

RESIGNATION OF JAPANESE O. K'D

Resignations of 26 Japanese girls as clerks in various city schools were accepted last night by the Seattle School board after the board heard arguments for both their acceptance and rejection.

The action was taken in a closed meeting after considerable debate. During the open meeting, several speakers urged the board to ignore the resignations, and others demanded that they be accepted.

On motion of Director James A. Duncan, the matter was referred to the committee of the whole, which met directly following the open meeting. The board was in the closed session for more than an hour before reaching its decision. In accepting the resignations, the board issued the following statement:

"The fine spirit shown by the girls in offering their resignations as a means of eliminating controversy which might be a decisive influence in the community testifies to their high regard for their responsibility as American citizens."

Pastor Urges Rejection

Among those who urged that the resignation be ignored were the Rev. Harold V. Jensen, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Ray C. Roberts.

One woman read an editorial from the University of Washington Daily in which Parent-Teacher Association groups were criticized for demanding the removal of the Japanese clerks.

Mrs. Dale J. Marble, president of the Seattle Council, P.-T. A., then declared that the action was not instituted by the P.T. A. as an organization but rather by individual members of the group.

U. Students Uphold Japanese

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 University students signed a petition urging the reinstatement of the Japanese clerks. The petition termed the demand for resignations, first made by a group of mothers whose children attend Gatewood School, as "undemocratic, intolerant, disrespectful of the rights of American citizens, and detrimental to the best interests of the community."