

DEEP GAME ON IN NIPPON
Two Protests from Tokio Put
Amity in Danger; Scheme
for Manchurian Con-
quest Suspected.
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FORWARDING THE
FOLLOWING PUBLIC
RESOLUTIONS:

1. Reorganization of the
American Consular Ser-
vice according to the fol-
lowing principal provisions:
a. Substitution of salar-
ies for fees, and increase of
salaries according to grade,
fees, official and unoffi-
cial, to be paid into the
United States Treasury.
b. Improved classifica-
tion, or grading and trans-
fer of consular officers, and
periodical inspection of con-
suls.
c. Adoption of the "merit
system" of examination,
appointment and promo-
tion of consuls.
d. Consuls must be
familiar with one modern
language other than Eng-
lish, and possess a knowl-
edge of the natural, indus-
trial and commercial re-
sources of the United States,
with reference to the pos-
sibilities of increasing and ex-
tending the trade of the
United States with foreign
countries to which they
are accredited.
e. Tenure of office to con-
sist only during efficiency
and conduct of the highest
grade. Consular officials
shall not engage in outside
business.
f. Complete Americaniza-
tion of the consular ser-
vice.
g. Commercial reciprocity
with foreign nations, as a
measure for trade expan-
sion, and general recogni-
tion and practice of reciproc-
ity as a principle, but not
such degree as will
sufficiently protect our
industries.

h. Six-year, one-term for the
President of the United
States—making the Chief
Executive ineligible for re-
election—as a means to se-
cure longer periods of indus-
trial, commercial and finan-
cial tranquility and pros-
perity.
i. Reclamation, by the
United States Government,
of the arid and semi-arid
public lands through irriga-
tion and conservation of
water supply by means of
storage reservoirs and main
canals, thereby render-
ing arable lands sufficient
for the subsistence of
1,000,000 people, and sale
of such reclaimed lands by
the government, in small
tracts, to actual settlers
and home builders only.
j. Repeal or modification of
the Desert Land Act, Tim-
ber and Stone Act, and
commutation Clause of the
Homestead Act.
k. GOOD ROADS—Better
common highways from
the farms to the mills and
markets of the country.
l. A GREATER NAVY—Alike
for protection and as a pre-
ventive of war.

Hon. Elihu Root,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir :

Should there not be a law enacted, or a change in
our constitution, if necessary, to prevent states with local
prejudices from involving our Federal Government in international
complications with other governments, requiring humiliating
apologies from Washington, or perhaps war, to settle?

If the Government is responsible for the acts of
the several states, as it must be, why should it not be equipped
with power necessary to restrain these states from embroiling
the entire country in disagreeable controversies and complications
with foreign nations?

I would be glad if you would give me an expression
of your personal opinion on this matter and advise me as to the
policy of bringing the subject before the Executive Committee
of the National Business League, of which I am a member. An
early reply would be gratefully received.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully Yours,

Elliott Durand

Chairman Committee on Commerce.

F.O.D.