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IF the argument that great economy could be effected by disarming at this time of depression does not move France, we hope she can be made to realize that failure of the conference would be disastrous for the rest of the world. The French people should realize that it is the arms manufacturers who exploit their nationalism, their pride in military strength, and their mistrust of Germany.

If the Hitlerites come into power before the conference closes, all other nations represented at Geneva might appeal to the German Nationalists to cease what the French apparently regard as anti-French demonstrations and make a friendly gesture that would inspire French confidence in Germany's peaceful intentions.—*Dr. Mary E. Woolley, American delegate to the Disarmament Conference.*

No Cabinet in France would stay in office twenty-four hours after a decision to disarm, even moderately. Unfortunately, too, the French press is falling more and more into the hands of big industry, which favors armaments. The French people in their vast majority are dead against disarmament. Premier Laval means well but he cannot defy French public opinion.—*Dr. Richard von Kùblmann, former Foreign Minister of Germany.*

The nations must disarm all together or perish all together. Only disarmament will permit a vast public-works programme and enable Europe to surmount the economic crisis.—*Édouard Daladier, former leader of the French Radical Socialist Party.*

We Germans are mere spectators of these dramatic events, in which only one figure plays a comic rôle—the League of Nations.—*'Berliner Börsen-Zeitung,' Berlin Nationalist daily.*

Without Manchuria, Japan would starve to death in no distant day.—*Kinnosuke Adachi, Japanese journalist.*

Now is the time for all the governments of China and all the armies to defend the national honor and the very existence of the Chinese people. We must prepare to fight and make sacrifices rather than yield to the Japanese, who have destroyed the peace of the world. I have been with you through thick and thin. I am still willing to fight side by side with you all.—*Marshal Chiang, Chinese Commander.*

We hear the mutterings of disturbance in different parts of the universe, and we see the symptoms that give rise to sinister forebodings. And for these reasons, for the physical and also for the moral support of the world, it would be foolish to abolish, or even to weaken still further, that index of national security which we all understand and which is embodied in the maintenance of the imperial forces of the Crown.—*Marquess of Londonderry, British Air Secretary.*

The imperialist war has already broken out in the Far East. It is impossible to regard what is now happening there except as a real war, and the situation is further complicated by capitalist rivalries in China, where the conflict of interests between the United States and Japan is especially noticeable.—*V. Kyrrov, member of the Russian Politbureau.*

At any moment burning Shanghai might fire the powder barrel of this world gone mad. Don't underestimate the formal and political difficulties confronting the League Council, but this time they simply must be overcome if the League is not to turn itself into a horrible farce.—*'Vossische Zeitung,' Berlin Liberal daily.*

The present situation in the Far East is a source of deep regret not only to Japan and China, but to all the nations of the world. Every effort has been made to reach an amicable settlement, and it is to be hoped that by a continuance of these endeavors it will be possible to remove a situation that is causing such universal concern.

In regard to the unfortunate incidents that have taken place recently in Shanghai, I wish to make it clear that Japan's entire action has been one of self-defense.—*Naotake Sato, Japanese Delegate to the League of Nations.*

I have found the desire for accomplishment strong among all the delegations. Fate is in many ways working for us. For in this period of acute depression there is no country and no government that is not eager to cut out of its budget some part at least of that enormous amount which all are spending on armaments. There must be no saving on your pensions and on the pensions of the widows and orphans of those who fell in the last war. But there must be a saving on the provision for future wars.—*Arthur Henderson, President of the Disarmament Conference.*