

But surely London and Washington have learned something in the last ten years. Eden's reply to Craigie would seem to indicate that the former at least has digested the lesson.

4. It may be true that the Japanese Prime Minister and Foreign Minister are "genuinely concerned to bring about a peaceful settlement of difficulties with the United States", and that in backing down from their previous intransigent position they may so anger Japanese opinion (which, in recent years, they themselves have so ardently inflamed) that assassinations and even a revolt may be the result. But that is their problem. They have been running a thoroughly cynical and dishonest ramp, and if they are destroyed by the popular fury which they themselves have done their best to arouse that should be no cause for democratic tears. A Japan torn by internal revolt would be no great antagonist even for the preoccupied Allies and the United States.

5. Ambassador Shigemitsu's proposal that Japan abandon Indo-China in return for the closing of the Burma Road by Great Britain, is, in effect, the promise of a homicidal criminal that he will drop one of the weapons that he intends to use against an intended victim if that victim will assist in the murder of an innocent third party. This proposal illustrates the dishonesty of Tokyo's new effort to get London and Washington to revert to a policy of appeasement. It is a very encouraging sign that the British Government will have none of it.

6. It would seem to me to be desirable that we should inform London of our agreement with the policy outlined in Mr. Eden's telegram to Sir Robert Craigie. We could also perform a real service by letting Washington know our views. The appeasers in the State Department and the White House are still active and influential and a clear expression of Canadian opinion might strengthen the determination of Mr. Hull to adhere to his present policy. It might also influence the President who has recently given some indications of vacillating in his attitude towards Japan.

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au secrétaire aux Dominions
Secretary of State for External Affairs to Dominions Secretary

DRAFT TELEGRAM

Ottawa, September 24, 1941

SECRET. Your Circular M.310 of September 20th.

The Canadian Government has read the summaries of the two reports of His Majesty's Ambassador at Tokyo and of your reply with the greatest interest. We are in complete agreement with the general tenor of this reply and believe that any temporary compromise that Japan may be disposed to