

第三節 太平洋及極東問題ニ關スル華府會議ノ開始

(一) 太平洋及極東問題ニ關スル國務卿「ヒューズ」氏ノ陳述

十一月十二日
華府第一回
總會議

十一月十二日華府會議第一回總會議ニ於テ「ヒューズ」氏ハ太平洋及極東問題ヲ同會議ニ上議スルニ至リタル理由ヲ説明スル所アリ該演說ハ本會議ニ於ケル支那問題ノ論議ノ目的ト其ノ會議ニ對スル地位トヲ表明スルト同時ニ會議ノ始終ヲ通シ各參加國ノ同問題ニ對スル態度ヲ決シタルヤノ觀アルヲ以テ左ニ之ヲ指記スヘシ先ツ「ヒ」氏ハ

極東問題
ニ關スル
「ヒューズ」氏
演說

「抑々本會議ニ於テ太平洋極東問題ノ討議ヲモ含マシメタルハ軍備制限ニ關スル協定ヲ妨ケ又ハ之ヲ遲延セシメンカ爲メニ非スシテ本會議ヲ機會トシ極東ニ於ケル主義政策ニ關シ共通ノ諒解ヲ遂ケ各國軍備ノ根源ヲ減殺シ又ハ全然之ヲ除去シ仍テ以テ軍備制限ノ企圖ヲ助成センカ爲メニ外ナラス」

トシ次テ軍備問題先議說竝ニ太平洋極東問題先議說ハ何レモ充分ノ理由ヲ發見スルヲ得ストシ且ツ

「余ハ直ニ軍備制限問題ノ討議ニ入ランコトヲ提議ス然レトモ之カ爲メ極東問題ノ研究ヲ遷延スヘシト云フニ非ス是等重大問題モ同シク解決ヲ迫リツツアリ」

トテ軍備問題及太平洋極東問題ノ併行討議ノ趣旨ヲ明カニシ且ツ兩問題ニツキ各別ノ委員會ヲ設クヘキコトヲ提議シテ可決セラレ茲ニ太平洋極東問題委員會ハ軍備制限問題委員會ト相併ヒテ開設セラレ支那ニ關スル各種ノ問題ハ同委員會ニ於テ討究セラルルコトナレリ

右「ヒューズ」氏ノ演說中太平洋及極東問題ニ關スル部分ノ原文次ノ如シ

It is recognized, however, that the interests of other Powers in the Far East made it appropriate that they should be invited to participate in the discussion of Pacific and Far Eastern Problems, and, with the approval of the five Powers, an invitation to take part in the discussion of those questions has been extended to

Belgium, China, the Netherlands, and Portugal.

The inclusion of the proposal for the discussion of Pacific and Far Eastern questions was not for the purpose of embarrassing or delaying an agreement for limitation of armament, but rather to support that undertaking by availing ourselves of this meeting to endeavor to reach a common understanding as to the principles and policies to be followed in the Far East and thus greatly to diminish, and if possible wholly to remove, discernible sources of controversy. It is believed that by interchanges of views at this opportune time the Governments represented here may find a basis of accord and thus give expression to their desire to assure enduring friendship.

In the public discussions which have preceded the Conference, there have been apparently two competing views: one, that the consideration of armament should await the result of the discussion of Far Eastern questions, and another, that the latter discussion should be postponed until an agreement for limitation of armament has been reached. I am unable to find sufficient reason for adopting either of these extreme views. I think that it would be most unfortunate if we should disappoint the hopes which have attached to this meeting by a postponement of the consideration of the first subject. The world looks to this Conference to relieve humanity of the crushing burden created by competition in armament, and it is the view of the American Government that we should meet that expectation without any unnecessary delay. (Applause). It is, therefore, proposed that the Conference should proceed at once to consider the question of the limitation of armament.

This, however, does not mean that we must postpone the examination of Far Eastern questions. These

questions, of vast importance, press for solution. It is hoped that immediate provision may be made to deal with them adequately, and it is suggested that it may be found to be entirely practicable through the distribution of the work among designated committees to make progress to the ends sought to be achieved without either subject being treated as a hindrance to the proper consideration and disposition of the other.

(二) 各委員會設置ニ關スル協定

十一月十四日午後
四時第一回太平洋
及極東問題委員會
開會

十一月十四日午後汎米會館ニ於テ第一回太平洋及極東問題委員會ヲ開キ討議ノ順序及方法ノ基礎タルヘキ各委員會ノ組織ニ關シテ協議ヲ爲セリ

當日ノ出席者ハ(日本)幣原全權(英國)「バルフォア」氏(佛國)「ブリアン」氏(伊國)「ジャンソエ」氏(支那)施肇基氏(白國)「カルチエー」氏(蘭國)「カルネビー」氏及(葡國)「ダルト」氏ノ各首席全權ニシテ「ビューズ」氏ヲ議長トシテ協議ノ末大要左ノ如キ決議ヲ爲セリ

幹部會
(一) 本委員會ハ幹部會(Committee on Program and Procedure)トシ首席全權又ハ其ノ指名スル全權一名ヲ以テ組織シ其儘存置スルコト

總委員會
(二) 別ニ九國全權全部ヲ以テ總委員會(Committee on Pacific and Far Eastern Questions)ヲ設ケ之ニ對シテ問題ヲ審議シ其ノ結果ヲ總會議(Plenary Session)ニ報告シ且必要ニ應ジ分科會(Sub-committee)ヲ組織スルノ權限ヲ附與スルコト

分科會
(三) 米人「バトラー、ライト」氏ヲ委員會書記長ニ任命スルコト

(四) 幹部會及總委員會ハ之ヲ祕密會トシ書記長ニ於テ作成シ議長及各國全權ノ同意ヲ得タル「コミュニケ」ハ之ヲ公表スルコト

(五) 各國全權ハ右「コミュニケ」ニ矛盾スルカ如キ言動ヲ慎シムヘキコト