

Professor HAYAKAWA: These legal questions are not always clear in the minds of every Japanese, either. Sometimes he registers in Japan for purely sentimental reasons. The movement of the Japanese-Canadian Citizens' League was initiated to have as many people as possible cease registering births with the Japanese consul, with the result that the number of people who have this dual nationality is steadily decreasing, because of the efforts of those people here.

Mr. HEAPS: Does the fact that you register with the Japanese consul a child born in this country give that child a dual nationality?

Professor HAYAKAWA: Not strictly a dual nationality; it means that if he goes to Japan he can be—

Mr. HEAPS: He only has a dual nationality in case he leaves the country for an extended visit.

Professor HAYAKAWA: If a man were to go to Japan and he stays there two months, he is repatriated on the register there.

Mr. PERLEY: If you go to Japan which country takes the initiative—

Professor HAYAKAWA: I did not stay long enough to find out.

Mr. PERLEY: I am asking the question, do you know? If you stayed there three months you would become a Japanese citizen. Which country takes the initiative?

Professor HAYAKAWA: I imagine the Japanese government takes the initiative.

Mr. HEAPS: If you were in a jam in any way you would be under the control of the Japanese government?

Professor HAYAKAWA: I would be repatriated, yes.

Mr. HEAPS: You would be under the control as a Japanese national?

Professor HAYAKAWA: Yes.

Mr. HEAPS: If you did not want that you would have to leave before the three months had expired?

Professor HAYAKAWA: Or else get special permisison not to do so.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Cameron, you have a question?

Mr. CAMERON: What I was going to ask has been already answered. I suppose the test of whether you are a national of Japan or not depends on a great many things. If you were being improperly treated in regard to franchise or any other matter, could you successfully appeal to Japan for protection as against British Columbia, for instance?

Professor HAYAKAWA: I do not know sir; we have never tried that out. In case of business failure or improper treatment there is a chance for us as we now stand, of throwing it all up and going to Japan. But I might say, incidentally, by the way, that I am not only a Canadian citizen in the ordinary sense of the term—

Mr. MACNICOL: You are Canadian born?

Professor HAYAKAWA: I might tell you, for the information of Mr. Reid, who seems to question our loyalty—

Mr. REID: No; hold on a minute. Just get away from that. I have never questioned your loyalty nor do I. The inference I was drawing is that Japan has the first claim, because your children are registered in Japan, in time of trouble.

Professor HAYAKAWA: No; Canada has the first claim because we are here.