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Translation of War Minister MINAMI's statement  
cabled by a New York Herald Tribune correspondent  
on or about 18 October, ~~1937~~. 1931.

Today's statement made by the military authorities has clarified the base of the Government's policy objecting to American participation. War Minister MINAMI stated that: "It is doubtful whether United States intervention would contribute to the settlement of the matter in question, that this matter should be dealt with directly between Japan and China, that we cannot admit the intervention of any third party and that whatever steps the League Council would take with the United States, it is quite evident that Japan would under no circumstances alter her policy in regard to the question that has a bearing upon her national vicissitude. According to the RENGO semi-official press agency, a certain high ranking army officer remarked that the conduct of the United States in MANCHURIA went too far in interfering with particular Japanese interests and if the United States criticizes the CHINCHOW incident, then what about the NICARAGUA question? He said that it was a regrettable thing that the League and the United States were showing attitudes of ignoring Japan's special interests in MANCHURIA; that the fundamental policy of the Army is to disapprove third power intervention in settling the matter in question; and that this stand is definite and immovable."

Now it is evident that the matter is proceeding according to what the Army cares to propound. The Government's propaganda to the effect that public opinion disfavors United States participation in the League Council does not coincide with the truth. So far no public movement whatever has been witnessed. The editorials in the Japanese press are welcoming United States participation. In other words the military circle has in truth been objecting to United States participation.

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