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May 11, 1946.

Dear

We have enclosed copies of the Convention Call and Program issued jointly by the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy and the Citizenship Defense Committee of Toronto.

We hope that your organization will be able to send delegates to this Provincial Convention to be held May 25 and 26. If you have not yet formed an organization, we will welcome a representative as an informal delegate. These persons will have the same status as persons named by organizations. There will be no limit on the number of delegates.

Organizations are requested to name official delegates who will speak for and report back to their organizations.

Delegates are asked to send their registrations in by mail as soon as possible, and should billeting accommodation be required, within the next week.

If you are unable to send representatives, we would appreciate word from you indicating endorsement of the program and proposals.

Sincerely yours,

Kunio Hidaka,
Executive Secretary.

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DRAFT CONVENTION PROGRAM

REGISTRATION - from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Saturday May 25

FEE - \$2.00 per delegate, to include banquet

PLACE - Labour Lyceum, Spadina at St. Andrews, Toronto

MAY 25 - SATURDAY

3:00 PM General Introduction:
Purpose of Convention
Adoption of Program
by Mr. Tanaka, Japanese Canadian Committee
for Democracy (in English)
Mr. Sasaki, Citizenship Defense Committee
(in Japanese)

4:00 PM Election of Committees to study sections of General
Report
on program: a) Government Policy and Legislation
b) Housing and Employment
on organization: a) provincial organization, new areas,
and constitution
b) budget and finance

4:30 PM General Report, Citizenship Defense Committee
Sections on: 1. Review of deportation and court action
2. Government Policy and Legislation
3. Housing and Employment
4. Prov. Organiz., new areas, and Constit.
5. Finances and Budget
6. Proposal for a National Federation

6:30 PM Banquet
8:30 PM Dance

MAY 26 - SUNDAY

10:00 AM Discussion of Reports from Committees
on program: a) Report on Gov't Policy and Legislation
b) " Housing and Employment

2:00 PM on organization:
a) Report on Prov. Organization, New Areas, Constit.
b) " Budget and Finance

4:00 PM Election of Provincial Committee

4:30 PM Discussion on National Federation
a) organization
b) finance
c) functions of headquarters
d) publication

5:00 PM Adjournment

CONVENTION CALL

Issued jointly by the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy and the
Citizenship Defense Committee, Toronto, May 11, 1946

Purpose of Convention

This convention is called with a view to discussing the various problems experienced by the Japanese people in their attempts to re-establish themselves into normal community life. It is proposed that a provincial organization be formed to assist in solving these problems, and as a preliminary first step toward a national federation in the near future.

Some measure of agreement on the objectives of the organization will have to be reached through discussion before we can have a co-ordinated policy for the province. The convention will, therefore, open with reports which will give analyses of our difficulties, and provide the factual background for our discussion. The experience of many people from all parts of Ontario will add a great deal to the worthwhileness of our final decisions.

Convention Program

The most important points to be discussed will be covered by committees. First in importance is government policy and legislation on deportation and resettlement. We shall study these matters and put forth our proposals. In addition, there are the related matters of housing and employment.

On the organizational side, we shall have to adopt a constitution for the provincial organization, and think of ways and means of raising money for expenses. New areas will have to be encouraged to form their organizations and assistance will be suggested.

The attached program indicates the manner in which the convention will progress. Committees will be elected the first day to make a thorough study of sections of the General Report, which will contain draft proposals on program and organizational policy.

Delegates

All areas and organizations are asked to send a number of official delegates who will speak and report back to their organizations. In addition, any number of informal delegates are permitted. It is hoped that all parts of Ontario will consider this convention of sufficient importance to send representatives.

Billeting

Limited accommodation is available, and an arrangements committee is in charge. However, where possible, all persons are asked to make personal arrangements with friends in Toronto, and call on the committee only as a last resort.

Place

All sessions, including the dance, will be held at the Labour Lyceum, Spadina Avenue at St. Andrews.

Time

The convention will be held May 25 and 26. Sessions will open at 3:00 PM Saturday. Registration, except by mail, will commence at 1:00 PM.

Registration Fee

The registration fee of \$2.00 per delegate will include the Delegates Banquet of Chinese food. Out of town delegates are asked to register by mail if possible.

Social Events

A Gala Convention Dance is planned for Saturday night, May 25. A pre-Convention debate will take place on Friday evening, May 24, on the proposition: "Resolved that the secrecy of the atomic bomb is a menace to world peace." This is a feature of the JCCD Educational Committee.

