

## EMBARGO MOVE AGAINST JAPAN SPLITS SENATE

President, Paradoxically, Depends on Isolationists, To Press His Aims.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Pressure for an embargo against Japan has been increased by reports of severe fuel and power shortage there, temporarily closing many industries. The theory is that Japan is beginning to crack economically, and that now is the time to strike.

On a man Pittman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is restlessly plugging for his discretionary embargo resolution.

But President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull are trying to hold off Senate action. They are in the delicate position of needing Senate agitation to impress Japan with the threat of embargo. At the same time they must prevent Congressional or public hysteria from getting out of hand and forcing a break in American-Japanese negotiations.

Depends on Isolationists. Paradoxically, the President must depend on isolationists such as Senator Nye, to project the Administration's Far Eastern strategy against the official Administration group led by Chairman Pittman. At the special session the Pittman group favored, and the isolationists opposed, the President's successful demand for revising the neutrality law and dropping the general arms embargo.

The isolationist position is stated by Senator Nye, who takes Senator Borah's place on the Foreign Relations Committee, as follows:

"We are unalterably opposed to placing an embargo against Japan or anyone else, unless all belligerents are equally affected. I certainly do not want my country getting into every controversy, deciding who is right and who is wrong. That would be a direct, aggressive step toward war."

This philosophy, of course, is anathema to the President. He believes in taking sides, and that this can be done effectively without drawing us into actual military war. But he also wants to keep control of foreign policy in his own hands. If debate goes too far on the Pittman discretionary embargo resolution, it may easily end up in a mandatory resolution.

F. D. R. Has Reprisal Power. Since the President already has all the reprisal power he needs to use against Japan at the moment, without further Congressional grant of authority, the isolationist sentiment by producing a Senate deadlock serves the President's purpose temporarily. That situation will be reversed if and when the President comes to take more power.

The difference between the Senate group demanding an immediate embargo and the President who is satisfied with the threat, is not one of purpose, but of method and of information. Being closer to the facts, as reported by his exceedingly able diplomats—Ambassador Grew in Japan and Ambassador Johnson in China—the President is more aware than the Senate isolationists that this weapon is two-edged. Improperly used or timed it could result in a war instead of the desired compromise.

The State Department is impressed by Japan's increasing weakness on the economic and financial front. But it is not so certain as some Senators that Nippon is near a crack-up.

"Go Slow" Is Strategy. Therefore the strategy is to go slow. This may seem strange policy to follow abrogation of the trade treaty, and the "moral" embargoes placed on American shipments of airplanes and parts, aluminum, molybdenum, and equipment for making aviation gasoline.

But it is precisely by such slow, spot by spot pressure, rather than a spectacular wholesale embargo, that the Administration hopes to bring Japan to terms—terms which Japan can accept without losing face as in a formal general embargo. The hope is that the Japanese military, now supreme, will overplay its hand. A more farsighted civilian government can then end the suicidal Chinese war and American dispute.

But that hope is slight at best.

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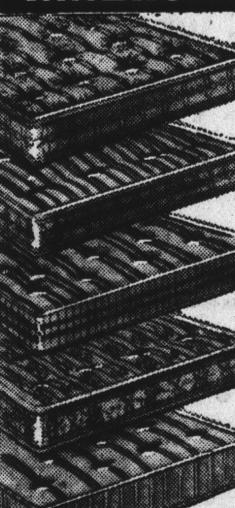


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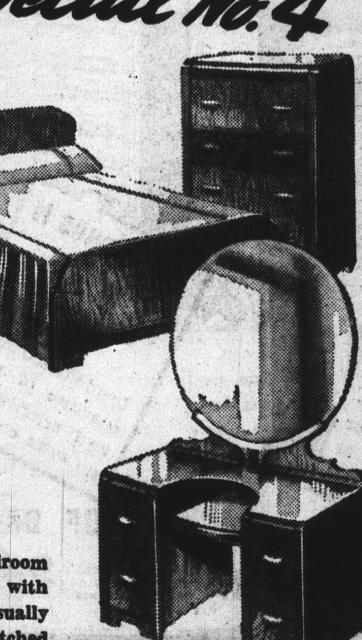
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