

DO YOU KNOW MARIE RICHARDSON?

She was born and bred in your community and she has spent most of her 31 years trying to help better the conditions of her people in Washington. You may have met her in some activity of the Vermont Ave. Baptist Church or heard her speak when she was Executive Secretary of National Negro Congress. Maybe you met Marie Richardson at a meeting of the Red Caps of America; of the NAACP; of the United Cafeteria Workers, Local 471; of the Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax; of the Progressive Party or of the National Council of Negro Women. She has given outstanding service to all these organizations and during World War II, the U.S. Government presented Miss Richardson with two Merit Awards for her contribution to the Civil Defense Program.

WHY SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT MARIE RICHARDSON?

Even if you never heard of Marie Richardson before this minute, it is important for you to know about her now. WHY? Because what happened to Marie Richardson CAN happen to you. The Government that honored this you Negro woman a few short years ago now seeks to put her in jail for 40 years and to make her pay a fine of 10,000 dollars. WHY? The U.S. Government says that when Marie Richardson applied for a government job in 1949, she gave false information, and she must go on trial January 17, 1952 to defend herself against the charges. This same Government just recalled hundreds of its employees - already been cleared by a "loyalty" board - to endure questioning all over again and perhaps lose their jobs. This Government refuses to intervene when a law officer murders a Negro in cold blood in Groveland, Florida. Internal Revenue employees are charged with receiving "several million dollars in bribes for helping big corporations conceal war PROFITS FROM TAX LEVIES." President Truman does not intend to discipline any Government employees so accused. Marie Richardson received no bribes. She fought for the betterment of her people and so this Government calls her a "Communist" and threatens her with jail. If the Government can make good on this threat, NO government employee's job will be safe. What happens in the trial of Marie Richardson affects millions of people. It affects YOU.

IF YOU HELP MARIE RICHARDSON, YOU HELP YOURSELF!

Time is valuable. Marie Richardson goes to trial on January 17, 1952. Your Constitutional rights go to trial on January 17, 1952. An Emergency Committee to Defend Marie Richardson has been formed with headquarters at 1924 13th Street, N.W. The telephone number is NORTH 9866. Join The Committee at once! Contribute funds to carry on the legal defense! Write or wire to President Truman and J. Howard McGrath, Attorney General of the United States, demanding that the Government drop the indictment against Marie Richardson. Write letters to your newspapers protesting this case. Remember! IF YOU HELP MARIE RICHARDSON, YOU HELP YOURSELF!

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