

EXCERPT FROM THE RECORD OF DEBATES

THE TERM OF COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF THE JAPANESE FORCES.

Concerning the regulation of Article 3 of the adjunctive agreement, the Japanese committee for this negotiation stated as follows at to-day's formal conference: "As the establishment of the order and peace in China after the mutual peace between two countries is restored and the war is finished, is a promise for the completion of the withdrawal of the Japanese forces, it is very clear that we can not only withdraw the Japanese and peace established, we can never withdraw them all (excluding those stationing in accordance with the treaty concerning the basic relation between two countries and the present agreement). Therefore, the complete withdrawal of all the Japanese forces might be delayed a little later than the establishment of the order and peace, but it can be realized within two years at latest."

For the above statement, the Chinese representative stated as follows: "We take such interpretation of the establishment of the order and peace stated by the Japanese representative as to mean the establishment of general order and peace, in other words, the restoration of social order after the end of the war to the friendly and peaceful condition."

Furthermore, the Japanese representative stated as follows concerning it: "The Japanese side has no intention to postpone the withdrawal of the forces purposely under pretext of uncertainty of public order and peace."

Finally, the representatives of the both sides mutually acknowledged their statements and agreed to publish the record of debates at this conference at the time when the general peace restored or within two years after that time.