

Tripartite Pact with our enemies and this mistrust had not been lessened by Mr. Matsuoka's visit to Berlin and his conclusion of an agreement with the U.S.S.R. Nevertheless, taking a long view of relations in the Pacific, we thought our preventive policy of avoiding any occasion for an incident which would provoke anti-Japanese demonstrations in British Columbia was a wise one the reasons for which his Government should appreciate.

Mr. Yoshizawa then referred to his Government's doubts about the desirability of maintaining diplomatic relations between our countries now that the economic relations which had been the principal reason for establishing them were ceasing to exist.

We told Mr. Yoshizawa that his representations and those which his Government had addressed to Mr. McCreer would be brought to your attention immediately on your return. In the meantime there was nothing we could add to the explanations we had already given him.