

## NEWS LETTER

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TORONTO, Feb. 24 - A powerful deputation of senators, members of Parliament of all political parties and representative of all areas of Canada and leaders of church and intellectual life is scheduled to see Mr. King this week to press for total abandonment of forcible deportation.

Asked to serve on the deputation are Col. David Groll, Lib. M.P., J. H. Macdonnell and Donald Fleming, Pro.-Con. M.P.'s, Senators Arthur Roesbuck and Cairine Wilson, M. J. Caldwell, CCF leader, F. A. Brewin, counsel to the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, B. K. Sandwell of Saturday Night, E. J. Tarr, president of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, from Winnipeg, Rev. Canon W. W. Judd of the Council of Social Service of the Church of England in Canada, Father McQuillan of the Roman Catholic Church, and representatives from Montreal and B.C.

If the Government shows no signs of changing its policy, the deputation will ask for a stay in deportation proceedings and will carry out the Privy Council appeal. With it they will intensify their campaign of protest in Parliament and throughout the country.

A Canadian Press dispatch from Ottawa on Feb. 20 stated that the Cabinet is expected to study its policy in the light of the Court judgment. Another dispatch of Feb. 22 by H. R. Armstrong of the Toronto Star stated that deportation will likely be postponed until a judgment from the Privy Council, which may be as much as a year.

Legally the Privy Council appeal is no bar to Government action, he stated, but federal authorities suspended deportation action while the case was before the Supreme Court and it is indicated the same course will be followed if the Privy Council grants leave to appeal. It is almost certain that this will be granted. He also stated that a stay in proceeding with deportation is a matter of Government policy which has not yet been decided, but it is thought this will be done pending Privy Council decision. Should the Government policy change an appeal will not be necessary and the application can be withdrawn.

Meanwhile in Toronto, public support is mobilized at a meeting tonight where speakers will be G. H. Millard, national director, United Steelworkers of America, F. A. Brewin, counsel, J. H. Finlay, chairman of the Co-operative Committee and Hugh MacMillan, executive secretary of the committee. Public protest will be rallied by emphasizing the inhumanity of depriving children of parents, no matter what the strict legal point may be.

A general meeting of all contributors in the Toronto Area is called by the Citizenship Defense Committee for Sat. March 2, at the Church of All Nations. Items of business include the Committee's Report, the Financial Report to Feb. 16, an outline of the Court decision and a report on the future program of the Co-operative Committee, and discussion of the proposal to form a national federation of Japanese people's organizations.

The work of all committees should be directed to mobilizing widespread public protest against deportation. If we can win on the political front, further legal action will not be necessary. We will also be in a strong position to press our other demands concerning property and removal of restrictions.

It is well to be in readiness for habeas corpus proceedings should the Government attempt deportation. Points to be raised will be the absence of consent in signatures, some cases of no signatures at all, the circumstances of the time such as dismissal from work, etc., the understanding and warding of the repatriation forms, other elements of coercion.

Some intimidation of persons who did not carry out immunization may be attempted. Letters have been sent out by the Department of Labour telling these persons to state their reasons for not completing the treatment. We would like all persons affected to understand that they are not compelled to carry out the inoculations, and the department should be able to figure out the reasons.