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San Francisco, Oct. 27, 1906.

To His Excellency

The President,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

The attendance of Japanese children and minors in the

public schools of San Francisco is causing friction and may

develop into something more serious. I therefore submit a

few observations which may throw light on the matter.

There are two distinct divisions in the Japanese attend-

ing the public schools: the first, not very numerous and made

up of the children of Japanese parents resident in San Fran-

cisco; the second, far more numerous - several hundred - who

are here as "school-boys" attending the higher schools. The

latter are sent by their parents or friends in Japan purely

for the purpose of getting the benefits of the local public

schools. Out of school hours they serve industriously in

light housework etc.

The fire of April 18th-20th last restricted still fur-

ther the school facilities, which were previously crowded and

inadequate. And from the point of view of a majority of the

citizens of San Francisco, who it must be admitted are pre-

judiced against both Chinese and Japanese, to afford school fac-

ilities to the children of non-resident Japanese to the extent

of crowding out children whose parents are resident tax-payers,

is wholly unwarrantable.

It is, however, possible by a broad recognition of the

above conditions that some compromise may be reached which will

prove satisfactory. Some reasonable limit, for instance, may

be fixed to the attendance in the public schools of children

whose parents are non-resident.

Very respectfully submitted,

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