

LESSON 3 SOURCE 3.21 **LETTER OF PROTEST: A. SUZUKI**

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P.H. Russell
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of the 3rd instant.

I do not wish to appear rude and it is not my intention but I would like to put the facts before you in withholding signatures for this case until the court appeal is settled upon.

Before leaving Vancouver your men had told us that this process was to protect us and in your assurance we had our business put into our local agents whom we trusted as you had promised that if and when they have proved reliable that they will be able to deal directly with us. But now you say according to Ottawa this land has been sold.

You have gone against our wishes, also without even consulting us, as any citizen of Canada would have the privilege of giving assent or refusal, and as long as we are not hindering production I feel before God that we have the right to contest it. After all what are we (Canada) fighting for? Not that same treatment the Nazis gave the Jews we practice here in our own country! But that Canadian citizens be free to exercise their rights and To contribute to the betterment of this land of our birth.

This seems as if we are not cooperating but we must stand for the right. I am sure you will understand when you put yourselves in our position.

Hoping things will clear up soon.

Yours sincerely,
"Aya Suzuki" - #08121

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