be created so as to [1] minimize the consumption of Earth's resources and [2] not pollute the ecosphere. This is not the way things are today. In my view this is in part because we, Mother-Earth's people, have allowed unleashed market capitalism to dominate the globe in ways that discount our future. See my reference list for my paper, "Counting The Future Rather Than Discounting It." I think that a leash needs to be reapplied to global capitalism, but I am not quite sure as to how it can be done at this stage of the game in which humongous private corporations in effect rule the globe.

I know something about all of this in that I have dedicated the last third of my professional engineering life to these matters – thus far with but minimal results. Please see my brief bio-sketch at the end of this paper for more details.

Six weeks after Saddam invaded Kuwait in 1990, the United States Senate was debating a bill (S-1224) that would have required the US to significantly raise fuel economy standards for all automobiles made and sold in the USA as was done in 1976 with a similar law called EPCA – a bill that they ultimately turned down in favor of sending 500,000 US soldiers into the Gulf region to protect "our" oil supply.

After the 1973 OPEC oil embargo, the US Congress sluggishly passed a 1976 law (PL-94-163, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, EPCA) that was very effective in correcting market force failures in US automobile fleet fuel consumption trends. In 1973 market forces had created a USA automobile fleet with an average fuel consumption of 13 miles/gallon, mpg (5.5 kilometers/liter, kpl). This fuel consumption curve was steadily heading down as engine horsepower and vehicle weights grew to elephantine proportions. EPCA required that the US auto-fleet fuel economy be doubled in ten years -- all automobiles manufactured and sold in America by 1986 had to have a fleet average fuel economy of 26 miles/gallon (11 kilometers/liter). The US automobile industry massively attacked EPCA as being unconstitutional, and impossible to achieve. They sent legions of attorneys, and lobbyists (including their engineers and scientists) to Washington to fight this resource conserving legislation. Japanese, German, Swedish, English, French and other countries simply asked their engineers and scientists to design more fuel efficient engines and automobiles. These foreign auto-makers, especially the Japanese were already making significantly more fuel efficient automobiles before EPCA was passed so it was relatively easier for them to meet the new fuel economy standards than it was for American gas-hog vehicle manufacturers.

Ultimately the US auto industry gave up the fight and simply asked their engineers and scientists to get busy. This law, EPCA, was amazingly successful. Engineers and scientist have always known that they could work wonders with orders of magnitude more resource conserving technology, if only they were asked to use their creative talent toward this end. The US fleet average easily reached 26 mpg (11 kpl) by 1986.

Unfortunately we as an economy and culture have short memories, and as we moved into the 1990s the US automobile industry had found very profitable ways to escape from the constraints of EPCA. EPCA had excluded light trucks and larger van type vehicles from its 1976 fuel economy regulation. Soon, with much auto industry marketing and advertising effort, light trucks and van types sales rapidly grew. These kind of vehicles are more expensive to make and

much more profitable per vehicle. This trend continues today (2004) with huge SUVs and ugly and humongous military style civilian buggies called “humvees” – named after the huge gas-hog military troop transport vehicles so beloved by US citizens. These gas-hogs get probably less than 8 mpg (3.4 kpl,) with armor plate probably less that 4 mpg (2 kpg).

A Brief Charles Overby Bio – “a road less traveled by.”

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.”

From Robert Frost’s poem “The Road Not Taken”

Reflecting back over three fourths of a century, Frost’s poem rings my bell. I like poetry and write some of my own from time to time, poetry that I call -- “Poetry as Therapy.”

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I began in 1926 in Cascade Montana as one of six children in the family of economically poor and formally uneducated Norwegian immigrant parents. With youthful innocence I fell in love with flying machines, and found myself in US Air Corps B-29 tail-gunnery training, destined for Japanese sky, when mushroom clouds ended World War II in a nuclear holocaust.

After WW-II, thanks to the GI-Bill, I earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering with high distinction (summa cum laude) from the University of Minnesota and an ROTC commission as a second lieutenant in the US Air Force in June 1950. “Second lieutenancy” became my ticket to the Korean War. I was involuntarily recalled to active duty in early 1951, volunteered for pilot training, and spent the last six months of that war as a B-29 copilot flying bombing missions from Okinawa’s Kadena Air Base to targets in North Korea.

After the Korean War and some years in industry, by this time recognizing how grossly ignorant I was about most everything in life other than engineering – I returned to graduate school at that great public university, the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where I earned a 1959 master’s degree in engineering, and a 1965 interdisciplinary Ph.D.

I am so profoundly grateful to have had these eight years at Wisconsin where my wife and I grew three great daughters and where my perspective expanded as I collected myself after Korea. This, my “less-traveled-path,” enabled me to grow in not just engineering, but also from swimming in some economics, political science, psychology, medical physiology, philosophy and ethics, international relations, industrial relations, and some law in the Wisconsin Law School. This academic milieu in synergy with the rich intellectual and internationalist University of Wisconsin culture -- lifted and launched me on my “less-traveled-path,” and as Frost said, ...”that has made all the difference.”

I have been a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Ohio State University, Columbus; and Ohio University, Athens where I am presently an emeritus professor. I have been a visiting professor at Chubu University, Kasugai (Nagoya) Japan (three months); The University of Washington, Seattle (three months) (See WISE below); Shanghai Institute of Mechanical Engineering, Shanghai China (six months) and; Montana State University, Bozeman (four months).

In the late 1970s on a sabbatical leave year with the US Congress, Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), I worked on resource conservation and environmental issues. In 1980 I was the first faculty-member-in-residence for a new and still continuing program on “Educating Engineers In Public Policy” called the “Washington Internships for Students of Engineering” (WISE). This program took place in Washington DC with fifteen top engineering students competitively selected from major universities across the USA. Students earned academic credit from the University of Washington, Seattle.

In 1982 I ran unsuccessfully for the US Congress as a peace candidate in the Ohio 10th District Democratic Party primary -- in opposition to the Reagan administration’s acceleration of the arms race. My department chairman and the engineering college dean significantly financially punished me for this patriotic exercise of my citizenship.

After the 1991 Persian Gulf “Oil Resource” War ended -- with the encouragement of several persons in the Athens Ohio Unitarian Fellowship, I founded the Article 9 Society (A9S). A9S is an organization dedicated to the preservation of the Japanese Constitution's war-renouncing Article 9, and to the ultimate adoption of Article 9’s principles by all nations on Planet Earth. These ideas and concerns are the subject of the book -- Overby, C., Kunihiro, M., & Momoi, K, *A Call For Peace: The Implications of Japan’s War-Renouncing Constitution*, Kodansha International, Tokyo, 1997, Kodansha America, New York, May, 1998. (New paperback edition 2001) Distributed in America by Oxford University Press. This book, currently out of print, is being revised and an updated edition will hopefully be published in 2005.

I have made many lecture trips to Japan, covering all five of the major islands -- and around the world, in support of Article 9’s wisdom. My latest journey was an October-November 2003 six-week lecture tour in Japan ranging from Hokkaido to Okinawa. Papers for some of this travel can be found at www.article9society.org .

I also write on making peace with the environment as one of the multitude of activities in which nations might participate so as to prevent resource wars, and as non-violent means for resolving our inevitable human conflicts. My most recent publication in this domain is “Green Technology by Design: A New Paradigm for Engineering Education for Sustainable Development”, a chapter in -- Freeman, Puskas, & Olbina, *Cleaner Technologies and Cleaner Products for Sustainable Development*, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1995.

I consider myself a creative critic of my country, the USA, and its path as a world leader. I am deeply grateful for the many opportunities that have been mine as a US citizen, to fulfill some of my promise -- and yet I, along with millions of my fellow citizens, seek to improve this system that nurtured us. I love the words in some of our founding documents, “... all men are created equal...(except for women, blacks, and Native Americans)” --and as did Martin Luther King Jr., I seek a nation that rises to these 18th Century truths. However, I am inclined to agree with Michael Sherry’s in his 1995 book, *In The Shadow of War: The United States Since The 1930s*, when he characterizes the US, as a culture living in a state of “militarization” which he defines as – “... the contradictory and tense social process in which civil society organizes itself for the production of violence.”

I am a product of the culture that Sherry describes. I earned a bachelor’s degree with financial help from the World War II GI-Bill, a master’s degree with help from the Korean War GI Bill, and more financial help with part of my PhD expense, as a National Science Foundation Faculty Fellow, because the USSR launched Sputnik in 1957. Sputnik energized the US government into spending wildly on science and technology education at all levels for fear of being “out done” by the Russians. I am most grateful for all this governmental educational assistance. I do wonder, however, why it is so difficult for economically rich America to support

any student with the brains to benefit from education -- without this support having to be so largely connected in some ways with military violence of one sort or another. I thus understand Sherry's commentary. This problem still exists in 2003. Many non-wealthy USA youth join the military or the national guard in order for a chance to go to college. Soldier Jessica Lynch, of 2003 Gulf Oil Resource War fame, currently demonstrates this dismal picture. As an economically poor person from a poor West Virginia family, she "joined-up" so she could go to college.

I am likewise sadly disturbed by the fact that blacks, our former slaves, who constitute about 12 percent of our US population, are around 33 percent of the US Army's enlisted "grunts" -- those we ask to do wars' intimate slaughtering and destruction. Considering all different kinds of minorities we find close to one half of our "killing force" are economically poor minority persons. What does this suggest? Among other things, it brings me back to Sherry.

ARTICLE 9 of the Japanese Constitution

Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes.

In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized.

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