

Informal Remarks to the Media
By Ambassador Walter F. Mondale

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I'd like to thank the Metropolitan Tokyo authorities for inviting me today for this commemorative ceremony. It gives me a chance to say on behalf of the American people, to express our sadness for those who've lost their lives and suffered during those terrible air raids.

It reminds us again what happens when we fail to keep the peace. It's one of the, I think, strong points of our day that for fifty years now the U.S. and Japan have been working together building the peace, building a strong relationship and because of that the world is much safer and much more hopeful.

So for all of the tragedy, and it is a tragedy, I think we've learned our lesson and we're doing better. Thank you very much.

Q.: Might I ask, you are the first U.S. Ambassador to attend the peace ceremony...?

Ambassador Mondale: This is the 50th year. It's a good time for us to be here. Whatever our differences in the war, there's no joy in hurting people or in losing lives or bloodshed. The American people don't want that and I wanted to come here to say how sorry we are for how people had to suffer and the destruction here.



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