

9 JAPANESE ARE SENTENCED FOR SMUGGLING PLOT

Stowaways Are Given Jail Terms; Leaders Sent to Penitentiary for Attempt- ing to Bring in Orientals.

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TACOMA, Saturday, Dec. 31.— Dreams of a group of Japanese, who became stowaways on an American-bound liner to smuggle themselves into the United States, where they could learn new trades to advance themselves materially, were shattered in the Federal District Court Saturday when jail and penitentiary sentences were given to nine Orientals.

Ten Japanese were arraigned and nine pleaded guilty on a charge of conspiring to smuggle alien Orientals into the United States.

Seven, after pleading guilty, said they were stowaways and were sentenced to six months in the Grays Harbor County Jail and fined \$350 and costs.

They were Masaini Oshima, alias Masio Yamane, 31 years old, a sack weaver; Katsushiko Yaskii, alias Katsumi Yoshizana, 26, farmer; Hisao Munekata, alias Tsugematsu Yamashito, 23, a silk farm employe; Ichio Fjuiwara, alias Shoichi Yamada, 31, farmer; Sakiuchi, alias Tsukatsune, alias Hiroshi Nakagama, 33, farmer; Masao Tonga, alias Hihizo Yoshimura, 21, farmer, and Miko Kameyama, alias S. Kawakaini, 30, farmer.

Get Prison Terms.

Mataichi Murahashi, 25, an oller and donkeyman, and Kunichi Uyida, 30, cook, who were accused of being principals in the conspiracy to smuggle their fellow countrymen into the United States, were sentenced to serve fifteen months in the McNell Island penitentiary and pay a fine of \$1,000 and costs.

Shosuke Hirata, alias Eisaburo Yasukara, the spokesman and leader of the stowaways, asked the court to appoint an attorney.

Hirata expressed the desire that he be allowed to remain in the country to learn architecture and carpentry.

Pay for Assistance.

According to John T. McCutcheon, assistant United States district attorney, the eight stowaways paid from \$350 to \$500 each in Japan for assistance in being smuggled into the United States. They were hidden in the coal bunkers of the Buyo Maru and were fed and cared for by Kameyama, a member of the crew. Uyida, already in the country, was asked for assistance by one of the stowaways. The group was being led from the ship on November 14 when a dock watchman discovered them and notified immigration inspectors. Mr. McCutcheon said the Japanese will be held for deportation when their sentences are served.