INSIST ON ACTION AGAINST ASIATICS

Pacific Coast Congressmen Prepare to Urge Exclusion Legislation Before Immigration Committee.

WASHINGTON: Thursday, Feb. 19.—Despite efforts of the administration to prevent agitation of proposed legislation for exclusion of Asiatic immigrants pending diplomatic negotiations with Japan, Pacific Coast members were prepared to insist upon action when the House committee on immigration again considered the subject today.

Representative Raker of California was ready to urge his bill, which would exclude Japanese and other Asiatics, while Representative Church, also of that state, pressed as a compromise his bill designed to bar out the Hindus.

Mr. Church, whose district, he says, contains more Hindus than any other district in the country, contends that the Hindu laborers injure the cause of American labor and are a detriment to the section, to which they are already coming in considerable numbers, with prospects of an immensely greater influx. He declared that there should be immediate action and that if the committee failed to act he purposed to bring up the question in the House.

Representative Burnett, chairman of the committee, who had been in Alabama engaging in his congressional campaign, hurried back to be present at today’s meeting.