

FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS 1940:

Apr. 15, 1940. Foreign Minister Arita Replies to Newspapermen on the Question of the Netherlands East Indies.

On being questioned by newspapermen concerning Japan's position with regard to the possible involvement of the Netherlands in the European war and its repercussions in the Netherlands East Indies, the Foreign Minister Mr. Arita replied as follows:

With the South Seas regions, especially the Netherlands East Indies, Japan is economically bound by an intimate relationship of mutuality in ministering to one another's need. Similarly other countries of East Asia maintain close economic relations with these regions. That is to say, Japan, these countries and these regions together are contributing to the prosperity of East Asia through mutual aid and interdependence.

Should the hostilities in Europe be extended to the Netherlands, and produce repercussions, as you say, in the Netherlands East Indies, it would not only interfere with the maintenance and furtherance of the above-mentioned relations of economic interdependence, and of co-existence and co-prosperity, but also give rise to an undesirable situation from the standpoint of the peace and stability of East Asia. In view of these considerations the Japanese Government can not but be deeply concerned over any development, accompanying the aggravation of the war in Europe, that may affect the status quo of the Netherlands East Indies.

April 18, 1940. Statement of the Foreign Office Spokesman Concerning the Question of the Netherlands East Indies.

We have received a report from our Minister at the Hague, Mr. Itaro Ishii, to the following effect.

Minister Ishii called on the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Mr. van Kleffens, on the 16th of April and explained to the latter the attitude of the Japanese Government with regard to the question of the Netherlands East Indies. The Netherlands Foreign Minister expressed the Netherlands Government's appreciation of the Japanese Government's attitude and at the same time stated that the Netherlands Government had not sought

nor would seek in the future any country's protection of the Netherlands East Indies, and that the Netherlands Government were determined to refuse any offer of protection or intervention of any kind which might be made by any country.

The Netherlands Minister at Tokyo, General J. C. Pabst called on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachioji Arita, today and confirmed the above report of Minister Ishii.

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關スル須磨情報部長談(五月十一日午後七時)

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May 11, 1940. Statement of the Foreign Office Spokesman
Concerning the Maintenance of Status Quo of the Nether-
lands East Indies.

Considering the possibility of the war in Europe spreading to the Netherlands, the Japanese Government made public on the 15 of April their attitude of deep concern over any development that may affect the status quo of the Netherlands East Indies, and subsequently they notified the Netherlands Government to that effect. In connection with this, the Netherlands Government expressed their determination not to alter their policy of maintaining the status quo of the said Netherlands, colony under any circumstances.

As the European war has now spread to the Netherlands, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachioji Arita, invited the Netherlands Minister at Tokyo, General J. C. Pabst, to the Foreign Office this afternoon, and informed the latter that the Japanese Government earnestly hope that the Netherlands Government will firmly maintain their said determination regarding the question of the Netherlands East Indies.

The Foreign Minister has also called attention of the representatives in Tokyo of belligerent countries, namely, Great Britain, Germany and France, to Japan's concern over the said question.

The Foreign Minister has informed the representatives of two neutral countries, the United States and Italy, for their reference, the fact that the Japanese Government made the above notification to the Government of belligerent countries concerned.

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三、蘭印ニ対スル英國政府、回申ニ関スル
須磨情報部長談(五月十三日)

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四、蘭領東印度問題ニ對シ佛國政府
回中ニ関ス須磨情報部長談

(五月十六日)

本月五月十六日午後三時半「リリー」在京佛國大使ハ外務省有
田外相ヲ来訪シ五月十一日同外相ヨリ佛大使ニ對シテナタラシ
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