

What Can I Do?

If we permit Japanese Canadians to become refugees today, the security of other groups will be threatened tomorrow.

- Learn the facts and make them known to others.
- Write or wire to your Prime Minister and to your Federal representative requesting that every person who has made application for the cancellation of repatriation forms, regardless of date, shall have his case reviewed by an established civil court.
- Write or wire the Premier of your province and your provincial representative urging them to accept their full responsibility and co-operate with the Dominion Government in carrying out a just and reasonable policy toward the Japanese-Canadians.
- Aid the rehabilitation program in every way you can:
 - (1) by helping Japanese-Canadians in your own district to obtain suitable housing and employment and to find their place in the cultural life of the community, and
 - (2) by having your organization sponsor a Japanese family.
- Help to arouse public opinion by distributing literature, writing letters to your local newspapers, and discussing the subject in your organizations.

For further information clip and mail the form below.

Co-operative Committee on Japanese-Canadians,
126 Eastbourne Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Please send me further information about the Japanese-Canadian situation.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Nov. 23rd, 1945.

From CITIZENS *... To* REFUGEES



It's Happening Here!

We Believe . . .

● That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

—*Declaration of Independence.*

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● That we must “encourage and promote respect for human rights and for the fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.”

—*United Nations Charter.*

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● That the war was fought “to establish a peace that would afford assurance that all the men in all the lands might live out their lives in freedom from fear and want.”

—*The Atlantic Charter.*

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● That the war was fought to destroy the hateful doctrine of racialism which is the basis of the Nazi system everywhere.

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● That democracy is not a reality in any country where it is denied to some of its citizens. Either we all have it or we are all in danger of losing it.

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● That when a nation discriminates against any one group of its people it sets a pattern that may be used against other groups.

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● That it is of vital importance to Canadian democracy at home and our reputation abroad that we deal justly with the Japanese-Canadians in our land who, in the words of Prime Minister King, “have been guilty of no act of sabotage and have manifested no disloyalty even during periods of utmost trial.”

Do We???

● All Japanese-Canadian citizens have been asked by the Canadian Government if they wished to give up their citizenship and go to Japan under a “voluntary repatriation” plan. The alternative was to relocate in Eastern Canada under restrictive and uncertain conditions.

● Uprooted from their homes, deprived of their property, denied the right to buy land or houses, faced with restrictions on their rights to travel and obtain employment, isolated by many forms of discrimination, and threatened with loss of their temporary security, several thousands felt compelled to accept the Government’s offer to go to Japan.

● Now that the war is over and there is hope that the restrictions placed upon them may be removed, many of these now wish to revoke their decision and remain in Canada.

● The Government in its statement on Nov. 17, 1945, gives little assurance that they will be allowed to remain. Preparations are under way to deport to Japan the majority of the 10,347 persons concerned.

● The majority of these, including a large number of children whose decisions were made for them by their parents, were born in Canada and love this country. They have no desire to be sent to a foreign land which can at this time offer them only cold, hunger, and disease.

● The Government has singled out its Japanese Canadian citizens for discriminatory treatment simply because of their racial origin. No similar action has been contemplated toward other citizens of enemy origin such as those of German or Italian descent.

● On Jan. 2, 1945, the American Government restored full rights to its Japanese citizens, and it has in most respects dealt more justly and more generously with them than has the Canadian Government.

● Under Bill No. 15, Section 3, Clause G. of the “National Emergency Powers Act of 1945” which reads, “The Governor in Council may do and authorize . . . entry into Canada, exclusion and deportation and revocation of nationality”, there is danger of legalizing the deportation of these citizens.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!