

## Japan faces tariff threat

### U.S. proposes 100% markup on 13 luxury cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration Tuesday threatened to punish Japan by slapping punitive tariffs on \$5.9 billion worth of Japanese luxury auto imports if agreement is not reached in a fight over expanding sales for American auto companies.

The proposed 100 percent tariffs would be aimed at 13 Japanese car models, ranging in price from \$25,000 to more than \$50,000, and are designed to eliminate totally those sales from the American market as retaliation for Japan's failure to lower barriers to the sale of American cars and parts.

The \$5.9 billion would represent a record amount in U.S. trade sanctions, but the final list of products will not take effect until June 28, after a public comment period.

#### Tariff targets

Following are the 13 Japanese luxury autos, whose U.S. imports were valued at \$5.9 billion last year, that the Clinton administration proposed targeting for 100 percent punitive tariffs:

<b>Honda Acura Legend</b>	<b>Toyota Lexus SC300</b>	<b>Mazda Millenia</b>
<b>Honda Acura 3.2 TL</b>	<b>Toyota Lexus GS300</b>	<b>Nissan Infiniti Q45</b>
<b>Toyota Lexus LS400</b>	<b>Toyota Lexus ES300</b>	<b>Nissan Infiniti J30</b>
<b>Toyota Lexus SC400</b>	<b>Mazda 929</b>	<b>Nissan Infiniti I30</b>
		<b>Mitsubishi Diamante (4-door sedan)</b>

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This also gives negotiators a chance to resolve the disagreement short of sanctions. And it will allow President Clinton to raise the issue personally with Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama at the annual economic summit of the world's seven richest industrial countries, June 15-17, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"We can't anymore deny this or sweep it under the rug," Clinton said. "We have to go forward, and we are going to do that."

But in Tokyo the threatened sanctions were denounced by Japanese automakers, and the government said it would notify the new World Trade Organization

this week that it would file an appeal of the proposed sanctions on the grounds they violate international trade rules.

"The U.S. government conducts its trade policy in a coercive manner completely beyond our comprehension — it's simply unacceptable," said Toyota Executive Vice President Masaharu Tanaka.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor pointedly said in his announcement that the final target list was unlikely to be pared much from the preliminary \$5.9 billion list issued Tuesday.

"Because the list contains a narrow range of products, we do not expect at this juncture that the final list would be altered significantly," he said.

The target list of 13 models contains all five models of Toyota's Lexus, three of which are... See JAPAN on Page 2



### A prayer for bomb victims

Kathryn Mooney of Fort Smith, Ark., lowers her head in prayer Tuesday outside the ruins of Oklahoma City's federal building where 168 people met their deaths. As mourners continued to visit the site of the worst terror-

ist attack in U.S. history, the attorney for bomber suspect Timothy McVeigh called for a 30-day delay in demolition of the shattered structure so he could inspect it. See story on Page 5.

## Frankfurt High alums return to bid adieu

By WAYNE V. HALL  
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FRANKFURT, Germany — Janet Porsche needed to see her alma mater, Frankfurt High School, just one more time "and say goodbye."

"It was such a good time in my life," said the New Jersey resident, a member of the class of '72, "and once it's turned over to the Germans, there won't be any connection left."

Porsche was among the nearly 50 years' worth of former Frankfurt High students who have converged on this soon-to-close military community this week for an all-class reunion.

Roughly 400 members of the school's Alumni Association were expected to participate in the three-day event that began Monday, Leslie Spear said. Spear, who graduated in 1967, is one of three organizers of

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## No-fly zone

### 'Timeout' helps repair nerves in overworked units

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McCHORD AFB, Wash. — In an era of increased workload and decreasing resources, the Air Force has come up with a creative solution to lower stress and prevent burnout among its highly trained aircrews:

Timeout on the tarmac.

When seven C-141 transport jets flew out of here last week to Alaska for a major military exercise, there wasn't a single active-duty pilot, navigator or cargo loadmaster from the 62nd Airlift Wing on board. Instead, Air Force Reserve crews from the 446th Reserve Airlift Wing manned the aircraft, dropped the cargo and paratroops, and filled out the paperwork.

And when the aircraft returned to base two days later, they met a rare sight: more than 40 of the giant... See ZONE on Page 2

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