

CITIZENSHIP DEFENSE COMMITTEE

506 Jarvis Street
Toronto Ontario

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Dear Contributor:

The Citizenship Defense Committee has called a general meeting of all contributors to the Defense Fund in the Toronto area for Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 P.M. at the Church of All Nations, Queen Street near Spadina.

Items on the agenda are:

1. The Committee's Report on all activities to date, to be given by Shuichi Sasaki, chairman of the Committee and Kunio Hidaka, executive secretary. Full discussion and participation is invited from all persons.
2. The Financial Report, of which a copy is enclosed for your reference, will be given by the treasurer, H. R. Nobuoka. This is an interim report only and covers the period to February 16. Full explanation will be given to questions.
3. An outline of the Supreme Court decision.
4. Discussion on the future program of the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians. In summary, it is as follows:
 - a) deputation to see Mr. King to urge revoking orders in council;
 - b) rally further public protest;
 - c) if Government does not change its policy, to carry out the Privy Council appeal; and
 - d) advise habeas corpus proceedings, should Government commence deportation.
5. Discussion of the proposal to form a national federation of Japanese people's organizations in Canada.

Supreme Court Decision - The Court ruled the following:

- a) Japanese nationals are subject to deportation;
- b) Canadian born and naturalized citizens may be deported as provided in the orders in council; and
- c) wives who did not sign and children under 16 years cannot be forcibly deported.

It should be kept in mind that the Court was concerned, not with the morality or politics, but only with the strictly legal aspects of the orders. The public campaign, so far, has saved 5,963 persons and a substantial number of naturalized citizens who revoked their requests before Sept. 1. In these figures, and in the other categories still deportable, there are persons who still desire to go to Japan. They should be accorded every facility. Yet we are not satisfied with Government policy, whatever the present legal modifications; for family and economic reasons persons in non-deportable categories will have to go and the number is considerably larger. Numbers are an indication of our success, but so long as there is the forcible deportation of even one person, there is the need to continue this campaign.

Sincerely yours,
Kunio Hidaka
Kunio Hidaka, Exec. Sec.