The Truth of the "Comfort Women" Intelligence Warfare: Information laundering by anti-Japanese fascists, by Nishimura Kohyu (Summary)

To fight against distorted history not only must one present the truth but also understand why such distortions are propagated in the first place. Author Nishimura Kohyu suggests that anti-Japanese agitators are not merely trying to bend historical facts, for example, those surrounding the issue of the "comfort women," to fit their ideological inclination, but ultimately to psychologically "weaken and degrade" the Japanese people and to keep Japan from becoming "truly independent and self-reliant". At the center of this anti-Japan "psychological warfare" operation are China and Korea and their anti-Japanese fellow travelers, which doggedly repeat the same malicious claims against Japan.

The extent of the intelligence war against Japan is illustrated by Mr. Nishimura with the adoption of the so-called comfort women Resolution in the U.S. Congress, which blamed the Japan government for forcing hundreds of thousands of women into being "sex slaves" for the Japanese military. The Resolution demanded that Japan accept responsibility and apologize to former "comfort women". Central to the effort's success is the co-opting of the western media, especially influential newspapers such as *The New York Times*. Indeed, without them, the "comfort women" issue may have well been isolated to Asia, as Mr. Nishimura points out that Americans had no stake in this issue at the time, except, perhaps as a way to lash out at Japan for its economic dominance in the 80s—and perhaps as a warning shot to Japan against becoming too "uppity" in the conduct of policy with its neighbors.

Similar "comfort women" bills were presented every year for over ten year in the Diet for approval, but they have all been flatly rejected and this is due to the fact that the issue in Japan had already been resolved, especially the notion that the Japanese military "broke into" homes and kidnapped Asian girls. Prime Minister Abe Shinzo in 2007 stated at an unofficial press conference what was clearly borne out by history, that there was "no coercion in the narrow sense." In the western media, however, the Prime Minister was made to look as if he denied the existence of the "comfort women" (*Washington Post*, "Japan's Abe: No Proof of WWII Sex Slaves"). In addition to distorting comments and historical facts, the western media smears those who point out the facts as "right-wing" and "nationalists" while those who endlessly present lies as facts are held up as "scholars" and "historians".

Also key to the emergence of the "comfort women" issue in the U.S. is the array of Chinese and Korean sycophants and shills who directed campaign contributions to sympathetic members of Congress. Mr. Nishimura points out that such groups have ties to China and Korea, and ultimately, to official state agencies. Thus, behind the supporters of the so-called comfort women issue were, in effect, the Chinese Communist Party and Korean Workers' Party. Such maneuvering to weaken Japan's policies by Japan's adversaries and the U.S. are reminiscent of the activities of the 1930s, which lead to the China Incident and the Greater East Asia War. Thus, Mr. Nishimura warns that Japan and her supporters must thoroughly understand the informational war in order to counter it.