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ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENT SWEEPS LOS ALTOS OVER ERECTURE OF NEW GAKUEN

Citizens Will Stage Mass Meeting to Oppose Project

LOS ALTOS, Sept. 16.—Purchase of a lot by Japanese of this community for erecting a Japanese language school at the entrance to the town is causing a wave of anti-Japanese sentiment among the residents here.

A call was issued last week-end for staging of a mass meeting of citizens on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 8 p.m., in the Los Altos Scout Hall, to take some action against erection of the school.

LOT ALREADY ACQUIRED

The Japanese, in defense of their plans, declare that they have bought the property and would entail great monetary loss if they are forced to give up the project. They are looking for another location, and in all probability they will eventually give way if the present insistence of the Los Altos people does not weaken.

But many of the parents, it is indicated today, are aroused by what they believe to be a gross racial insult. Some of them are reported to be in the mood to push the matter to its final point to build the school willy nilly, opposition or no opposition.

TO HOLD MASS MEETING

The Los Altos News for the issue of Sept. 12 contains these words:

"The mass meeting has been called by Frederick Lewis, acting secretary pro tem of a committee of Los Altos citizens. The Japanese, whom it was expected last week, would accede to the request of a number of Los Altos residents and choose a new location for their school, other than that of a corner at the main entrance of the town, fronting directly on the highway, it is said, have made no public announcement of what their intentions are. The mass meeting is called, it is stated, in an effort to protect Los Altos from the ruin which must result from lowered property values and unfavorable publicity, which a Japanese school on the highway at its entrance would bring upon the entire community.

SYMPATHIZERS PRESENT

Publicity was given for the first time today on the several weeks of negotiating, pleading and threatening, which a number of influential citizens indulged in with certain members of the Japanese colony, in an effort to peacefully and quietly settle the difficulty, before diplomatic relations were forcibly broken off and the public made acquainted with the details of the matter. At one time, it was stated an adjustment had about been reached, when some well-meaning citizens entered the arena and took the part of the Japanese, with the result that no successful settlement could be obtained.

"Leading citizens in Los Altos today were of one accord in the expression of deep regret that the incident had ever arisen, but all were agreed that a Japanese school at the entrance to the town would bring ruin to the community. The mass meeting, it was stated, has been called with the intention of working out the most suitable means of preventing the erection of the school at this location.

ANONYMOUS WRITER

In the same paper an anonymous writer who signs himself as a "loyal American who loves Los Altos" pens an appeal to Los Altos citizens on the school question. The article reveals resentment and anger of the writer, and it may be in-

2 JAPANESE NAB FLEEING 'SWINDLERS'

Couple Attempting to Escape Cafe Bill Meets Crash

ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF TWO UNIDENTIFIED AMERICANS TO BEAT THE SHOP SUED BILL AT THE KUM FAR LOW ON POST STREET IN A STOLEN LINCOLN SEDAN LAST SUNDAY ABOUT 11:30 P.M. RESTED IN THEIR SMASHING AGAINST AN IRON POLE FOLLOWING THEIR SUCCESSFUL DASH TOWARD FILMOR AND SUTTER STREETS.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE CHINESE PROPRIETRESS SCREAMED AT THE TOP OF HER VOICE FOR AID IN THE PURSUIT OF THE DESPOILERS WHO HAD ROBBED HER OF \$250. TWO JAPANESE YOUTHS, HENRY TANAKA AND SHINGLIN OMOTO, WHO WERE DRIVING DOWN POST STREET AT THAT TIME, HEARD THE CRY. ESPYING THE FLEEING MACHINE, THEY GAVE A CHASE AROUND WEBSTER AND DOWN TOWARDS SUTTER AND FILMOR STREETS. THE FLEEING CAR WITH APPARENTLY SEMI-INTOXICATED MEN SMASHED INTO A NEARBY POLE, CAUSING MUCH DAMAGE TO THE MACHINE. ONE OF THE TWO MEN GOT OFF THE MACHINE AND STARTED TO LOSE HIMSELF IN THE HUGE CROWD THAT WAS GATHERING ABOVE THE CAR, ACCORDING TO AN OBSERVER.

STEPPING ON THE GAS, THE TWO JAPANESE BOYS IMMEDIATELY REACHED THE SIDE OF THE FLEEING MAN. HE WAS BROUGHT BACK TO THE SCENE OF THE WRECKAGE AND HANDED OVER TO A GUARD.

FOUR SPEAKERS HAVE SO FAR ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTIONS OF SPEAKING ON THIS OCCASION. THEY ARE ALL MEMBERS OF THE Y. M. B. A., THE ALAMEDA BUDDHIST BOYS CLUB, AND THE SHOJO-KAI. THE SPEECHES WILL BE DELIVERED EITHER IN ENGLISH OR JAPANESE, AT THE OPTION OF EACH SPEAKER.

MISS ELEANOR KANZAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE SHOJO-KAI, WILL PRESIDE. SHE IS AT PRESENT ENGAGED IN MAKING PREPARATIONS.

THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO THIS MEETING, WHICH STARTS AT 7:45 P.M. IN THE BUDDHIST CHAPEL, 2325 PARK AVENUE.

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Stork Visits Home Of Young Couple In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tashiro, second generation couple, are today rejoicing over the birth of a son last Sunday. Both Mrs. Tashiro and the new arrival are doing well. Ken Tashiro is a sport writer for the Rafu Shimpo, a Japanese daily issuing a bi-weekly English section.

ALAMEDA TO HEAR TALKS

4 Speakers Already Engaged for Shijo Kai Gathering

Special to The Japanese American News.

ALAMEDA, Sept. 16.—In addition to its social and athletic activities, the Alameda Shojo-Kai will sponsor a more serious gathering next Friday, Sept. 20, at the Buddhist church.

Four speakers have so far announced their intentions of speaking on this occasion. They are all members of the Y. M. B. A., the Alameda Buddhist Boys Club, and the Shojo-Kai. The speeches will be delivered either in English or Japanese, at the option of each speaker.

Miss Eleanor Kanzaki, president of the Shojo-Kai, will preside. She is at present engaged in making preparations.

The public is cordially invited to this meeting, which starts at 7:45 p.m. in the Buddhist Chapel, 2325 Park Avenue.

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