

THREATEN STRIKE OVER JAPANESE



Here are the employees of the Northern Pacific Railway roundhouse at Auburn who issued an ultimatum to the company yesterday that they would strike unless three Japanese aliens, employed at the roundhouse, are discharged within 48 hours. The men said: "Either the Japanese go or we do. The President has said that this is a total war and the enemy must be defeated, wherever he is."

Declining to work with 12 alien Japanese laborers, about 150 employees at the Northern Pacific Railroad's Stacy Street shops conducted a sit-down strike for 42 minutes this forenoon, returning to work only when the Japanese were sent home.

Finding the alien laborers on the job at 7:30 o'clock, arriving workmen refused to start a motor, move an engine or perform any other duties.

"We have no complaint against the company other than that we refuse to work with these Japs," said one machinist. "We just stood or sat around, every last one of us. We didn't do a lick of work."

"At 8:12 o'clock the foreman told the Japs to go home. So we went to work. Everything's fine now."

Another workman said the 12 Japanese were the same aliens who

had been laid off earlier at the N. P. roundhouse at First Avenue South and Hanford Street.

The same railroad was given an ultimatum of facing a strike or dismissing three alien Japanese at the Auburn roundhouse yesterday. Sixty-five workmen there gave the company until tomorrow noon to oust the three alien Japs, after a noon meeting which ran half an hour over the workers' 30-minute lunch period.