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FILE NO. 75079

Petition  
OF  
Anti-Japanese League  
  
For Legislation to Curb Activities  
of Athletics in Seattle.

FILED OCT 24 1919

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ADDRESS H. W. CARROLL  
CITY COMPTROLLER AND EX-OFFICIO CITY CLERK  
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ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your *Judiciary and Depts. Efficiency* Committee  
to which was referred the within *Petition*

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that *it be placed on file*

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H. W. CARROLL  
CHAIRMAN

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Seattle, Washington,

October 24, 1919.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Seattle:

Gentlemen:

The undersigned President and Secretary of the Anti-Japanese League, acting on behalf of said League, respectfully submit to your Honorable body, that the situation in the City of Seattle with reference to the increase of the Japanese population is such that unless radical steps are taken, people now living will see the day when the Pacific Coast will be a Mongolian instead of a White Man's Country. There are at the present time in the City of Seattle about 12,000 Japanese, they are increasing in a ratio of about five times as great as the white population---the birth rate among them, though they form about three per cent of the population, you will find that fully ten per cent of the births are Japanese. It does not require an expert mathematician or statistician to figure out what with that increase the Pacific Coast will be like in 1940. Seattle will probably be a Japanese instead of an American City. At the present time they have practically driven the white ranchers out of the Valley between here and Tacoma. They are now attempting to break into Kitsap County. A walk down into the Public Market is enough to convince anybody of the inroads they have made in the produce business. They are rapidly acquiring retail grocery stores, Dye Works, and various other lines of business. It is the Japanese that have created the rental situation in Seattle, as they pay almost unheard of prices for leases in order to get a foot-hold and then raise rents to heights that if the results were not so tragic, might appear sublime. More than forty per cent of the Apartment Houses not in direct control of the owners, are held by Japanese Lessees. Half of the hotels and rooming houses are under Japanese control; while nearly as large

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a proportion of the Restaurants are owned by them, and they are beginning to get control of Soft Drink places, Pool Rooms, and have even obtained control of a Dairy, thus forcing our babies to be fed on milk which has passed through unsanitary and filthy Asiatic conditions.

The remedy lays not with Congress, but with the City Council of this City, and the State Legislature. By passing the ordinances suggested which are enclosed herewith, you will take away the inducements for Japanese settling in the City of Seattle and thus reduce the danger, as other Pacific Coast Cities will soon follow suit. The State Legislature will be asked to pass similar Legislation as to land tenure and other lines not within the power of municipalities. Congress will be asked to pass a Japanese Exclusion Law along the lines of the Chinese Exclusion Law, which has proven itself so efficacious in its operation, but it may be some years before the authorities at Washington will see the danger as clearly as the Pacific Coast people see it now. In the meantime it is up to us to protect ourselves and our children against these Asiatic hordes. It is up to you, Gentlemen, to take the first steps along the lines of self-preservation.

ANTI-JAPANESE LEAGUE

By Edward L. Spord  
President  
Frank E. Kammann  
Secretary.

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1. A City Ordinance requiring all Hotels and Rooming-Houses to be licensed, and class any house or any building, or part of building in which six or more rooms are rented to others, as a Rooming-House under the Ordinance.
2. That no License be granted to anyone except citizens of the United States.
3. That where the applicant for License, is a corporation, no license be granted to any corporation in which any stock is held by others than citizens of the United States.
4. That no Second-hand dealers or itinerant vendors license be granted to anyone who is not a citizen of the United States.
5. That no space in any Market owned or controlled by the City of Seattle be granted to anyone except citizens of the United States, and where a corporation is seeking a site in the Public Market, that no site be granted to any corporation, unless all its stock is held by citizens of the United States.
6. That an ordinance be passed requiring all Restaurants and places where food is prepared or sold, such as grocery stores, meat markets, bakeries and similar places to be licensed and no license be granted to anyone except citizens of the United States, and where the applicant for such license is a corporation, that no license be granted if any stock is held by any except citizens of the United States.
7. That an ordinance be passed requiring all Soft Drink Places, Pool Rooms, Moving Picture Houses, Vaudeville Theatres and Theatre's of all kinds, to be licensed and no license be granted to anyone except citizens of the United States, and where applicant for such license is a corporation, that no license be granted if any stock is held by any except citizens of the United States.
8. That an ordinance be passed requiring all persons engaged in either the transfer business, or the transportation of passengers for hire in automobiles to obtain License, and that no license be granted to any-

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