

Enclosure No. 9

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THE TAIBEI DOSHIKAI'S MANIFESTO.

[Translator's Note. The "Taibei Doshikai", which may be rendered "Society of the Like-Minded in Respect to (or 'opposed to') America" is a league which has recently been organized for the purpose of starting a united movement of protest against the prohibition of Japanese immigration in the United States, and has published the following manifesto.]

"Appeal to the Nation on the American Affair."

The United States of America is about to prohibit Japanese immigration, which is a great insult to our nation. It is also contrary to the spirit of the traditional friendship between Japan and America. The members of this league are to make a vigorous protest against the measure on the following principle:

- (1) The interpretation of the provisions of Article II of the Japanese-American Treaty.
- (2) The provisions in the Constitution of the United States of America.
- (3) The understanding between Japan and the United States at the time of the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, and the spirit of the same.

We believe that from any of these standpoints there are incontestable grounds for making interpretations favorable to us. As usual, our diplomatic authorities are inactive and dull; as usual they have adopted dishonorable and temporizing methods. If we bend our knee once the honor of our Fatherland will be lost forever. It is a matter of profound regret that our incompetent diplomats should be blind to this disgraceful consequence. It is in order to improve the situation and maintain forever the cordial friendship between Japan and the United States that we start a

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controversy with that Government as well as with our own diplomatic authorities. These are the reasons which compel us to organize a movement of protest.. Let all fair-minded people come and co-operate with us in this work."

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