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SAIONJI-HARADA MEMOIRS

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I saw the Minister who said to me: "I am going to give out a statement explaining the circumstances of Japan's abrogation of the Washington Treaty and also her intrinsic desire for naval disarmament so that we may have the world understand Japan's true intentions. In any case, around March next year various questions will crop up. Therefore we have got first of all to keep a sharp and careful watch on China's attitude. But at the same time we have to note the fact that the powers are apprehensive lest Japan should, on her abrogation of the Naval Disarmament Treaty, deal with China in her own free way. With a view to dispelling their misgivings, I would like to have some treaty concluded with China through direct negotiations with her thereby evincing forcibly the security of China's territorial integrity and clarifying Japan's true attitude therein."

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大臣に會つた處が一尙ほワシントン條約廢棄の經過及軍縮の本質的
希望等を述べて日本の眞意を世界に知らせるつもりである。で、結
局來年の三月頃からいろいろ問題が起つて來るので第一支那の態度
をよく見て行かなければならん、同時に軍縮條約の廢棄後日本が支
那を勝手にしやしないかと云ふ各國の疑があるからそれ等に依つて
支那と日本とが直接條約でも結んで支那の領土保全を高調して日本
の立場を明かにして見たいと……」といふ話である。