

investigation of the whole case is urgently demanded. Should the allegations made by the doctors be false, it is imperative that the world should know the facts. If the Health Administration has been in the wrong, the sooner the matter is rectified and the responsible parties punished, the better it will be for the country. The continuation of mutual recriminations can serve no useful purpose. The reports that money collected abroad to relieve the sufferings of China's wounded is being diverted to swell the pockets of corrupt officials may damage China's case irreparably. It is hoped that the authorities will not hesitate to come forward and to clear up once for all the whole unpleasant business.

Men Or Mice?

THE United States Senate has been the scene of noisy fireworks during the past week as the President's big naval rearmament program has come up for discussion. "Spy" stories and alleged secret pacts with other powers have been the subject of the liveliest agitation, while the President's "Quarantine" policy has been severely criticized. A few days ago Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican of California and one of the leading oppositionists, introduced a resolution asking the Secretary of State to reveal whether the United States had made any foreign alliances. A letter was subsequently sent by the Senate to Mr. Hull requesting information on this point, to which Mr. Hull, after consultation with the President, replied in the negative. President Roosevelt also made a statement to the effect that the views expressed in Mr. Hull's letter were substantially his own views on the subject. Mr. Johnson thereupon declared that he considered the matter answered. However, according to latest reports, Mr. Johnson, at another stormy session on February 10, announced that he would demand from the Administration further clarification of the United States foreign policy, adding in connection with Mr. Hull's reply given a few days before: "I accepted that declaration as conclusive, but I feel the Secretary of State and I were taken for a ride the other day. I felt perhaps there was something in the wind of which he and I did not know". To make matters worse, *The New York Times* published a report from its correspondent, Mr. Arthur Krock, stating that expert sources had revealed a tacit naval understanding between the United States and Britain. Mr. Krock reported that the agreement was of the type conveyed by a "wink or nod" and not the kind of understanding that might be uncovered by a Senate investigation. Mr. Ralph O. Brewster, Republican representative of Maine, read the report before the House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee and demanded that Mr. Krock be summoned to give the source of his information. "I demand that we call Mr. Krock to a Committee meeting to tell us where he gets this information that we cannot get", Mr. Brewster shouted before the Committee, "Are we mice or are we men?" Mr. Joseph B. Shannon, Democratic representative of Missouri, supporting Mr. Brewster, declared, "Not only should we call Mr. Krock to testify before the Committee, but we should call every-

one connected with *The New York Times*". He attacked the policies of the *Times*, alleging that its purpose was to draw the United States into war. He said the paper represented the British Empire in the United States. Mr. Frederick Libby, secretary of the Council for the Prevention of War, then made the astonishing remark that he would favor peace from foreign wars "at any price". Senator Gerald Nye, Independent Republican of North Dakota told the United Press that the big navy bill meant that a new foreign policy had been adopted. "There is only one possible explanation", he declared, "It is preparation for an aggressive war". All this agitation represents the strenuous efforts which are being made by the isolationist and pacifist groups in America to defeat President Roosevelt's big naval program. Before making his decision on this important question, every American should stop and ask himself, like Mr. Brewster, "Are we mice or are we men?" There seems not the slightest doubt that America's new defence preparations are not in any way to be used for the purpose of starting an aggressive war. Present world conditions make preparations necessary. We wonder how Mr. Libby, who wants "peace at any price", would be feeling if he had been in Mr. John Allison's shoes the other day when Mr. Allison had his face slapped in Nanking, or was on board the Panay when it was bombed last December? The "peace at any price" advocates are not likely to get peace, much though they may wish it, even at any price, unless it be that everlasting peace that comes with death. If the little isolationists are going to scurry back into their holes every time the big bad cat shows his face around the corner, it is likely that even their little holes won't be able to hide them when the big bad cat brings his great big guns and blows them into eternity. And so, with Mr. Brewster, we may ask "Are we mice or are we men?"

Russo-Japanese Tension

ACCORDING to a United Press correspondent, who has just made a tour of enquiry, nearly a million Japanese and Russian soldiers are now massed along the Soviet-"Manchukuo" border in preparation for war. The steady movement of Japanese troops and military supplies to the north and the large-scale preparations for war have been going on since last summer and are being continued with the greatest vigor. During the latter part of November, an average of four troop and supply trains passed through Dairen daily on their way to the northern front. Changchun is reported to be buzzing with military activity. Large supplies of military equipment have been purchased from abroad, including arms and ammunition from Germany, aeroplanes from Italy, and a large number of trucks from the United States. Plans have also been announced for a Y.100,000,000 aircraft manufacturing company at Changchun under joint investment of Germany, Japan and "Manchukuo". Japanese officials claim that it is necessary for Japan to prepare for defence against possible independent action by Marshal Vassilli Bluecher and his Far Eastern Army. According to