

Two Japanese Blame War On Chinese

Japan's position in the current Chinese-Japanese conflict was defended yesterday afternoon by Kenji Ito, Seattle attorney, and Issaku Okamoto, consul for Japan in Seattle, in talks before the Seattle League of Women Voters.

After prefacing his talk with the remark: "Public opinion in the United States is strongly anti-Japanese; there's no doubt about it," Ito placed the blame for the undeclared war on the Chinese.

"The trouble in Shanghai did not start with the shooting of a Japanese officer and his aide by the Chinese," Ito said. "That act precipitated the trouble. The Chinese brought the conflict from North China into the Shanghai area."

Okamoto told the women's organization that Japan constantly has attempted to avoid conflicts with China.
