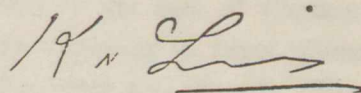


the midst of its plans to transport all this surplus food supply when Japanese militarism intervened, seized the railways, cut off all communications, so that fifty millions of refugees, waiting hourly for succour and help, must now be left to starve to death! Let us remind ourselves of the sympathy and help that poured into Japan from every corner of the globe when she fell a victim to the great earthquake of 1923. Japanese militarism is not only the enemy of peace, it is therefore also the enemy of humanity and civilisation!

The present display of Japanese militarism can only mean that Japan has no faith in the efficacy of international agreements solemnly concluded among the free peoples of the world. Any recognition of this disregard for justice which international agreements in their own way seek to foster and maintain, will result in such lack of confidence among nations that increase in armament and keen competition in the building of weapons of war will inevitably ensue. The great curse of the world today is precisely the curse of the competition of strength in unholy objects, but Japan finds satisfaction in promoting that curse when everybody is exerting his utmost to curb it!

China believes that there is such a thing as justice in the relations between nations, and she believes too that these nations share in this belief. She is therefore confident that appropriate action will be taken by these nations against the wilful disturbance of the world's peace upon which Japanese militarism has embarked. Furthermore, the Chinese people are confident that the Japanese nation will, out of respect for international treaties and considerations of humanity, have the courage to lead their government and their militarists to rectify their blunder voluntarily. We must, however, insist upon letting the world know that the unparalleled humiliation and injustice which has been done to the Chinese people must be undone and that in order to maintain our existence as a nation and to help establish the world peace which is so sorely needed, Japanese militarism should not be permitted under any circumstances to disregard freely contracted covenants and to effect any modifications in the previous conditions of either Manchuria or Mongolia in the interests of its own unholy ambitions.

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