

SEATTLE OPPOSES EXCLUSION OF JAPS FOR 'BUSINESS REASONS'

(By V. S. McClatchy in the Sacramento Bee)

The American Legion in its fight for preservation of American ideals and the betterment of American citizenship took, in its first national convention of November, 1919, a decided stand with California on the Japanese question, strongly endorsing the five cardinal points first suggested by me in June, 1919.

The national convention of 1920 reaffirmed that stand and named a special national oriental committee in addition to the national Americanization committee.

In California the fight for the initiative land law was largely through the efforts of the legion; and in the various states of the union its state departments and its state legislative committees have called attention to the growing menace in Japanese penetration and the necessity for protection to White America in the shape of alien land laws and a federal exclusion law.

Pro-Japanese Washington Elements
In the state of Washington the efforts of the legion have met with most determined opposition from the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and from large business interests, the reason for which is frankly stated in the great and growing business done with Japan by Seattle and the profit which few large corporations and individuals are enjoying therefrom. Particularly January 30th of the Seattle Times, which newspaper has not been favorably disposed to interference with the Japanese. The Post-Intelligencer has maintained a similar attitude. The Star, a Scripps newspaper, is the only daily journal of the city which has supported the Legion and the Anti-Japanese league in the recent movement.

Robert S. Boyns, president of the Seattle chamber of commerce, in a published interview, declared in effect that Oregon's attempt to induce Washington to take part in any legislation on the Japanese question was a "stab in the back," aimed at Seattle by Portland, because Seattle has big business with Japan, and expects increase thereof in 1921, while Portland "has not one little dinky Japanese line running out of its port and is not interested in Seattle's future."

Boyns pointed out that anti-Japanese agitation in California lost San Francisco the Japanese trade, which came to Seattle, and that agitation will cost Seattle millions of dollars and lose hundreds of men their jobs.

Accordingly Boyns sent a special committee of the Seattle chamber of commerce to Governor Louis F. Hart, to frustrate, as he states, an attempt to make a tool of the Washington legislature for the benefit of Oregon and the detriment of Seattle.

Japan Cracks the Whip
Side by side with the statement of Boyne appears one from M. Watanabe, manager of the Nipon Yusen Kaisha steamship line, one of the Japanese lines coming into Seattle, in which Seattle is advised in diplomatic language on which side of her bread she will find desirable Japanese butter. Watanabe said:

"Sailings from Seattle under N. Y. K. direction during the year 1920 numbered 21, sailings during the year 1921 will number 36, and possibly more. The increase of trade between Seattle and Japanese ports during 1921 will be more than 40 per cent over that of 1920."

When questioned regarding the rumor that Portland's scheme is to drive Japanese shipping away from Seattle, Portland expecting to benefit by such loss of business in Seattle, Watanabe said:

"Seattle has the bulk of Japanese shipping now. We have no desire to take our business to any other port. We don't want to go to Vancouver, B. C. Up to date we have seen no reason why we should move our terminals to Vancouver, B. C."

It is stated that the Japanese have been working in the state legislature of Washington the strongest lobby which has been seen there in many years.

The Churches Active
During the latter part of 1920 an effort to secure a petition for an alien land law in Washington failed partly because of lack of sufficient time, and largely because of the very aggressive campaign inaugurated by the Japanese. They were warned by their California brethren to fight the matter before sufficient signatures could be secured, and accordingly issued through the churches an urgent appeal addressed to all Christians. In instances the

printed leaflets were distributed personally by prominent officials of big corporations of Seattle. A sample leaflet which I have is filled with the gross misstatements with which the California campaign made us familiar, designed to inspire sympathy for the Japanese as victims of injustice and abuse.

Labor Divided on the Issue
Certain radical labor elements, too, openly assisted the Japanese in their fight. It was one such labor leader who declared to Congressman Haker of the house immigration committee, when in the northwest last summer, that organized labor in Seattle and Tacoma was not sufficiently interested to appear before the committee in its Japanese investigation because members of organized labor were employed by Japanese shipping interests in both places at good wages and with fair treatment. The conservative labor element, it is understood, was generally sympathetic to the Legion's fight, and the secretary of the Seattle Typographical union was named as a member of the late Japanese league's executive committee.

Notwithstanding the adverse conditions, the fight is still being maintained for passage of the alien land bill in the legislature. It was reported out by the federal relations committee of the lower house on February 9th with favorable recommendation, but sent at once to the judiciary committee for further consideration. The attempt is being made to so delay progress in the hope that adjournment will prevent action on the bill.

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This will be the third Market Week to be held by this association, which comprises over 150 of the leading firms in the dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes and other apparel lines. Merchants from every section of the west will be invited to attend this event. Railroad fares will be refunded to out-of-town buyers and visiting merchants.

VETERAN REVENUE OFFICER RESIGNS

BUTTE, Mont., March 18.—After a service of 21 years in the internal revenue office in Butte, Clinton H. Moore, stamp clerk, has announced his retirement. Mr. Moore is 73 years old and has been a resident of Montana since 1877, coming here from Nevada. In 1879 he went to Boise, Idaho, to be superintendent of schools there. Returning to Montana in 1881, Mr. Moore was appointed deputy revenue collector for Montana, Utah and Idaho on May 1, 1891.

During his tenure of office in the federal department, Mr. Moore estimates, he has collected more than \$4,000,000 in taxes. Born of poor parents, he worked his way through Dartmouth college, where he was graduated in 1874. Mr. Moore was born in New Hampshire in 1847.

BIG PEACH PACK

VISALIA, Cal., March 18.—Tulare county peach canners expect a larger pack in 1921 than they had in 1920, despite the fact that much of last year's product is still unsold. Company officials say this year's pack will reach nearly 400,000 cases, or 15 per cent greater than last year. Crop conditions at this time of the year never were more favorable.

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