

SENATOR WANTS JAPANESE BARRED

Phelan Declares California Is
Being Rapidly Colonized by
Orientals.

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—"The Japanese are ruining the state of California, which is rapidly becoming a Japanese colony."

This was the declaration of Senator Phelan, Democrat, of California, before the House Immigration Committee today.

The Senator urged that for its own preservation the United States should set up insurmountable barriers against all Japanese immigration in the future.

"The Japanese are not to be compromised with," he said. "They should be driven out like a plague of locusts—which they equal in destructiveness."

The California Senator pointed out that the Japanese owe allegiance to Japan, because the United States cannot assimilate them, "and militarily they are also a grave menace," he continued. "In case of trouble with Japan, we could get no recruits among the rural population of this new California, which is fast becoming a Japanese colony, and we will be exposed to a rear, as well as frontal attack. The presence of such a population is a great weakness to this country. I believe their immigration is directed from Japan."

"The Japanese," the senator charged, "are a part of the Mexican Carranza scheme," just as they were a part of the worldwide pro-German machine from which they broke away only when they saw the issues going against them."

He said an intensive Japanese propaganda is now in progress to encourage a rush of picture brides to this country. "Their coming," he explained, "serves a double purpose, for they work in the fields beside the men, and their children born in the United States may hold real estate."

"Between 1915 and the beginning of this year, 13,914 picture brides arrived in California, and 6,184 in Hawaii. In sixteen years the Japanese birth rate has increased over 3,000 per cent in California, while the white birth rate has decreased 8 per cent."

Senator Phelan urged the enactment of laws similar to the Exclusion Act which would absolutely prohibit the emigration of a single Japanese subject. Such legislation would give Japan no ground for offense, he asserted, since Japan herself has enacted legislation barring Chinese from its shores.

Attacking the Gulick emigration scheme, the senator declared he "would not consent to the entrance of one per cent or one-half of one per cent or even a quarter of one per cent or any number of Japanese, however small, coming into the United States annually."