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I am in favor of keeping with other nations in making an effective boycott. Anything which tends to help cripple the Japanese war machine and then strikes a blow at inter-national finance is desirable. The Democrats, the U. S. Included, must sooner or later strike back at the bucket groups and once by boycotting or placing an embargo will not hurt as much, one or the other or both are desirable.

An embargo would so hurt Japan economically that furthering or increasing the war would be impossible. I don’t believe there would be any danger of war for the U. S.

Buy out all U. S. interests in China with Federal money and stay away.

A boycott would only cause the poorer classes of Japan to suffer more than they are now. We have been losers every time we have tried it before, since the time of the Embargo Act. Since we are now having to rehouse setting growers, if we lost the Japanese market, conditions in the South would become unbearable.

Japan, being a more progressive nation than China, will open up China’s useful and hides undeveloped raw material. Japan will hardly try to monopolize all Asia as the propagandaists have indicated. The world will benefit by the opening up of new markets and raw materials—you, even the Chinese will benefit.

Before we set ourselves out as sanctimonious judges, let us consider our own record and remember that until human nature can be changed there will be war. A boycott would harm the Japanese people to a degree comparable to that they are inflicting on China.

1. YES 2. NO.

I would favor a higher tariff on Japanese goods which would accomplish the same thing as an embargo without diplomatic entanglements.

A Federal embargo on trade with Japan would undoubtedly have a psychological effect of fomenting an immediate war.

A Federal embargo would violate neutrality relations. Public opinion would be just as effective in halting Japanese aggression and still keep the official U. S. from being unfaithful.

1. NO 2. YES.

A boycott of Japanese goods by the consumers would be of no practical use as a protest against Japan’s policies since it would serve only to hurt American business people who have already bought and contracted for Japanese goods. A Federal embargo, on the other hand, would put pressure on the Japanese manufacturers and would be effective as a protest against Japan’s policies.

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