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### BRITISH ENVOY HOLDS TALKS IN CHUNGKING

#### Peace Rumors Discounted—New Appeals Made to U. S.

Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CHUNGKING, China, Tuesday, Jan. 9—The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, has been holding daily discussions with Foreign Minister Wang Chung-hui since his arrival here last week.

The Foreign Office is non-committal as to the exact nature of the discussions and the spokesman declares that the talks have been routine in character. The conversations are said not to have been connected with major policy, which, it is stated, was settled between the two nations some time ago. Sir Archibald has also seen Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The usual crop of peace rumors appeared coincident with the Ambassador's arrival. Such speculation asserts that Britain would be especially interested now in pacifying Japan and China and drawing both into the British orbit against the Soviet.

It is pointed out, however, that immediate Chinese policy is most likely to be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the Japanese-American trade manoeuvres, which, it is hoped here, may strengthen China. Chinese diplomatic circles are looking forward to the arrival here of United States Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson. The simultaneous presence of the British, American and French Ambassadors will afford an opportunity for a thorough joint sounding out of China's relations to the democracies.

Meanwhile, increasing attention is being paid to American relations with Japan. The possibility of an American trade embargo against Japan is monopolizing popular and official discussions. Organizations interested in relations with the United States are dispatching daily cables to Washington and New York, expressing China's hope for American anti-Japanese action.

Typical is a message of the Chungking Harvard Club, newly formed with T. V. Soong as its president, which hopes that Congress "will decide to suspend such trade with the Japanese as might help to prolong her aggression against China."

"All means short of war, but powerful enough to halt Japan's aggression, should and can be utilized by the United States at the present moment," the message says. "We appeal to you to seek humanity and civilization."

This message has been addressed to Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and to other members of Congress.