England alone would attempt a real boycott of Japan, England would be in grave danger of war, and she might be invaded by five nations.

With the united backing of all the great nations of the world and most of the small ones against Germany, it would be an easy matter to make Germany unlikely to single out one, in addition. The boycott in this case would be really effective. But if the United States were to enter the picture as a backer, there would be absolutely no danger of her being attacked by the aggressors.

That, then, should be our position. Fully supporting, for the good of humanity, but not leading.

**RELIEF FOR CHINA**

**WE SHOULD SUPPORT**

The New England Committee for Relief in China deserves the support of all those who have ever felt any feeling of horror or pity for the Chinese. Their plight is one of the major powers. These powers placed their own interests above those of the Chinese, and they are to blame for the war and its effect. Technology men can help directly by supporting the student committees which are holding an organizing meeting Monday.

The purpose of the New England Committee, which is headed by President Compton of the Institute, has been expressed excellently in a public statement which he made as chairman.

He said in part:

"There is no problem facing the world at the present time of more importance than to see that the fate of China with its 450 millions. We see one of the greatest and oldest civilizations of the world, dedicated to the cause of peace, threatened by destruction of war and its dire auxiliaries, past and famine. Millions of men, women, and children, who once enjoyed their land, their employment, and are entirely dependent on relief. No living man has seen such a spectacle of the mass misery of men, women, and children. We cannot view this catastrophe unmoved. We can put aside the claims of the brave Chinese to our help."

If we have any humanitarian feeling, we cannot ignore this plea. Furthermore, we need fear that this organization is taking sides in the prosecution of the war. Dr. Compton stated, "We are not a propaganda organization, nor have we any other purpose than that of transmitting to Chinese sufferers all aid at our disposal."

However one feels as to the justification of either side in the war, there is no question concerning the humanitarian necessity of relief.

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**Poor Sportsmanship?**

To the Editor:

In the climax of this year's Fall Day, the glow lights were brought out and a small amount of poor sportsmanship by both the freshman and the Sophomore team. There is nothing wrong with the sentiment that they should both have fun on the extent of these actions, since they are well known, especially to freshmen. One thing is certain, however, that a lack of respect for the other. The Sophomore class showed none. No foul play is made where the true feeling of "friendly antagonism" exists.

Every year the Sophomore class has the responsibility of making clear to innocent freshmen the fact that all big "slices" are friends. Before this can be done, however, the hands of the Sophomores themselves must be clean. Next year the class of '41 will be faced with a similar duty. Members of the Sophomore class must learn to play the game without it becoming a task. This is a difficult and serious one, and that careful thought should be given to it. Any sport is a joy when players instead of stepping into the other fellow's shoes alone in aicits a better feeling on the part of the players. If this attitude is taken by the class it will be a cinch to conduct the affair in a friendly manner.

"R. S., '41."