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Demographic situation of Population  
Movement in Japan 1920-1937.

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I. (A) We made a pattern; or "Schema" of the trend of birth and death rate which the European civilized countries have shown for about last 100 years. By adopting the birth & death rate in such countries as in England, Sweden, France & Germany etc. piling them as shown in piled photos, & fitting the curve of 3rd degree to them, we made a "Schema".

(B) The curves are as follow :

$$\text{Birth rate: } Y = -0.0000066X^3 - 0.003961X^2 - 0.00001X \\ \pm 34.873$$

$$\text{Death rate: } Y = 0.0000333X^3 - 0.002959X^2 - 0.13042X \\ \pm 25.304$$

$$\text{Natural increase rate: } Y = -0.0000399X^3 - 0.001001X^2 \\ \pm 0.13041X \pm 9.569$$

We can divide the period into the following by the characteristics of the directions shown by the trend of both birth and death rate.

The 1st Period...The period in which the natural increase is ascending, as the birth rate is more remarkably rising, than the death rate is rising.

The 2nd Period...The period in which the birth rate begins to decline but the natural increase rate is ascending for the death rate is also so remarkably declining.

The 3rd Period...The Period in which the decline of the birth rate is so speedy & even accelerative, but it seems almost to be at its minimum & in abeyance. Accordingly, the natural increase rate rapidly declines.

The 4th Period...At this period still the birth rate goes on declining. We might go so far as to declare that it is even possible to decline to zero. On the other hand, the death rate can never be lowered down

to

to zero. The change in the age composition at 3rd period necessarily raises the death rate. So that the birth-curve & the death-curve are tended to cross with one another. Since this crossing, the population begins to display the absolute decrease.

II. The trend of the birth & death rate in Japan from 1920 to 1937 (just before the Chinese emergency) is as follows:

$$\text{birth rate: } Y = -0.00759X^2 + 0.32182X + 33.312$$

$$\text{death rate: } Y = 0.02202X^2 + 41237X + 19.163$$

$$\text{natural-increase rate: } Y = -0.0296X^2 - 0.09056X + 14.148$$

The demographic situation of population movement in Japan during these periods is equivalent to that of the 2nd period above-mentioned & it can be said that just before the Chinese emergency such a situation was already to be seen.

III. Since 1920 when the climax of the birth rate was reached, it evidently began to decline. The decline of birth rate during these periods in Japan was so rapid as it was so in England since 1877. In Japan, this decline was decidedly faster than in Germany. Comparing Japan with England & Germany as to this, the Japanese declining birth-rate was time lag by 44 years.

Japan		England & Wales		Germany	
Year	Birth Rates	Year	Birth Rates	Year	Birth Rates
1916	32.7	1872	35.6	1872	39.5
17	32.3	73	35.4	73	39.7
18	32.2	74	36.0	74	40.1
19	31.6	75	35.4	75	40.6
20	36.2	76	36.3	76	40.9
21	35.1	77	36.0	77	40.0
22	34.2	78	35.6	78	38.9
23	34.9	79	34.7	79	38.9
24	33.8	80	34.2	80	37.6
25	34.9	81	33.9	81	37.0
26	34.8	82	33.8	82	37.2
27	33.6	83	33.5	83	36.6
28	34.4	84	33.6	84	37.2
29	33.0	85	32.9	85	37.0
30	32.4	86	32.8	86	37.1
31	32.2	87	31.9	87	36.9
32	32.9	88	31.2	88	36.6
33	31.6	89	31.1	89	36.4
34	30.0	90	30.2	90	35.7
35	31.6	91	31.4	91	37.0
36	39.9	92	30.4	92	35.7
37	30.6	93	30.7	93	36.8