

**JAPAN NOT SEEKING
TSING-TAU CONTROL**

Tokio Plans International Port There, Says Report in Washington.

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, May 14.—Establishment of an international port at Tsing-Tau is contemplated by the Japanese Government as soon as it can induce the Government of China to undertake negotiations for the relinquishment of Japanese control over the entire province of Shantung, it was explained to-day in Japanese quarters here.

Internationalization of the port is insisted upon by Japan, it was explained, because the maintaining of a distinctively Japanese settlement at Tsing-Tau might invite demands from the other maritime Powers, for similar concessions.

The Japanese propose to settle the question of control over this mixed settlement by inviting the Chinese Government to establish a gendarmerie with sufficient strength to insure their ability to keep off the hands of bandits which swarm in Shantung province.

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Tokio, May 14.—Examination of Japan's position relative to the entire field of questions affecting the Far East is the object of a colonial conference to be held here soon, according to authoritative information. This conference, which possibly may remodel Japan's policy in Siberia and in China, will be attended by the highest Japanese civil and military officials.

One of the principal subjects to be considered is evacuation of Siberia. The present tendency of the Government is described as being favorable to the withdrawal of troops there, and Minister of War Tanaka, who is expected soon to retire because of illness, is credited with the ambition to settle problems affecting the War Department before actually relinquishing his post.

Forecasts of the work of the conference also emphasize the importance placed upon the question of Shantung. Japan may decide to withdraw her troops from the Tsinan-fu railroad in an attempt to hasten a solution.

The Chinese question, as a whole, continues to be Japan's greatest problem, but there is said to be no possibility of recognition being given the South Chinese Government at Canton, of which Dr. Sun Yat-sen is president.

America's attitude toward Japan in Far Eastern affairs is deeply occupying the Japanese, who apparently are trying to understand what significance lies behind the recent note sent to the Powers by Secretary of State Hughes relative to the disposition of mandates over islands in the Pacific. Endeavors will be made, it is declared, to determine America's exact intentions in the Far East, and Japan is said to be disposed frankly to outline her own attitude. The Foreign Office declines to discuss the visit to America of Admiral Uriu, who is a close friend of Secretary of State Hughes and Secretary of War Weeks. The trend of public discussion here relative to relations between Japan and America is distinctly away from the immigration problem and toward the vaster field of Asia, it being believed that an understanding on Asiatic matters is urgently needed.

Emphasizing this view, Count Sotomura, a Liberal member of the House of Peers, has begun a series of articles on relations between Japan and America, with the avowed purpose of throwing such light on the situation as may lead to an adjustment. He dismisses the California question as a "local difficulty," but insists that potential causes of trouble exist on Asiatic questions.

"If the United States, with her enormous wealth and astounding power," he says, "should oppress Japan, it would be impossible for Japan to maintain the peace, despite all her efforts to do so, because her security would be endangered."



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