

which it was stated that "the Peruvian Government had received no official complaint concerning the alleged irregularities referred to in Mr. White's 'fantastic report'.

3. The tale of spying on the American delegation was dealt with in a broadcast address on January 9th by Mr. Adolph A. Berle Junior on his return from the Conference. Mr. Berle said: "We heard nothing of any spying on the American delegation or of the searching of the delegation's papers during the whole stay at Lima..... The men whose papers were supposed to have been searched were on board the boat. They knew nothing about it either". Mr. Berle then went on to praise the work of the Conference in general and the hospitality of the Peruvian Government in particular.

4. Mr. Cordell Hull, when tackled on the subject by reporters on his return, reacted sharply. As reported in the "New York Times" Mr. Hull declined to give a direct answer to the questions concerning spying, censorship and the search of delegates' personal effects; he merely said "We had no trouble from any angle". According to the press he turned on his interviewers with the retort "I don't go smelling around for little objects of criticism" and said that "he had no intention of permitting the matter to degenerate into a little sensational squabble";

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if the reporters had nothing more important on their minds he would have to be excused from further conversation. It is also reported that Mr. Hackworth, whose baggage was alleged to have been rifled, said that he knew nothing of the incident until he received some American newspapers on the way home.

5. I am sending a copy of this despatch to His Majesty's Minister at Lima.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

(SGD) V. A. L. MALLET,

H. M. Chargé d'Affaires.