

JAPANESE HERE ARE UNWORRIED

Discrediting reports that Seattle Japanese fear they might be called to military service in Japan, James Y. Sakamoto, editor of The Japanese-American Courier, today likened the shootings in Tokyo to the recent assassination of United States Senator Huey P. Long.

The Japanese editor reaffirmed previous announcements that the assassination of ministers Tuesday constitutes "internal" trouble only, and laughed at reports that Seattle's 7,500 Japanese have any personal fears that the disorder might lead to war in which they would be forced to serve.

'Ultra-Patriots,' He Says

Mr. Sakamoto described the young Toko militarists as "ultra-patriots," similar to the assassins who killed the Japanese premier in 1932. Mr. Sakamoto said these young men might be a part of the same faction.

Even if the present situation in Tokyo did assume international proportions and possibly cause war, Seattle Japanese would not be called to their country's service, Mr. Sakamoto said.

"Even when Japan entered the World War she did not call her people in other countries to service," Mr. Sakamoto said. "The present trouble shows no indication of international difficulties."

4,000 Are American Citizens

"Another reason Japanese people in Seattle need have no fear is the population," Mr. Sakamoto said. "Roughly speaking, of our 7,500 Japanese, about 4,000 are American citizens and cannot be called for Japanese service. Of the remaining 3,500, perhaps half are women. Among the 1,500 men, the average age is 51 years. Most of them are too old to serve in time of war, and some of them are too young."

Terming the present crisis in Tokyo "purely political," the Japanese editor said it could not even be termed a rebellion—much less the beginning of international warfare—because "the young militarists have not taken up arms against the Emperor."
