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Greetings Delivered by Foreign Minister
WHIT. at the National Mass Meeting to
send off Ambassador ABE (April 6)

I am very glad to have an opportunity to give my opinion today at the national mass meeting to send off Ambassador Plenipotentiary ABE who is to be specially dispatched to the Chinese Central Government.

More than one year has now elapsed since December 30, 1938 when Mr. Wang Ching-wei cried for a peace-national salvation in response to ^{the} statement by ex-Prime Minister, KONOE; and in entire disregard of the adverse criticisms and pressure from all quarters, and despite the loss of many of his comrades, he proceeded resolutely to carry out with a firm conviction what he believed right, and at last he established a new Central Government in Nanking on the 30th last month. This is indeed a matter of hearty congratulation to all of us.

It is needless to say that as for the present incident, what our country desires is that the three countries, Japan, Manchoukuo and China should be united, with a common aim to establish a new order in East Asia, bringing forth fruits of neighborly friendship, anti-Comintern campaign and economic cooperation. I feel quite reassured that we now see the establishment of a new government under Mr. WANG Ching-wei and patriotic men of insight around him and we can resolutely push forward hand in hand, to reach our ideal. The new Government has just been established, and so it is inevitable that it is not strong

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enough as yet. I firmly believe that it will grow in time to be strong enough because of the passionate patriotism and the conviction for their peace-national salvation policy of Mr. WANG and those around him, which will, in a due course of time, so impress the 400 million Chinese as to win them over under them. Yes, we ought to regard it a great responsibility imposed on Japan that we should help them accomplish this task.

However, at Chungking there is still a group of influential persons who are pro-Commintern and anti-Japanese. And some third Powers have neither come yet to rightly understand the meaning of our Holy War nor learned to see the actual situation squarely, while others are ready to hold up a non-recognition policy toward the new Government and some, it seems, are going to hold in check the aim of our Holy War, putting obstacles in the way of the establishment of the new order. But as for the Imperial Government, it is needless to say, we shall never move an inch from the established policy of supporting the new Government, as was proclaimed by us some time ago, whatever attitude any third powers may assume. If there are some who, underrating our economic power a deal, would dare to have no change ^{of} our established policy resorting to economic pressure, evidently it would mean a complete lack of understanding on their part. I would plainly declare that it is a pitiable fallacy if notables at Chungking, being ignorant of Japan's strong national power, should be waiting for our economic break-down. However we must give sufficient heed to the fact that some Powers, not to mention the Chungking regime, still have such a misconception of the matter. And now that

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we have seen the birth of a new Government, I feel the need of strengthening as never before the resolution and cooperation of the Japanese Government and the people to accomplish the aim and purpose of the Holy War.

Ambassador ABE is a general and was once the Prime Minister as well, and a senior statesman of both distinguished military and civil services. Moreover he is exceedingly well acquainted with the details of recent home and foreign affairs. Now he is going on a very important mission as one responsible for the establishment of new relations between Japan and the Chinese new Central Government and for laying the foundation for eternal peace in the Orient. I believe that he is just the man for the job and the Government and people are going to send off the new Ambassador with great expectations. I sincerely hope, needless to say, that he will do his best in order make the 400 million Chinese people truly understand the lofty common mission both Japan and China as well as Japan's real intention and strength; and to make the whole world cooperate in perfect accord for the accomplishment of the aim and purpose of our Holy War. Before closing my greetings, I would congratulate Ambassador ABE on his mission and wish him every success, in the name of our 100 million people.

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