

JAP DIET'S A RIOT

It was most unparliamentary behaviour in the lower house in Tokyo. The opposition didn't agree with the new education bill; in fact they positively disliked it and the famous Japanese courtesy flew out by the window. They sent for the police. The government party hoped that this mild show of authority would cool the Socialists down. Actually for a short time it made matters worse than ever. Evidently Western democratic institutions don't remain quite the same when they go Far East.

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SPOT NEWS REPORT: RIOTING IN JAPAN'S PARLIAMENT

Japan's Diet or Parliament witnesses scenes of violence as rioters identified as "secretaries" of Socialist representatives seek to prevent legislative officers from reaching the rostrum. It is a leftist maneuver to block action on two education bills which would weaken their influence in school affairs. Police are summoned to the scene of the rioting in the House of Councilors, which corresponds roughly to our Senate.

Caught up in the melee is the Speaker of the House, Tsuruhei Matsuno. Rioters spill out into the corridors. Four days of disorders have marked the efforts to get through the twin bills to strengthen Government control of education in Japan.

In the wake of the scuffles at least 30 persons are reported injured, including ten to twelve members of the Diet. Indignation is great among Japanese who deplore such uncontrolled disturbances.