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Satisfied with their access to Japanese markets, golf industry suppliers are generally not among the American businesses supporting President Clinton's threats of higher tariffs if the Japanese refuse to open their doors to freer trade. "We don't have a problem selling product in Japan," said Dennis Hays, director of the Oregon Seed Trade Association. "Some American seed producers are even Japanese owned. It's a good market for us." In a formal late-March news conference, Clinton said he believed the Japanese unilaterally not among the American businesses supporting President Clinton’s threats of higher tariffs if the Japanese refuse to open their doors to freer trade. "We hate to see the administration bash Japan. We don’t want higher tariffs on them," Hays said.

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