

Mr. Savage said that it was difficult to read the Report of the Technical Committee without being discouraged by the difficulties to which it called attention.

GENERAL HERTZOG said that he had no comments at the present stage.

LORD ZETLAND said that he agreed with what was proposed including the procedure set out in paragraph 13 of the Report.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN said that the United Kingdom Delegation greatly appreciated the suggestion that they should have discretion as to the time and manner of sounding the United States and Japan. The new Japanese approach to this country seemed to indicate that this was the right method of proceeding.

He had not had an opportunity of consulting Mr. Eden, but his personal view was that a pact limited to the island territories of the Pacific would not be worth while as a means of obtaining any real amelioration. In addition, as the Technical Committee had pointed out, such a limited pact would make no appeal to China. As regards the difficulties in the way of a mainland pact, these had been brought out by the Technical Committee. He agreed with Mr. Eden in believing that they were not insurmountable. They went to prove that it was worth while making a great effort to reach the goal.

Japan appeared to be in a more reasonable mood than for some time past. He was in complete agreement with Mr. Savage that nothing must be done to jeopardise the prospect of better relations with Japan. Japan herself would no doubt recognise that no settlement could be permanent or satisfactory which did not cover inter alia her relations with China.

He was very grateful to Mr. Lyons for the concrete