

Arms Conference Wrestles With Far East Problem

Delegation Heads of Nine Powers Go Into Conference To Outline Respective Policies.

Washington, Nov. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—Heads of the delegations of the nine powers participating in discussion of far eastern questions at a meeting today decided to proceed first with the consideration of problems relating to China before entering upon other far eastern questions.

The other questions, it was decided, will be taken up in the order listed by the tentative agenda suggested some time ago by the American government.

Washington, Nov. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—Preliminary reconnoitering gave way to more direct negotiation today in the endeavors of the armament conference to find a solution for the problems of the far east.

Sitting as a special committee on the far eastern situation, the heads of the nine delegations went into conference to outline the respective policies by which each will be guided and to work out a plan of procedure that will give each of these policies a fair show.

Basis of Exchanges.

The 10 points presented yesterday by China with the general backing of the United States formed the basis of today's exchanges, which were designed to develop step by step the exact attitude of the nine delegations. No one expected this process to go very far at today's meeting, although the discussion of a program was considered certain to draw out the opinions of the powers as to the relative importance of the topics before them.

The opinion of the American delegation, which appeared to have considerable support among representatives of the other powers, was that the far east negotiations need not be complicated by subcommittees to deal with special subjects.

Independent Pathways.

With today's meeting the far eastern discussions and those relating to armament reduction began to follow entirely independent pathways, and there was a growing impression that sooner or later all the interested nations would come around to the view that the fortunes of the two are not inseparably linked. The United States from the first has felt that solution of the far east questions would be a great aid in preserving peace, but the American delegates apparently do not feel that the armaments program need be a failure if the far eastern discussions fall short of an agreement.

Secretary Hughes today called a meeting of the American delegates for 2:30 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting was not announced, but it was understood to be for discussion of the plans of delegation heads for dealing with Pacific and far eastern questions.

British Naval Experts Consider U. S. Proposals

Three or four days must elapse before the British committee which is considering the subject of naval armaments will be able to conclude its work. This committee, which is headed by Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation, and includes all the British delegates, is working hard in daily sessions with the assistance of a number of the British naval experts upon the American proposal.

Regarding the point that has been made in favor of the American plan that by favoring submarines, rather than expensive battleships, weaker nations may be placed on a plane of equality as such means of defense will be within their financial resources, it is explained in authoritative quarters that the British object decidedly to any plan that would tend to cheapen wars, and thereby render them more likely to occur.

The British suggestion that each of the naval powers retain at least one naval building yard capable of turning out one ship a year does not appear to be understood by American naval officers particularly familiar with construction problems. There was no suggestion in the American limitation proposals that any yards be scrapped, and so far as navy yard facilities in this country are concerned, all will be needed, it is said, in the maintenance and repair of the retained fleet.

France Would Aid China Realize Its Aspirations

The French attitude in a general way toward the far eastern proposals of China was set forth after a two-hour conference of Premier Briand and other members of the delegation today as follows:

1. France desires earnestly to aid China in realizing its aspirations, territorial, political and commercial.
2. France would give Kouang Tcheou, which it leased from China in 1898, provided Great Britain gave up Wei Hei Wei and Japan Shantung, leased by the Germans at the same time, and the Port Arthur peninsula.
3. France would not be unwilling to surrender its extra-territorial privileges were other powers willing to do the same. France gave up these privileges in Japan in 1906 and was in negotiation with Turkey to give them up there in 1914 when the war came. However, the French feel that extra-territoriality should be maintained until it is clear that the Chinese republic can give adequate security and justice to foreigners.
4. The French colony of Indo-China did not belong to China but to Annam. Consequently, Indo-China, the great French colony with 25,000,000 inhabitants does not come in the question according to the French point of view. If, however, some question should be raised as to the ratification of the 900-mile Chinese frontier, the French govern-

ment would be willing to discuss the boundary.

5. France approaches the discussions of far eastern questions in sympathy with Japan's need for expansion and for raw material. The French delegation desires under all circumstances to take a conciliatory and pacific role.
6. France is for open dealings of the powers with China and against any secret negotiations.

The subject of spheres of influence beyond Indo-China does not seem to be a serious one because the policy of spheres of influence was replaced more than 10 years ago by the policy of the consortium of powers.

Kato Allowed Time to Examine China's Plea

Admiral Baron Kato, on behalf of the Japanese delegation to the Wash-

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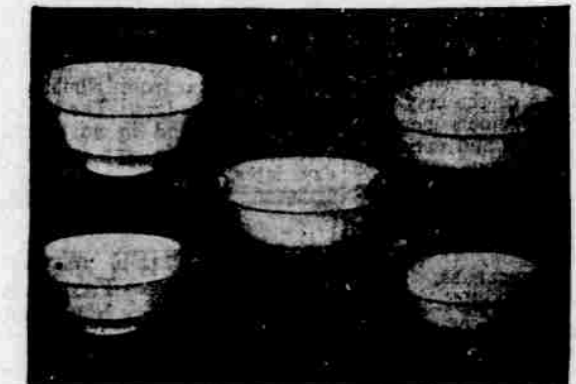
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