

Commercial Negotiation #35

January 27th

Despatched from Delegate YOSHIZAWA in BATAVIA to  
Foreign Minister MATSUOKA

Attention: The Vice-Minister of War and the Vice-Chief  
of the General Staff.

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Since then, the tendency of the NETHERLAND EAST INDIES to rely on GREAT BRITAIN and the UNITED STATES has been increasing more and more. The defeat of the ITALIAN Army in the Mediterranean theatre, and AMERICAN aid to GREAT BRITAIN and her firm attitude towards JAPAN have encouraged the NETHERLAND EAST INDIES. She is taking the optimistic viewpoint that the objective situation is developing favorably for the NETHERLAND EAST INDIES. Furthermore, the strengthening and development of her home defences have intensified the self-confidence of the NETHERLAND EAST INDIES. Thus, not only is she completely disregarding the Empire's East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, but she is further expressing her spirit of opposition on every matter. Therefore it can be considered that unless our Empire adopts determined resolutions or measures not only the progress of the Japanese-Netherland negotiations, but also the development of Japanese-Netherland relation would be extremely difficult.

As to the details, Lt. Col. NAKAYAMA who is returning to JAPAN shortly shall make a report.

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其ノ後蘭印ノ英米依存傾向ハ益々濃厚ニシテ地中海  
方面亦太利軍ノ疲勞及米國ノ對英援助乃至對日強硬  
論ハ蘭印ノ氣ヲ良クセシメ客觀的情勢ハ蘭印ニ有利  
ニ展開シツツアリト樂觀シ居レリ尙國內防備ノ強化  
進展ハ蘭印ノ自信ヲ益メ新クテ帝國ノ東亞共榮圈等  
ハ頭ヨリ否定スルノミナラス却テ暴徒擾ノ氣勢ヲ  
示シ居レリ故テ帝國ニシテ重大決意乃至工作ヲ爲ス  
ニアラサレハ日蘭會商ノ進捗ハ素ヨリ日蘭關係ノ打  
破ハ至難ナリト觀察セラル  
許知ヘ近ク閣下ノ中山中佐ヲシテ御報告セシムヘシ

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