

# Japan for Submarines Against Plane Carriers Naval Minister Reveals

By Glenn Babb.

TOKYO.—(AP)—Japan is willing to abolish aircraft carriers, but is determined to keep all submarines she can. Admiral Keisuke Okada, minister of the navy, said in a discussion of Japan's share in the Geneva disarmament conference.

The minister emphasized that Japan "approved heartily" of the efforts of the powers, in which the leadership of the United States was acknowledged, to lighten taxation burdens by limitation of armaments.

Hacks Hoover's Ideal. "Abiding by the spirit of these efforts," he continued, "we have instructed our delegates to offer our own plan of limitation whenever it appears that there is a chance of its being accepted or of its contributing to any beneficial result.

"It cannot be said that our plan runs counter to the spirit motivating President Hoover and the British statesmen in the naval reduction plans they have offered at Geneva. We agree with them in their anxiety to reduce the offensive power of sea forces, but we find it impossible to accept their schemes without modification.

"It is not my place to disclose the details of Japan's naval limitation plan, but I can state that Japan approves thoroughly of the principle of reducing the offensive weapons of navies.

"With this in mind it can be stated that the Japanese navy considers the airplane carrier, with its wide cruising range and its capacity for launching attacks on distant coasts, 100 per cent offensive.

"On the other hand we consider that the weapon best suited to the peculiar defense needs of the Japanese empire is the submarine.

"Our empire is a long chain of islands, and in event of hostile attack it is imperative that communications between these islands be maintained. The submarine is the ideal weapon for preventing an enemy fleet from cutting the links.

"Since the Japanese navy conceives its mission as primarily a defensive one, for even its hypothetical war plans do not include the launching of an attack against distant enemy coasts—so, for example, a crossing of the Pacific to attack the United States—we believe there is room for further reduction in size and power of capital ships.

Against Big Guns. "If other naval powers agreed, Japan would be ready to reduce further the maximum tonnages of battle-ships and battle cruisers and the caliber of their guns.

"It can also safely be said that if the other powers agreed, Japan would not object to the total abolition of airplane carriers."

Admiral Okada was asked to comment on reports that the Japanese navy, dissatisfied with the 5-5-3 ratio of tonnage allotted to Japan by the Washington and London naval treaties, would propose the abandonment of this system.

"Although we have felt that the Washington and London treaties left much to be desired," he replied, "we have not thought seriously of proposing that the ratios be abandoned."

Fear Further Cuts. "It is putting it too strongly to say we are 'dissatisfied' with the treaties, but we do feel that with each successive reduction of naval strength the application of the arbitrary standard of tonnage ratios works with increasing injustice against the powers to which lesser ratios are allotted."



KEISUKE OKADA

## THIRTEEN STUDYING DRAMA IN CLASSES TAUGHT BY TAYLOR

SOUTHERN OREGON NORMAL

SCHOOL, Ashland, Dec. 9.—(Sp.)—The weekly class in modern European drama, which meets in Medford under Professor Arthur S. Taylor, head of the social science and history departments of the Southern Oregon Normal school, is attended by 13 Medford students, many of whom are teaching the city schools there.

The class, which is sponsored by the extension division of the University of Oregon, is so successful, says Mr. Taylor, that efforts are being made to present another course under the same system during the winter term, which begins soon after the first of the year. Two hours lower division credit is granted by the university for satisfactory completion of the work.

The list of students taking the special course: Sibyl T. Walker, Dortha Gould, Patsy Thompson, Lola E. Talbot, Maybelle Church, Glenna Mae Early, Blanche Giffen, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Quistin, Annette Gray, Ruth Ella Dickerson, Doris Baker and Aletha Gray, all of Medford; Lorre Sewell, Doris Hitchcock, Betty Hileman, Beatrice Wise, Bertha A. Stephens and Beatrice M. Lockhart, all of Ashland; Betha A. Buford, Cecil L. Roberts and Myrtle Willis, all of Rogue River, and Floyd V. Barrett, Eagle Point.

France Enshrines Plane PARIS.—(AP)—The government has accepted the gift of the "Nungesser-Coll," the plane in which Costes and LeBrix made their flight around the world. It will be placed in the Aeronautical Museum.

Book Reviewers' Heaven. ANKORA, Turkey.—(AP)—Weary book reviewers of the western world might consider Turkey where in eight months only 187 books have been published, including only 10 novels and 17 volumes of verse. Authors of this serious-minded young republic get to print chiefly by writing history.

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## WIDOWS EXHAUST MOTHER-IN-LAW

PEIPING.—(AP)—Harassed by the squabbles of her widowed 17 daughters-in-law, the mother of General Chang Tsung-Chang, late governor of Shantung, has entered a nunnery here.

Chang was assassinated recently at Tainanfu and immediately his widow and 16 subsidiary wives began quarreling over his estate.

The widow got away to Dairen with valuables reported to be worth \$7,000,000. The sixteen then wrangled so furiously over \$200,000 in real estate that the senior Mrs. Chang fled to the nunnery.

Granada Drafts Labor GRANADA, Spain.—(AP)—The city council has decreed that each able-bodied citizen must aid municipal development with pick and shovel 15 days out of each year or pay proxies for the work. Recalcitrants will be fined and all money received will go to the unemployed.

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"Compare the more dilatory methods by which virtuous simmers and cook themselves, and give me a sizzling frying pan, with its savoury smells encouraging my efforts."

Births Worry Portugal LISBON.—(AP)—While Italy and France worry over a declining birth rate, Portugal takes the opposite tack. Latest annual figures reveal 204,120 births against 115,225 deaths and the government is trying to encourage emigration to its colonies in Africa.

Crooks' Arms Pay Court COMBOR, Yugoslavia.—(AP)—Revolvers, rifles, knives and blackjacks taken from criminals were auctioned here to help pay expenses of the local court.



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