

# Citizenship Defense Committee

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Dear Friend:

Our canvasser will call on you within a few days for your contribution to the Citizenship Defense Fund.

You are, no doubt, already aware of the strong, nation-wide public protest against the Government's attempt to remove from Canada some thousands of persons of Japanese ancestry.

This campaign to stop deportation and expulsion is being carried on with the active support of Senators, Members of Parliament, leading newspapers, organized labour, churches, and numerous other organizations and individuals representing all sections of the general public.

Much of this support was organized by the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, composed of sixty Toronto organizations, and similar citizens' committees in Montreal, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Since last Spring, they have worked unceasingly to inform the public of the true facts and circumstances by publishing literature, speaking to meetings, contacting newspapers and the radio, and using every other means of public information. As a result, the public is now demanding that the Government stop deportation and send away only persons desiring to go.

From the first, legal opinion has questioned the validity of the proposed deportation plan. Pressure from the people has now succeeded in having the whole matter referred to the Supreme Court of Canada, where hearings will start on January 24.

Funds are required for both the Court case and mobilizing greater pressure on the Government.

The Citizenship Defense Committee, a joint body of Issei and Nisei, as an affiliate-member of the Co-operative Committee, must meet its quota of expenses. The urgency and importance of success in this campaign for the whole future welfare of Japanese in Canada, demands generous contributions. Our objective for Ontario is 3000 dollars. This means a minimum donation of at least two dollars from each working person, and larger amounts according to individual means and sentiment.

We shall continue our campaign until we have reached our further objectives of full rights and privileges of citizenship, on a basis equal with other Canadians, for all persons of Japanese ancestry. In these efforts, the measure of our success depends entirely on your wise counsel, and moral and material support.

Sincerely yours,

District Canvasser.