

Explanations concerning War Ministry telegram, No. 236:

1. 'The Preamble Draft' is that this treaty is an extension of the existing Anti-Comintern Pact, and is a plan which makes clear the intent that the Soviet Union is the chief target. Care was taken so as not to give the impression from the wording that England and the United States are the greatest enemies.
2. The Text Plan, Obligation of Military Aid in Article 3, is not instantaneous or unconditional. In order to nullify the danger of becoming involved in a purely European problem against our will, a conference before we enter with military aid is the principle.
3. In order to allow the purport of this treaty to take on a defensive character, 'menace and attack' will be limited to 'provocation'.
4. Furthermore, the text of the plan is at present under zealous consideration.