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Extract from the Minutes of the Subcommittee of the Heads of Delegations on Pacific and Far Eastern Questions (Washington Conference 1921 -- 22)

BARON SHIDEHARA asked whether the meaning of Article VII was that, when one Power thought a discussion "of such application" was desirable, then all the Powers concerned should communicate with one another.

THE CHAIRMAN said that he supposed it meant that, if any Power thought the application of any stipulation of the Treaty ought to be discussed, it could send notes to all the other parties to the Treaty and state that fact; the other Powers would then fulfill their obligations under the Treaty by stating their views in the matter.

BARON SHIDEHARA asked if the other Powers would be bound to answer.

a situation arcse in China which concerned Power A and involved the principle of the open door and which Power B thought ought to be discussed, Power B would write to the other Powers; the others would say that It was their duty to exchange views in regard to the matter. The Article recognized the principle of exchange of views on such questions -- the exchange to take place presumably, through ordinary diplomatic channels.

BARON DE CARTIER said he presumed no conference would be called.

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BARON SHIDEHARA said that, if one Power thought a matter ought to be discussed, then, according to the wording, all the Powers must be notified.

THE CHAIRMAN thought the Article meant a little more than that one Power should merely tell the others what it thought. The real point was that all the Powers parties to the Treaty recognized that they should exchange views, if a situation arose which one Power thought ought to be discussed. If one Power initiated such a discussion, it might be told by another Power that it was wrong and that there was nothing to discuss, or it might be told that it was right, or that it was partly right.

BARON DE CARTIER said the Article gave one Power the right to open a discussion and to ask for the views of the other Powers.

MR. KAMMERER said that when several Powers had signed a treaty and Power A perhaps did something contrary to it in the opinion of Power B, Power B would go to Power A before talking to the other parties to the Treaty; that was the normal course; if such direct conversations between Powers A and B did not

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help matter, B could communicate "fully and frankly" with the other Powers. This was the normal procedure and Mr. Kam-merer said he did not see anything new in such a proposition.

THE CHAIRMAN said that there was nothing new in it; it merely carried out the spirit of association of the Powers represented at the Conference. The words "fully and frankly" were in scores of treaties; they meant little because Powers could communicate "fully and frankly?", " with each other in any case, and if they were friendly Powers, they probably would do so.

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