

ACT NOW!!

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

Seven of the Oregon deportation cases are now before the Board of Immigration Appeals. These cases can be won by an aroused public opinion. **There is still time to save the rights of our foreign born, and our own freedoms, if we act at once.**

- * Write Senator Wayne Morse and your congressmen urging they repeal the vicious McCarran law.
- * Write or wire the U. S. Attorney General asking that charges against the deportees be dropped and that they be granted their long-desired United States citizenship.
- ** Express your views in the newspapers; give this brochure to your neighbor, your union president, your pastor. Ask him to do something, too.

For further information, write to the Committee for Protection of Oregon's Foreign Born, 322 Davis Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

Financial aid is needed to bring these facts to the people of Oregon. Send all contributions to our Financial Secretary, Anna Bell MacKay, Rt. 2, Box 207, Portland, Oregon.

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What These Cases Mean to Us

THE ISSUES INVOLVED . . .

These cases have several factors in common:

All of the deportees have spent their youth in this country.

All have been, or are, active members of trade unions.

All were held under excessive bail.

None have ever been convicted on any crime or for the commission of an overt act. All are charged with "association" or "membership in an organization which allegedly seeks the violent overthrow of the government." BUT—there is absolutely no evidence, in any of the cases, that such a charge is true. Three of the defendants were active participants in the Oregon Workers Alliance, an organization now defunct but recognized by the government as a bargaining agency for unemployed and WPA workers during the depression.

U. S. CONSTITUTION VIOLATED

We believe that to exile non-citizens solely because of membership in so-called "subversive" organizations, is a violation of the United States Constitution. Also in violation of the basic law of our land is the detention of the foreign born without bail! Yet, in 1945, the late Justice Frank Murphy, of the United States Supreme Court, wrote:

"The Bill of Rights belongs to them (aliens) as well as to all citizens . . . Once an alien lawfully enters and resides in this county, he becomes invested with the rights guaranteed by the Constitution to all people within our borders. Any other conclusion would make our constitutional safeguards transitory and discriminatory in nature."

With the threat of deportation of these Oregon residents, many other foreign born live in constant fear. One person in four in Oregon is foreign born, or of foreign born parentage.

WHAT OF THE AMERICAN-BORN CHILDREN?

What will happen to the dependents if their parents are exiled? Deportation of the parents of American born children will undermine the children's security and make of them, in effect, displaced persons. Surely this is a serious infringement of their natural, as well as constitutional rights as American citizens.

THE SHADOW OF FEAR

What will be the effect, in unions for example, if foreign-born members are afraid to seek office, to speak up in meetings? What will happen if this fear poisons associations, and spreads to communities, neighborhoods, even families? All organized labor is indeed endangered by the deportation hysteria. So, too, are the democratic rights of all the American people.

WILL CITIZENS BE NEXT on the Justice Department's thought control list?

Recent construction of concentration camps for "subversives" under provisions of the McCarran Act—the same law which permits intimidation of the foreign-born—points the way to mass detention of all people who oppose Taft-Hartley, or any other anti-labor laws. What of the camp at nearby Tulelake, Oregon, a World War II Japanese internment compound, recently rebuilt, with convict labor, to accommodate up to 20,000 people?

Three important Portland churchmen, the Right Reverend Benjamin D. Dagwell, Bishop Gerald Kennedy, and Rabbi Julius Nodel, have spoken out against these camps. We quote excerpts from the letter they addressed to President Truman:

. . . "the safety of our nation does not depend upon the abandonment of our basic American traditions . . . we of varying religious beliefs cherish the basic rights of our citizens in other respects as well as religious freedom . . . a concentration camp is a concentration camp no matter what other name is used for it."

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Stop the Destruction of American Homes!

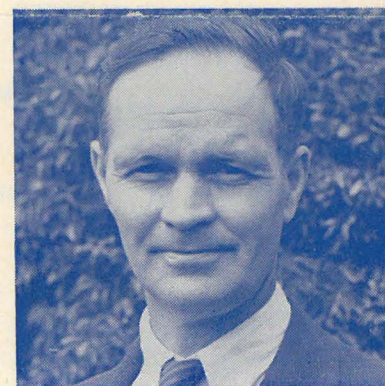
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF OREGON AND THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST:

Remember the four Oregonians—long-time residents of Portland, who were arrested three years ago, in August, 1949, for deportation to lands they had left many years ago? On their behalf, trade-union members, ministers, business and professional people, neighbors and friends organized the Committee for Defense of Four of Oregon's Foreign Born. This committee has since changed its name to, Committee for Protection of Oregon's Foreign Born, because more names have been added to the list of active trade unionists cited for deportation by immigration authorities under the McCarran Law.

MEET THESE DEPORTEES:

HAMISH SCOTT MacKAY, age 47, born in Canada, entered the United States in December, 1928—is a member of AFL Carpenters Local No. 738. He received his first papers and has tried repeatedly to obtain his second papers. He is married, has two American born sons, ages 9 and 17, and his American born mother, one of whose ancestors, Samuel Huntington, signed the Declaration of Independence. He is a member of the Parent-Teacher's Association, and a former cub scoutmaster.

**"If there is an uniuist law, change it at the polls,
and by writing to the legislators."**

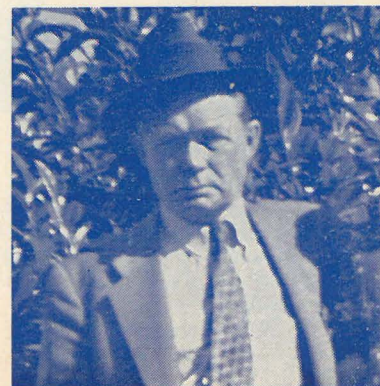


KAROLINA HALVERSON, age 67, born in Sweden, came to the United States in 1903, is a former member of the AFL Building Service Employee's Union; widowed, she struggled for years as cannery worker and janitress to keep her family together and educate her sons. She has tried unsuccessfully to obtain her final citizenship papers. Deeply religious, she has been a faithful church goer in communities in which she has lived. During the depression she worked with the unemployed on the program for more adequate relief and to popularize the need for jobless insurance—which is now a tremendous help to the unemployed. She has four American born grandchildren.

"I do not know this force and violence."

JOHN STENSON, age 68, born in Norway, came to the United States in 1904. Member of CIO, father of three American-born children, four American-born grandchildren. He took out his first papers in North Dakota in 1905, homesteaded in North Dakota in 1909. Former member of AFL painters, Stenson has worked at the painting trade all over the United States, including work on Portland's world famous Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother in 1946. He was active in behalf of the unemployed during the depression. Both Mr. Stenson and Mrs. Halverson are in poor health and friends and relatives doubt that either could survive deportation.

**"I am a taxpayer, but I cannot vote on what
my property is to be taxed for."**



Stop the Destruction of American Labor Unions!

A group of cannery workers, born American nationals in the Philippine Islands and United States residents for many years, have been arrested as part of an attack upon the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union Local 37, Alaska Cannery Workers. Through union organization, they helped obtain higher wages—from an average of \$30 monthly to \$250 monthly, and greatly improved conditions in the salmon canning industry. (These loyal unionists refused to give false testimony against Local No. 37 Business Agent Ernesto Mangaoang.) A recent decision in Seattle Federal Court upheld Mangaoang's deportation. It over-ruled defense argument that Mangaoang was denied due process of law because the hearing against him was conducted while he was illegally in jail and unrepresented by counsel. It also by-passed the contention that, because of their birth as American nationals, Filipinos are not deportable under the McCarran Act. While appeal of this case is pending, intimidation of these workers continues.

IN MEMORIAM

CONSTANCIO CARGADO, age 64, was born in Batangas Province, Philippine Islands, came to the U. S. A. over 40 years ago, has lived in Portland 35 years. He served as Steward in the Merchant Marine in World War II. His friends say his death was caused by worry over the deportation proceedings against him.

A son, Carl Cargado, who is a navy veteran, survives.

ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS PRESENTLY FACING DEPORTATION ARE:



CASIMIRO B. ABSOLOR

Age 45, nearly blind, is a former officer of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union. He has a record of 20 years of useful work in restaurants, hotel kitchens, canneries and cannery ships in the Northwest.



RAMON TANCIO

Age 50, whose wife is American born, is father of an infant son. He entered the United States as a youth for the purpose of studying law.



PEDRO CABORNAY

Age 60, came to Hawaii in 1909 at the age of 17. Moved to San Francisco, then to Portland, Oregon, in 1916. He has resided here since.



FEDERICO DOMINGO

Age 61, came to Hawaii in 1911. Moved to the mainland of the United States in 1913 and has lived here since.

More recently there have been arrests for deportation of other members of the ILWU.