

JAPANESE SQUARE RACIAL PROBLEM

Nippu Jiji Takes Governor To Task For Ignoring Issue Raised Regarding Militia

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Governor Pinkham is being severely criticized in the local Japanese press for his attitude regarding the enlistment of American-born Japanese in the National Guard of Hawaii. Regret is expressed that the chief executive is apparently opposed to allowing American citizens of Japanese extraction to enlist in the territorial militia. All the city Japanese papers are discussing the situation.

Says the Nippu Jiji:

"We regret very much that Governor Pinkham, who heretofore aroused undesirable discussions on Japanese questions, has now shown a very displeasing attitude in the matter of Americans of Japanese descent joining the National Guard of Hawaii.

"We do not know exactly whether local citizens of Nipponese parentage have the intention to form a separate militia company or not, but if they have such an intention, to show that they are willing to defend and honor the Stars and Stripes, we congratulate them in taking such a proper and correct step.

Governor Is Arraigned

"We have felt displeased when we have seen that only citizens of Japanese descent were out of the march line in the patriotic military parades held here by the local militia, and that those of our race had no individual company in the line of march.

"Japanese have no objection if those of us who are American citizens form such a military company. Their intention is good, and we honor them for their show of civic and public enterprise. We believed, also, that the Hawaiian authorities would encourage the young men of Japanese extraction in their desire. This was our real expectation. We could expect nothing else, but the fact was found to be quite contrary to the expectation.

"It seems to us that Governor Pinkham objects to Japanese of Hawaiian birth, and thereby American citizens, from joining the guard, and that his financial plaint is but a pretext to cover his objection.

"Now that the commander in chief of the National Guard of Hawaii has shown his displeasure in the premises, we believe that there will be no great trouble thereby. The young men should not trouble themselves about joining the militia.

Overtures Are Repulsed

"We cannot refrain from saying one word, among other things, regarding the contradictory action of Governor Pinkham before we come