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一、特殊關係ニ依リ支那側ヲ依頼セシメ、調停ヲ奉
 三、本意見ニ概念的ニ旨有（凡所ホク）中國ニ能ク廣ク
 空ニシテナリタキナリ故ニ先ニ陸海外三者ニ於テ協議
 一上ニテ決定シ中國外交工作ノ基礎ヲ以テ之ニ付
 照シ長ク之ヲ過早ニ以テ表ニ成ル（列）國政府申入ニ付
 此ニ中國ノ事及ニ結末ヲ以テ寫生（寫）シテ感
 興ラズニ感服スルヲ以テ慎重ヲ期スル（カ）之ヲ且知伊（由）
 國ニ付テハ特別ニ考慮ヲ拂フヲ有利ト認ム

十月三日
外務大臣決裁

日支事變對第三國之方針
對帝國之方針決定件
昭和十二年十月廿二日陸海外三者決定

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日支事變，進展に伴ひ英、蘇、米等，各國漸次事變之影響，態度亦未定。國際聯盟、決議及國條約會議、招請等、見之至此。地支豫、支國ヲ被害、地法、四圍ノ干渉乃至調停、固之ヲ排斥、
「当然上在之我方軍事行動、目的略達成之面」
政府、其、压力ニ耐ヘ、吾等、内、平和ヲ先ニト欲ス、其、表
面強硬態度ヲ表シ、必要ニ迫ルニ至ラハ、斯、際
ニ於テ、英、米、其他、第三國側、好意的斡旋、其、方
法等宜キヲ得、公、平、日、支、支、那、側、引、キ、且、上、述、
利用、之、事、有利ニシテ、殊、日本、上、友好、關係、ニ、能、
伊、兩國、地、キ、カ、支、那、側、ヲ、依、賴、セ、シ、テ、斡、旋、等、
ニ、之、力、世、キ、ヲ、大、ニ、要、シ、也、ト、云、フ、
敘、上、ノ、方、針、ニ、鑑、ミ、此、際、豫、陸、海、外、三者、間、互、記、辭、
ヲ、決定、シ、置、ク、コ、ト、致、ス、之、
記

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一 日支事變對第三國、過早ニ干渉乃至調停、極力
之、豫、防、排除、及、對、支、軍事、行動、目的、略、達成、
迄、時機、於、之、第三國、公正、平和、勸告、的、斡、旋、
之、事、妥、理、ス、ル、妙、ナ、
二 右、方針、之、必要、在、外、使、臣、訓、令、右、會、ニ、
工作、之、旨、ト、ス、且、之、事、過、早、ニ、公、報、ス、若、ハ、外國、

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以テ帝國政府ノ希望ニ副ハル如ク工作ス
三前記對支定事行動自的臨達成セシクハ
時機這ニ由伊國ニ對シテ右方針ヲ通達スニ時
機付テ大陸、海、外三者ニ於テ協議、上之ヲ決定ス

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Matters Regarding the Imperial General Headquarters
Council in the Imperial Presence

(Feb 18, 1938. East Asia I)

The Imperial General Headquarters Council in the Imperial Presence was opened on the 16th.

The Navy stated that it is at least necessary to obtain air-bases in ANKING in the YANGTZE-KIANG Area and near HONGKONG in South China in order to facilitate future air-raids.

To the foregoing, the Army stated that it plans to advance its military activities up to the LUNGSHAI Railway Area, but (although the capture of CHENG-CHOW was scheduled, HSU-CHOW will not be attacked directly, but the Army planned on making the Chinese troops withdraw through strategy, it is said) it cannot consider the capture of ANKING at present. The Army never thought of dispatching its troops to the HONGKONG and KUANGTUNG Area. As far as the Army was concerned, it was necessary to leave a margin of power behind in consideration of the situation vis-a-vis the Soviet Union.

To this statement, the Navy insisted, from a naval viewpoint, on the necessity of expanding naval power for preparing against Great Britain and America.

Then the Emperor asked the War Minister whether the Army could, at one and the same time, carry out preparations against the Soviet and Great Britain and America.

The War Minister replied that he would have the honour to answer after consulting other members of the Cabinet on that point.

The conference closed. (The above is a private report by the Navy)

大本營御前會議、件

(昭和二三、三、一八 東亞一)

十六日大本營御前會議開催セラシ

海軍側ヨリ今後空襲ヲ容易ナラシムル為ニ、甚クト揚子江方面ニ於テ、安慶、南又、於テ、香港附近ニ飛行基地ヲ獲得スル必要ナル旨ヲ述フ

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陸軍トシテ、討共關係ヲ考慮シ餘裕ヲ残シ置ク必要ナル旨ヲ述フ

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January 31, 1938

From: Prime Minister Prince KONOYE, Fumimaro.

To : Foreign Minister HIROTA, Koki.

I hereby report that the general principles of the National Policy have been decided as per enclosure under separate cover.

The General Principles of the National Policy

Based upon the real sense of our national structure, and with national unity, we shall make it the basic principles of the administration to strive for the strengthening of our national power internally and to plan for the development of our Empire externally. With a period of emergency extending over several years as our objective, and after profound consideration, we shall carry out the following governmental policies:

1. Our foreign policy shall be based on the realization of a close cooperation between Japan, Manchukuo and China, establishment of an eternal peace in the Orient and contribution to the peace of the world.
2. Firmly maintaining inseparable relations between Japan and Manchukuo, the establishment of an important policy toward Manchukuo shall be expected, positive efforts shall be made to carry out our policy towards China, and efforts shall be made for the economic development in the Southern Areas.
3. Military aims in the China Incident shall be perfectly attained, and the status of general mobilization completed according to the necessity of national defense as well as making plans to strengthen our military preparedness. Furthermore, all measures shall be taken in response to the prolonged resistance of China.
4. Within the next four years the promotion of the development of important industries shall be planned, the over-all expansion of our productive capacity achieved, and supplies of materials necessary from the standpoint of national defense secured under a comprehensive plan, including North China, etc., besides Japan and Manchukuo; international balance of trade shall be improved by promoting the export trade. Thus, the establishment of a national defense economy and the strengthening of the economic power of our Empire can be expected.
5. In the present Incident, the home front shall be managed, aid given to the war dead, wounded, and diseased and their families; proper measures shall be taken for demobilization and necessary

measures shall be taken for the recovery of (Japanese) residents in China. Thus, the future development of our Empire is expected to be secured.

6. The guidance of national thought shall be strengthened and made complete, science and culture shall be promoted, and it is expected that education will be reformed in order to cultivate the character of the people of a great nation.

7. The determination of the nation towards the emergency shall be increasingly emphasized, and together with the display of the sacrificial spirit, every effort shall be made to enforce various policies necessary for the stabilization of the national livelihood, especially in the promotion of the development of agricultural and fishing villages. Furthermore, the promotion of the welfare of the medium and minor merchants and manufacturers and laborers, as well as the physical strength of the people shall be emphasized.

8. Together with imposing necessary state controls over prices, finance, industry, foreign trade, transportation and communication, power, labor, etc., for the purpose of national preparedness, the promotion of industry, and the stabilization of the national livelihood, an emergency financial plan shall be established.

9. Efforts shall be made to eradicate and overcome Communism and other thoughts or actions inconsistent with our national structure.

10. In order to assure the rapid and precise execution of the above policies, the political administration shall be reformed and it is expected that the various organs of the state shall be made to conform to this reform.

Reasons

Although the CHIANG Kai-shek Regime has lost its capital city and other important districts, they have not yet awakened from the anti-Japanese delusions; instead, they are still expecting foreign assistance and anticipating the economic and financial collapse of Japan; they are devoting themselves to prolonged resistance.

Consequently, it can be judged that the national characteristic to rely on others and to insist on (rights of) legitimate titles will tend to prolong an obstinate resistance.

Meanwhile both England and Russia are skillfully agitating China and therefore the general trend of the situation is far from reassuring. Considering the situation from the long point of view, it is necessary for Japan to devote itself towards achieving the military objectives of this Incident, and plan for the undermining of the long

term resistance by China, together with planning for a rapid over-seas expansion; and in order to meet any changes in the international situation, with national unity, it is necessary for Japan to establish a firm determination and attain complete military preparedness. With the next few years as the objective, it is indeed an urgent necessity that the nation's course be clarified, and that all the elements in our state devote themselves to the attainment of this objective. It is for this reason that these general principles of national policy were established, and as a policy of the administration, it is expected that this will be steadily realized.