

Save the Seven



The fate of the Seven Jamaican Mothers is still very much at issue. The Federal Human Rights Commission wants to investigate the case, but cannot because the Immigration Department says that the Human Rights Commission does not have jurisdiction in immigration matters, that is, immigrants have no human rights worth protecting.

On Friday, September 29, the Federal Court of Appeal is deciding whether or not the Federal Human Rights Commission has the right to investigate the cases. The Committee Against Racism is organizing a picket line in front of the court, 330 University Ave., at 10:00 a.m. We urge every one to come to support the women and observe the proceedings. If we do not win in the Federal Court, all of these women could be arrested and deported.

The arbitrary decision to deport these women, all black, because they did not list all their children on their applications to come to Canada is part of the government's increasingly racist immigration policy. Such actions, and the government's efforts to blame immigrants for the unemployment brought on by the economic recession, actually encourage racism across the country. The women, Lola Anderson, Eliza Cox, Carmen Hyde, Elaine Peart, Gloria Lawrence, Elizabeth Lodge, and Rubina White, all landed immigrants, came to Canada at a time when their labour was needed. All the mothers work to support their children who still live in Jamaica. They deserve your support, and in defiance of the government's plan to use racism to divide the working class, workers all over Canada have shown tremendous support.

Workers all over Canada have recognized this attack as racist. Financial aid for their case has come from unions. Rallies, fund-raising benefits, and demonstrations have been held in Montreal, Hamilton, London, Vancouver, and Toronto to denounce the government's racist deportations of the seven mothers.

The solidarity with the women has had a tremendous effect. The deportations, ordered as long as 22 months ago, have been delayed because of public outrage. The heroism of the mothers to publicly fight their deportations in the face of the government's attack has been an inspiration to all. With massive support, the deportations can be stopped. We urge all anti-racists to join in this fight against government racism.

Join the CAR rally on Thursday, September 28, at 4:30 p.m. at the Corner of Bloor and Bathurst - the day before their court hearing. Write to Minister of Immigration Bud Cullen, Parliament Hill, Ottawa, to protest the deportation. Pass resolutions in your unions.

Come to the court on Friday September 29. A victory now will be a landmark in the struggle for human rights of immigrants in Canada.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
4:30 p.m.
BLOOR AND BATHURST STS.

RALLY TO
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
10:00 a.m.
330 UNIVERSITY AVE.
8th Fl.

DEMONSTRATION AT
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WRITE TO PROTEST
DEPORTATIONS

BUD CULLEN
PARLIAMENT HILL
OTTAWA