

GOVERNOR SHIES AT JAPANESE QUESTION IN NATIONAL GUARD

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Might Join Militia Individually
In Oahu He Sidesteps

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AND BEGGARS REAL ISSUE

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Would Be Advantageous

"The question of enlisting Japanese as members of the national guard has one advantage which I should think any one could see. It will bring the Japanese and Americans into closer

touch because it will enlarge the number of points of contact, and will serve to train the Japanese members in American citizenship as well as in military tactics.

"I rather doubt whether Governor Pinkham, Brigadier-General Johnson and the community here will allow of any large number of Japanese enlisting in the guard now, and Japanese lads should consider this question very carefully. They must wait until the time ripens, and public opinion gives them leave. In the meantime they should work to prove to their white fellow-citizens that they have the best interests of their common country at heart."