Why Japanese Came To America

By DOROTHY NAGAYAMA, '34

Editor's Note—The following theme, written by a young Japanese girl born in California, who is a junior at the Torrance high school, is of so much interest and so well prepared that the Torrance Herald takes pleasure in publishing it in full. Miss Nagayama is an active member of the high school student body, a member of several clubs and highly regarded by her teachers and fellow students.

Eighty years ago, when Commodore Perry came to Japan demanding the Japanese to open their gates to the Western civilization and friendship, the little island was actually in the state of Feudalism. Since then, she has opened her ports to Western goods and civilization, and her heart to Western friendship and customs. Little by little she began to realize how beneficial it was to enjoy friendship with foreign countries, especially with the progressive United States.

At first, the Japanese people marvelled at the Western ideas and civilization as they were brought in through the ports. They could remain passive, but began seeking the true light of the Western civilization by traveling, studying, and finally emigrating to the New World.

During the last 80 years, Japan has made marvelous progress through the influence of Western nations. Railroads, ships, telephones, modern buildings, roads, cities and ports have been built there. Schools, colleges, factories and other institutions, modern in every detail, have been established. Science, culture and modern methods have been assimilated.

For hundreds of years, Western civilization has gradually advanced westward, first to New England and then on to the Pacific coast. For the last 50 years, however, eastern civilization has been looking eastward, so that now we find California the melting pot of the two currents of civilization. We, the American citizens of Japanese origin, should make it our task to bring about better understanding, spiritually, morally and politically, between the two civilizations. This can best be done perhaps by living loyally, honestly and dependably. Real harmony must be brought about so that the world can eventually work together in peace and tranquility, just as in a performance of a great symphony. The real harmony of the world must be that of perfect blending of different types of civilization.

This is my utmost hope so that in the future we may accomplish this great task.

HIGH SCHOOL WINS

Both high school teams, varsity and Bees, won from their former schoolmates, the alumni, in the annual basketball games held last Friday night at the gymnasium.

The alumni did their best but the youngsters were in better training.

FRED ARENA IMPROVING

Fred Arena, who was badly beaten over the head last week and left for dead on the highway near Long Beach is improving at the General hospital. His assailants are so far unknown although Torrance and Long Beach police are working on the case.

Notes From Washington

By
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The House ordered Rex Aurum, King Gold or the Golden Calf, laid away in Uncle Sam's vaults without a decent or respectable funeral. Instead of a sober and dignified event, the bill divesting the Federal Reserve System of approximately three and one-half billion dollars struggled through confusion and disorder that gradually became worse as the eight hours of debate dragged along. When persistent opponents sought to cripple the bill with amendments or tore loose with cutting criticism, members of the House took turn about in hooting or hurrahing just as their mood moved them.

The "big shots" took the floor early and for a few hours the House was patient and attentive. All realized the momentous importance of the occasion. But as the contest dragged out hour after hour, a majority of the members became sore, weary and disgusted and took matters into their own hands by drowning out a number of promising speeches by yelling, "Vote! Vote!" Vainly Chairman Bankhead pounded the block for order but no sooner did the speaker begin than again the House would hoot, howl and hurray and demand a vote. It would have required President Roosevelt or Will Rogers to have commanded the attention of this body after such a strenuous siege of debate.

The opposition came almost exclusively from the Republican side of the House. Luce of Massachusetts took the lead in the attack on the bill, but he faced a barrage of counter attacks for the Democrats were militant. Luce is able, splendid in his presentation and respected by all. McGugin of Kansas was another on the side of the opposition. He sniped at the bill to the end, offering so many amendments that he was heckled and hooted from every quarter. After eight hours of bantering and baiting debate, the patience of members wore out. That many hours of wrangling will consume the patience of the most composed of men. If you don't believe it, just try it once.

The last Republican maneuver was a motion to re-commit the bill. This is, to send it back to the committee for revision and further consideration. But the temper of the House was frayed. The required number of votes could not be obtained and the regular procedure rolled on. The Democrats, after such a harassing day, demanded a roll call on the passage of the bill and so put the opposition on the spot. Imagine after this day of battle royal, the roll call disclosed 360 votes for the bill and only 40 against it, a victory of nine to one. Only two Democrats were recorded against it, 38 Republicans voted against the bill and 68 Republicans voted for it. Going on record was a serious matter because from roll calls, legislative history is made. So the Republican minority that lined up so solidly recently on the restoration of salaries went to pieces on the gold bill and Floor-Leader Snell retired in disorderly retreat. Such are the fortunes of politics.

There is a profit of billions in the devaluation of the gold dollar to those who own the gold. In this instance the Federal Reserve banks hold by far the larger part of it. But since the Federal Reserve system was created by Congress, the House proposes that this great profit of billions shall revert to the government. It is the most outstanding example of prestige of the big bankers and the subsequent evidence of the rule of the people. There is little doubt of the passage of the bill in the Senate but Senator Glass and other defenders of the old order are exerting all their ingenuity to defeat it.

Other important provisions of the bill take away certain powers of the Federal Reserve bankers and bestow them on the Secretary of the Treasury thus placing the gold under the direction of the government instead of individuals as has been practiced for many years. A stabilization fund of two billion dollars is also set up which will enable our government to control exchange and will have a wide effect on our financial dealings with the nations of the world. Machinery was included in the bill which will give the President a powerful weapon to bring about a monetary stabilization of the monetary systems of the world. With the chaotic condition of the financial systems of many nations, there is a great necessity for the stabilization and the establishment of an international agreement as to the ratio of gold and silver in order to restore commerce and industry.

All in all it was a great day in legislative history. I count it as one of my greatest privileges to have had the opportunity of supporting the President in his program to wrest the gold of the country from the special privilege status and restoring it for the use of all the people of our country. And this recalls what President Garfield said many years ago; "Whoever controls the money of the country is the absolute master of its commerce and its industries." Can you imagine the groans of Grover Cleveland, William McKinley and other devotees of the gold standard? And what would William Jennings Bryan and Silver Dick Blank think of the fall of King Gold? But Senator Glass of Virginia and his valiant Republican colleague, Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, a conservative Democrat and a conservative Republican, will make a last stand battle for a time-honored policy that is doomed to be swept into the discard by the onrush of the New Deal and the progressive wave of this new era.

Don't be fooled by the wise-cracking news columnists that Vice President Jack Garner is wasting his life away presiding in the Senate and slowly slipping into oblivion. All vice presidents avoid publicity because political ethics and loyalty to the chief dictate that the President is entitled to the first place in the headlines as well as in the hearts of the people. In addition, Garner dislikes publicity. But no man in Washington knows his Congress as well as Garner knows it. Nobody is any busier in the inside circles planning to put over the President's program. Much of the President's ability to lead Congress is because of the able assistance he obtains from the vice president. Although he now presides in the Senate, Garner's 30 years in the House give him a canny insight into the motives that move its members. It is said of him that he can more accurately predict the action of the members of Congress than any other man in Washington. The President is piloting the ship of state into unknown waters but it is Jack Garner who points out the rocks and shoals and ensures a safe voyage.

President Roosevelt is mopping up some of the Democratic leaders throughout the country. It has been a favorite practice for many years for the national committeemen of the dominant party to use their prestige and influence for their personal profit. Railroads, banks, municipalities, political agencies and many individuals pay fat fees to have some one close to the administration present their claims and promotions. Several Democratic attorneys occupying the position of national committeemen have been flocking about Washington to secure administration favors. President Roosevelt has ordered thumbs down on these "birds" and has established another precedent for the New Deal.

Superior Court to Decide Sale In Liquor Case

Injunction Asked Against "Off-Sale" Licenses to Purveyors of Food

Every drug store in this city and throughout Los Angeles county is concerned over the outcome next Monday of the action begun in Los Angeles superior court Tuesday to halt the sale of liquor in packages in establishments where food and drink is sold at tables and over fountains and counters. Superior Judge Emmet Wilson will hear the order to show cause why a permanent injunction restraining such sales should not be issued.

Tuesday Presiding Judge Frank C. Collier issued a temporary restraining order which prohibits the board of equalization, one of the defendants in the action, from issuing any more "off-sale" permits to places where food is sold, until the hearing. The plaintiff in the litigation, the Los Angeles Liquor Dealers Association, claims that liquor selling by drug stores is direct violation of state legislation.

The complaint of the liquor dealers' association claims that the California Constitutional Amendment, Article 20, Section 22, and the State Liquor Control Act both were designed to prevent packaged liquor from being sold in stores where food is sold for consumption on the premises.

The granting of the petition would mean that all stores serving food would immediately have their off-sale licenses revoked. The Owl Drug Company, Thrifty Drug Stores, Smile Drug Stores, Penny Drug Stores, Best Drug Stores, Sontag Drug Stores and the state board of equalization are the defendants named in the complaint filed late Tuesday.

Hearing On Lomita Boulevard Postponed

Hearing on proceedings for the improvement of Lomita boulevard, pending under a county street opening district, were continued for another 26 weeks by the board of supervisors this week. The hearing has been continued upon several occasions, in the hope that property owners will give the needed right-of-way rather than force the county to go ahead with the proceedings, which would be costly because of the court action involved.

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F. W. McMullen Sentence Is Again Put Off

Court Permits Additional Delay to February 12 In Bank Case

With permission of the court the sentencing of Frank Wallace McMullen, former manager of the Lomita branch of the California Bank, who pleaded guilty to an indictment for misapplication of funds, has been set over until February 12, at 10 o'clock in the morning in the United States district court of Judge Harry Hollzer. The date for sentence was originally set for January 22.

A federal grand jury indicted McMullen several weeks ago for the misuse of deposits at the Lomita bank. He asked for probation and the matter was referred by Judge Hollzer to the probation officer for investigation. A probation report was made and the sentencing has been set over to allow more time to study the case.

Government officials charge McMullen with appropriating $1925 for his own use. His bail was originally set at $2000 but was later reduced to $1000.

NIGHT CLASS MEETS

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NUTLEY Margarine lb. 6c
DIAMOND CRYSTAL Salt PLAIN or IODIZED 26-oz. Pkg. 7c

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3-pound bag 50c

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CHULA VISTA CELERY large stalk 4c

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PRIME RIB ROAST lb. 17c
BOILING BEEF—lb. 6c

Eastern Grain-Fed Steer Beef Steak Round Swiss Ground Round lb. 17c
LEAN MEATY Spare Ribs lb. 10c
EASTERN GRAIN-FED Pork Roast Shoulder lb. 10c
EASTERN GRAIN-FED Pork Roast LOIN Blade Cut lb. 12½c
Hauser's Pride Cudahy's Puritan Lard OR WHITE RIBBON SHORTENING 1-lb. carton 7½c
FRESH Ground Beef 2 lbs. 19c

MILK-FED SHOULDER VEAL ROAST lb. 12½c
Rib Chops lb. 19c Stew lb. 8c Legs lb. 14c
GOLDEN STATE BUTTER lb. 22½c
Limit 2-lbs. to a customer.

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