

Grew this morning expressed as his just opinion that nothing should be done at the present time with regard to denouncing Commercial Treaty or to black-listing firms.

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Le chargé d'affaires au Japon au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Chargé d'Affaires in Japan to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM 97

Tokyo, June 6, 1941

My telegram No. 92 of May 31st¹ and No. 94 of June 5th. British Ambassador and Australian Minister are in agreement with views of Mr. Grew. They feel however that discussions should continue with a view to arriving at a common policy should circumstances at a future date warrant the application of further restrictive economic measures against Japan. This also represents my views.

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Mémoire du sous-secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures
Memorandum by Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

SECRET

[Ottawa,] June 11, 1941

Mr. Eelco Van Kleffens, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, accompanied by Mr. F. E. H. Groenman, called on the Prime Minister at Room 401 of the House of Commons at 11.30, Tuesday, June 10th.

2. Mr. Van Kleffens was on his way back to London after spending some six weeks in the Netherlands East Indies. The account he gave of defence preparations in the East Indies was encouraging. Since the fall of Holland, the colonial administration had displayed great energy in putting its defences in shape. The Dutch now had three cruisers, a considerable force of destroyers, seventeen submarines, and a number of auxiliary naval vessels in the Far East. Stores of naval ammunition and supplies were ample, and the air force was sizeable and efficient. Like everybody else, they wanted more long range bombers for naval patrol purposes, and Mr. Van Kleffens was hopeful they would be able to secure some from the United States. The Home Guard was well trained and had some mechanized equipment. They were short of rifles, however, and small arm ammunition. They had made arrange-

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