

2. The former rights of Russia violated by the treacherous attack of Japan in 1904 shall be restored, viz. :—

- (a) The southern part of Sakhalin as well as all the islands adjacent to it shall be returned to the Soviet Union ;
- (b) The commercial port of Dairen shall be internationalized, the pre-eminent interests of the Soviet Union in this port being safeguarded, and the lease of Port Arthur as a naval base of the U.S.S.R. restored ;
- (c) The Chinese-Eastern Railroad, and the South-Manchurian Railroad which provides an outlet to Dairen, shall be jointly operated by the establishment of a joint Soviet-Chinese Company, it being understood that the pre-eminent interests of the Soviet Union shall be safeguarded and that China shall retain full sovereignty in Manchuria ;

3. The Kurile Islands shall be handed over to the Soviet Union.

It is understood that the agreement concerning Outer-Mongolia and the ports and railroads referred to above will require concurrence of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The President will take measures in order to obtain this concurrence on advice from Marshal Stalin.

The Heads of the three Great Powers have agreed that these claims of the Soviet Union shall be unquestionably fulfilled after Japan has been defeated.

For its part the Soviet Union expresses its readiness to conclude with the National Government of China a pact of friendship and alliance between the U.S.S.R. and China in order to render assistance to China with its armed forces for the purpose of liberating China from the Japanese yoke.

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LIVADIA,

11th February, 1945.

(c) THE POTSDAM PROCLAMATION

Following is the text of the proclamation signed by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (Mr. Churchill) and the President of the United States (Mr. Truman) at Potsdam, and concurred in by the President of the National Government of China, who communicated with President Truman by despatch :—

26th July, 1945

We, the President of the United States, the President of the National Government of the Republic of China, and the Prime Minister of Great Britain, representing the hundreds of millions of our countrymen, have conferred and agree that Japan shall be given an opportunity to end this war.