

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 3, 1945.
 Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.
 Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--A. Bird, Canadian Seamen's Union; O. Kon, A. E. Smith, Longshoremen's Association; G. North, U. F. A.W.U., Vancouver Local; J. Maxwell, Shore Workers Local, U.F.A.W.U.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Members present:--Showler, Smylie, Eaves, Parkin, Herrett, Stevenson, Holmes, Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Alderman H. L. Corey informing the Council that he agrees with all the things contained in the resolution from this Council favoring a Civic Centre but that he believes we have overlooked the matter of a distributor street. Further, that the matter is being held up until the engineer and Mr. Bartholomew have discussed this feature. The executive recommended the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(2) Hon. C. D. Howe, informing the Council that Mr. Ralph O. Campney, K.C. of Vancouver is Chairman of the Regional Council of the Department of Reconstruction for B. C. "On motion received and noted."

(3) W. M. Sharp, secretary Federal Housing Committee informing the Council that the Housing situation in Vancouver is being studied at the present time by this committee. "On motion received and noted."

(4) National Film Board requesting three delegates to attend a meeting on July 12th to discuss the idea of fuller participation in the work of the Trade Union Film Circuits. The executive recommended that three delegates attend. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted and delegates Gervin, Holmes and Herrett appointed."

(5) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(6) Labor Arts Guild requesting financial assistance in obtaining prizes for the forthcoming exhibition which will be held November 13th to December 2nd in the Vancouver Art Gallery. The executive recommended that the Unions be asked to take note. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(7) A member of the Armed Forces in Eastern Canada requesting that this Council bring pressure to bear upon the Government to keep men who are serving in Canada and unable to go overseas in their own Provinces. The executive recommended this matter be left with the secretary to take up with the proper authorities. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

The executive recommended that this Trades and Labor Council call a recess until the 2nd regular meeting in August. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

The executive recommended that this Council donate \$50 to the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council to assist in replacing their loss from the recent fire and that affiliated locals consider a financial donation. "On motion recommendation of the Executive adopted."

The Executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:-- Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported having received the following credentials and the committee recommended the delegates be seated:--Edmund L. Howard, P. O. Munro, George M. Morrison, J. H. MacGregor, A. Will, Street Railwaymen, Division 101. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."
Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported assisting Building Service Employees in organizing different buildings throughout the City. Interviewed Simmons and McBride. Also interviewed different laundries in connection with the laundry workers' agreement. Meet with the Distillery Workers' Executive and held meetings of the laundry workers in New Westminster. Had the pleasure of attending a meeting when a charter was installed for Shingle Weavers in this City.
Press Committee, delegate Parkin reported that the Press Committee had agreed to hold a meeting on the Monday prior to the first regular Council meeting. Due to a holiday this meeting was not held.

Secretary reported submitting a brief to the Royal Commission on Veterans' Qualifications and expected possibly a further meeting in the near future.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Milksalesmen 464, delegate McCulloch reported his organization had signed an agreement with a closed shop and check-off clause with the Frasca Farms Dairy. The agreement covers 51 men. President Showler thanked the carpenters for the assistance rendered in having this dairy signed up.

Hotel and Restaurant Local 28, delegate Watt reported having signed up the Parkview and Golden Goose Restaurants. The Golden Goose on Cambie Street is the first Chinese-owned house to be signed up.

Sign Writers 726, delegate Clarkson reported his local had received an adjustment in wage increases through the Regional Board bringing his members rates up to the 1929 level. Also reported an increase of 100% in the membership.

Embalmers and Undertakers' Assistants 23374, delegate Dougall reported that his Union had been successful in obtaining through the Regional War Labor Board a reduction to 5 1/2 hour week for his members. This considered good progress when we realize that the embalmers were working as high as 100 hours a week two years ago.

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Hospital Employees Local 180, delegate Black stated his Local had now been certified. The membership at present is 400 and the Union has entered into negotiations for an agreement, which would include the cost of living bonus with the present salary.

United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union, Vancouver Local, delegate North reported the strike had ended and the Union had been successful in all but one case where there is a quarter of a cent dispute. This matter will be dealt with through arbitration. Reported that there had been complete unity between all fishermen's groups during the dispute. Remarkable cooperation. Condemned one of the daily papers for their editorial which suggested one group being played against another.

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QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate Mathieson, Plumbers Local 170, asked if it was true that employing companies had arranged before any agreement was signed with a Trade Union that such agreement would be submitted to the C.M.A. for approval. President replied that he had no knowledge of this. Then, Plumbers Local 170, requested to know what position the Trade Unions were in in regard to Bowen Island. Secretary replied that there was no reason why local unions should not hold picnics at Bowen Island as in any event the question of rents had not yet been finally dealt with by the Rental Controller.

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The Credential Committee was asked to report at this time to enable delegates who had not as yet received the obligation to be seated.

Delegate Stevenson reported having received the following credentials and the Credential Committee recommended that the delegates be seated.
Machinists Lodge 1857, Rose Sokoloski and G. H. Bird.
I. A. of Fire Fighters 256, George Warnes and David Anderson
Boilermakers 194, Robert Buxton. Bakery Sales 189, T. J. Johnston
Jewelry Wkrs. #42, Frank Stephens and Henry Miller.
Carpenters Local 1251, for Harry Kelleher.
Carpenters Local 452, Ivan Carlson, G.A. Sanderson, R.C. Mason
Aeronautical Lodge 756, for E. S. Kennedy. Machinists 182, W.M. Mitchell
"On motion the report of the Credential Committee was adopted."

The following delegates were then obligated: Div. 101, Street Railway, G. Morrison, H. McGregor, P.C. Munro, E. Howard; Carpenters 452, R.C. Mason, G.A. Sanderson and I. Carlson. I.L.A., G. T. Bryce; Bakery Salesmen Local 189, T. Johnston; Hotel & Rest. 28, Miss Moodie; Boilermakers 194, T. Buxton; Gas Workers 376, J. Thompson. C. S. U. J. McCartney: U.F. 44, W. Donaldson; Jewelry Wkrs. 42, H.C. Miller, F. Stephens; Painters 138, G. Kassian.

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Members present: S. Smylie, J. Stevenson and R. K. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Community Chest, requesting that they be given time to show the film "Investment in Tomorrow" at the regular meeting of Sept. 4th. Executive recommended that the film be shown. "On motion endorsed."
- (2) Canadian Seamen's Union, enclosing a resolution requesting support in their endeavor to oppose any reduction in the earnings of Canadian Seamen. "On motion resolution endorsed and forwarded to the proper authorities."
- (3) Div. 101, requesting endorsement of a resolution making the six hour day compulsory by law with no reduction in take-home pay. "On motion endorsed."
- (4) Vancouver City Council, a recommendation of the Building Comm. "On motion received and noted."
- (5) Local 452 requesting that the matter of restaurants charging 10¢ for a cup of coffee be taken up with the proper authorities. "On motion this to be taken up with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board."
- (6) Lethbridge Trades and Labor Council, and the Saskatoon Trades and Labor Council enclosing books of tickets which they are selling to raise funds for a Labor Temple. "On motion received to be left in the Secretary's office where they might be purchased by members."
- (7) American Federation of Labor, copy of a resolution dealing with the Canadian Seamen's Union, which was passed at the last convention. Executive recommended the communication be received and filed. An amendment, moved and seconded that the matter be referred to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada for attention. "Amendment carried."
- (8) Victoria Trades and Labor Council requesting support on matters to be placed before the Government. "On motion referred to the Provincial Executive."
- (9) Victoria Trades and Labor Council urging a Provincial Conference to be called by the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion referred to the Provincial Executive."
- (10) Victoria Trades and Labor Council, a letter of appreciation for the donation of \$50.00 from this Council which was sent to help defray expenses incurred by the recent fire. "On motion received and noted."
- (11) Victoria Trades and Labor Council, enclosing minutes of their last meeting. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(12) Div. 134 St. Railwaymen, a resolution recommending that the Trades and Labor Congress Executive call meetings in the different provinces to discuss matters of importance to be placed before the Govt. "On motion resolution adopted."

(13) St. Railwaymen 134, a resolution requesting this Council to denounce the dictatorial decision of Pres. Wm. Green in removing Courtney Ward as a delegate to the Cleveland Federation of Labor because he advocated affiliation with the World Labor Federation. "On motion the resolution was adopted."

(14) Aeronautical Lodge 756 requesting assistance in bringing pressure to bear on the Federal Govt. to make known their plans for re-employment of war workers and pointing out the serious situation facing women workers in this Province with such few jobs available most of which are domestic. "On motion communication endorsed and to be taken up with the proper authorities."

(15) from Delegate Evelyn B.A. Arton, requesting the Council to notify the Government that this Council will not stand for sex discrimination and that no women having worked in organized industry will be denied full unemployment insurance benefits through refusing domestic or other unorganized labor. "On motion recommendations endorsed and the matter to be taken up with the proper authorities immediately."

"On motion the Executive report as a whole was adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Secretary reported having appointed Del. Cormack to represent this Council at the New Westminster Labor Day Rally.

Further reported having interviewed Selective Service, Chairman of the Reconstruction Council in this District and finally taking the question of employment of war workers up with the Minister of Reconstruction. Also having placed the whole situation before the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada which is meeting now in Ottawa.

Del. McCulloch reported for the Labor Day Committee to the effect that 52 Unions had donated to the fund and that it is expected some of the Unions will yet be donating. Plans have been made for musical entertainment in cooperation with the Musicians Union, a long sports programme has been arranged which will commence at 1 p.m. at Brockton Point Oval.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:

Embalmers Union, Delegate Dougall reported his Union recently obtained a ruling from the Regional War Labor Board whereby the hours for embalmers and undertakers assistants was reduced to 54 hours per week. Employers made application to appeal which was refused by the Regional Board and they have now made application to the National Board for an increase in the hours to 70 per week. C.T. Edwards and Harron Bros., are not appealing.

Milk Salesmen 464, Del. McCulloch reported having signed an agreement containing a closed shop with the Nanaimo Dairy. This is the first agreement this Union has been able to sign in the city of Nanaimo.

Bakers 468, Del. Kemiss, reported his organization now in process of negotiation. Have reduced the hours from 47 to 44 per week and increased the holiday period. The Employers have agreed to sign the application to go to the Regional Board and that they will do everything in their power to see that a favorable decision is made.

Also reported attending a meeting of United Steel Workers who were on strike. Took part in the meeting but could find no delegate representing the Trades Council there. Does not favor action of the officers of the Council in not taking a part in such meetings.

Truck Drivers, Del. Solem reported that during the strike at the American Can there were rumors that "hot" cans had been hauled by truck drivers and pointed out that there were no cans hauled by truck drivers of his organization and if any cans had been hauled they were hauled by members of a Union affiliated with the strikers.

Local 433, Del. McDermott reported his organization had signed an agreement with the Canadian Bemis Bag Co., covering all employees.

Int. Seamen, Del. Markey reported that during the strike no cans had been moved. He had sat on the advisory Council of the striking Committee and was pleased with the support given by the Seamen.

Aeronautical Lodge 756, Del. Kennedy reported his Union had completed an Agreement marking the first time that Boeings had signed a maintenance of membership. Regretted that such extensive layoffs in industry are taking place at the present time. Have no official report on figures as yet.

NEW BUSINESS:--

Moved, seconded and carried that the Executive be instructed to set up a new Committee on the six hour day.

It was moved and seconded that this Council have an Executive member sit on the Council For Layoffs. The Chairman ruled this motion out of order.

Del. Bryce appealed the ruling of the Chair. Delegate Jamieson was asked to take the Chair.

Del. Bryce stated that he appealed on the grounds that there was nothing in the Constitution that prohibits this Council from sending delegates to meetings with the representatives of the C.C.L.

The Chairman stated that the Constitution required that this Council could not appoint delegates to meet with a dual organization.

"On motion 58 voted to sustain the chair while 65 voted against." The Chairman declared the appeal carried.

Vice President Smylie resumed the Chair and the discussion on the original motion continued.

An amendment was moved and seconded that a delegation from this Council of all Unions affected by layoffs meet Premier Hart tomorrow. Delegate Barton rose to a point of order stating that the amendment is out of order as it had no relation to the motion. The Chairman ruled that the amendment was out of order. "The motion carried."

Del. Markey moved that this Council concur in the decision of the American Federation of Labor convention regarding the status of the Canadian Seamen's Union. The motion was not seconded.

It was moved and seconded that this Council ask the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada President to see that the Congress constitution is lived up to. "The motion was lost."

Moved, seconded and carried that this Council rescind its former approbation of part time work.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

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R. K. GERVIN, Secretary.

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Executive reported on meeting held the same evening with the following members present: Showler, Smylie, Neelands, Parkin, Herrett, Holmes, Stevenson and Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:--

(1) Office of the Prime Minister, Dept. of Transport and Dept. of Labour, informing the Council that the resolution expressing opposition to any suggestion of a reduction in the wages of Seamen had been received and was presently under consideration by the Minister of Labour. "On motion received and noted."

(2) Wartime Prices and Trade Board informing the Council that the letter drawing attention to the 10 cent charge for coffee in some restaurants had been received and that this was legal under order #9589 Feb. 6/45. "On motion received and noted."

(3) Welfare Council; notice that an exhibit entitled "Art in Living" will be on display at the Art Gallery August 31 to Sept. 19. "On motion received and delegates asked to take note."

(4) Aeronautical Lodge 756; a resolution urging that the practice of firms keeping on file the personal record and labor history of all employees be discontinued. "On motion referred to the Labor Government Committee."

(5) Building Laborers 602; a resolution demanding an investigation by the Federal Govt. into the reasons for violations of Price Control by the Timber Control Board when lumber was ordered sold at retail instead of wholesale prices for Housing projects. "On motion referred to the Secty. to investigate and take action."

(6) Local 28; a resolution requesting that the matter of workers being allowed to earn more than \$1.00 per day while on Unemployment Insurance be discussed with the Commission with a view to protecting Trade Union Agreements. "On motion received and to be taken up with the Commission."

(7) Continuation Committee of All Union Conference; notification of a mass meeting to be held Sept. 5, at 339 West Pender at 8 p.m. "On motion received and delegates asked to take note."

(8) Victoria & Dist. Trades & Labor Council; minutes of their last meeting. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(9) University of B. C., requesting a delegate to represent this Council on the Provincial Committee of the C.B.C. Citizen's Forum. Executive recommended that a volunteer be called for. Del. S. Shearer volunteered.

(10) Education Committee B.C. Teachers' Federation; a call to a meeting to discuss questions relating to education. "Executive recommended that delegate Oates be asked to attend. Recommendation endorsed."

(11) Wkrs. Education Assoc., call to a conference of Veteran Labor problems, Sunday Sept. 9th. "On motion received and delegate Parkin asked to attend."

Moved, seconded and carried that the Executive report as a whole be adopted."

President Showler rose at this time to thank Mr. Dalrymple for the very fine story of the A. F. of L. and Trades Congress of Canada labor movement in British Columbia which appeared in the Labor Day week end edition of the Daily Province.

At this time, as arranged at the previous meeting, Bro. Harold Box, showed the picture on behalf of the Community Chest. The picture was well received by all the delegates.

Del. Bartlett pointed out some of the good work the Chest was doing and urged support.

Del. Bengough pointed out that the Chest is doing excellent work but in his opinion this is a problem for the Government.

Del. Box pointed out that the picture was now available to any Union who would care to have it shown at their meetings.

Del. Sanderson pointed out that in his opinion the Government is on the way to establish means of taking over this work.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Delegate Showler reported on a meeting of the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada: that everything was ready for the Convention and the Call had been printed, but due to war regulations the meeting had to be cancelled and will be held in Windsor next year.

The Executive met the Prime Minister, as well as Mr. Ilsley, Mr. Howe and Mr. Mitchell, placing before them a brief urging reconversion pay, a maximum 40 hour work week, the prohibition of reduction of pay, the lifting of restrictions from building materials, that necessary public works be immediately commenced and that the conversion of war plants suitable to peacetime production be speeded to the utmost.

Copies of the brief will be sent to all affiliates in Canada with the request that it be endorsed and forwarded to the members of Parliament.

Mr. Ilsley stated that tax reductions were not going to be anything like Congress had asked for. Mr. Howe stated that figures of National Selective Service showed several hundred thousands laid off but that there were also several hundred thousand jobs available.

President Showler urged all members laid off to register for Unemployment Insurance immediately.

On the question of Seamen's Unions, the Congress executive is making every endeavor to bring about a satisfactory settlement on this matter.

The Montreal Council has been suspended and will stand suspended until the next Congress convention.

On the World Trade Union Congress there were ten telegrams received from organizations in Canada, 2 from affiliates of this Council. The Congress has decided against affiliation with the World Trade Union Congress, one of the many reasons being that the cost is prohibitive and that Canada would have no representation on the Executive Body.

It was also reported that the Trades Congress now have their own Union button and have had stamps printed urging organization, purchase of Union Label goods.

The Cigarette fund is still being carried on to find cigarettes for Canadian soldiers who are wounded or prisoners.

The Saskatchewan Government is the first Government to sign a closed shop agreement with its civil servants.

The Financial statement of Congress is not yet available.

"Moved, seconded and carried that the report be received with thanks."

Organizing Committee: Del. Herrett Chairman, reported attending 2 meetings of Domestic Workers and all who attended these meetings had signed applications and prospects are good for an organization. Followed up contacts for office employees Local without satisfactory results so far. Attended three meetings of Laundry Workers in New Westminster. Have made eight attempts to contact Manager of Royal City Laundry and on the final attempt was able to obtain a proposal on wage scale which the Union membership could not agree to. The Management will meet again to discuss the proposals further.

Credential Committee: - Del. Smylie reported receiving credentials for the following, Willis Moore, Carpenters Local 2404; John Hines and Geo. Kassian, Painters Local 138 and J. C. Atherton, Shinglers 2346. "Moved, seconded and carried that the delegates be accepted."

Delegate McCulloch reporting for Labor Day Sports Committee, stated that due to the rain the picnic and sports scheduled for Sept. 3rd had been called off and would be held Sunday, Sept. 9th, weather permitting.

Secretary Gervin reported attending All Union Conference on Lay Offs, when it was decided to place the following proposals before the City Council and the Provincial and Federal Governments:

- (1) Severance Pay
- (2) 40 hour maximum work week
- (3) Federal-Provincial Conference
- (4) Special session of the B.C. Legislature
- (5) Shipbuilding in Vancouver area
- (6) A delegation to Ottawa.

A two day conference was held at the City Hall with representatives of all organizations interested. After considerable discussion the Mayor has promised to send letters to Premier King, Mr. Howe and Mr. Ilsley and Federal Members of the House of Commons on the question of Severance Pay; the maximum 40 hour week he has promised to take up with the Federal and Prov. Ministers of Labor; the question of a delegation to Ottawa, led by a representative of the City Council, will be discussed by that body and reported later.

A delegation of Union representatives will proceed to Qualicum to place the proposals before the convention of the Mayors of B. C. Municipalities. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary reported on behalf of the Provincial Executive that it was now found practically impossible to hold a conference of delegates of Unions in British Columbia inasmuch as there are 218 affiliated locals which would mean bringing more than 100 delegates from out of the City. The Provincial Executive will discuss this matter and make recommendations to obtain the information from Local Unions who may have matters to place before the Government.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:

Delegate Herrett Barbers 120, reported his Union had signed up a shop at 425 Seymour Street.

Aeronautical 756, Del. Parkin reported that his organization is steering all Union members into other Unions who are being discharged at Boeing Aircraft.

Carpenters 452, del. Bengough reported his Union making an effort to obtain holidays with pay, working in conjunction with the Building Trades Council. Would request that affiliated Unions send communication to the Provincial Government endorsing the stand of the Carpenters for holidays with pay.

President Showler reported that the Teamsters had appointed another organizer to take charge of the organization of drivers supplying building material. Urges that workers on buildings request the driver to produce his Union button.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved, and seconded that this Council go on record as favoring an amendment to the Provincial Shops Regulations and Half Holiday Act to allow shops to remain closed all day on any stated day each week the whole year, and that a letter be written to the Union of B. C. Municipalities in convention at Qualicum, B. C., asking them to endorse this amendment. "Motion carried."

Moved, seconded and carried that the Building Committee take under consideration the repair or renewal of seats in this hall.

Moved and seconded that this Council urge the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to reconsider its decision on not sending delegates to the World Trade Union Congress. "Motion carried."

Moved and seconded that this Council petition the Dominion Government to investigate the American Can Company under the "Combines Act."
"On motion carried."

The following resolution was moved by delegate Cormack:

WHEREAS the Provincial Voters List of 1941 may be used in the coming Provincial election, and
WHEREAS a great number of those eligible to vote will not be on the voters list due to a shift in population, also many men and women from the Services who did not vote in 1941,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council go on record as demanding a revision of the Provincial Voters' list in order that all those eligible to vote will have the opportunity of exercising their democratic rights, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we seek the support of all organized labor and Veterans' organizations on this question.

"On motion the resolution was adopted."

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Burt Showler
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, September 18th, 1945.
Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.
Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.
Executive report on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: Showler, Smylie, Neelands, Holmes, Parkin, Stevenson, Herrett, Gerwin.

The President introduced Brother Foster a delegate of the Calgary Trades and Labor Council who was visiting the City.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Trades and Labor Congress enclosing copy of a letter which was presented to the Prime Minister and Ministers directly concerned dealing with six points and requesting this Council to give it the widest publicity possible. The six points are as follows:

1. That all citizens who have been engaged in essential civilian industry be immediately allowed a "reconversion pay" during this period of dislocation on a basis of one month's pay for each year's service up to three years;
2. To spread available employment, a maximum forty-hour week be put into effect, with no reduction in wages;
3. To create confidence and maintain buying power, that general reductions of pay be prohibited;
4. That restrictions be lifted from building materials and that the construction of homes be carried on with the same effort, ingenuity and dispatch as was displayed in the production of urgently needed war materials;
5. That necessary public works be immediately commenced; and
6. That the reconversion of all war plants suitable to peacetime production be speeded to the utmost.

Executive recommended that Federal Members for B. C. be written to stressing the need of action on these points. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(2) Labor Arts Guild requesting that they be allowed to use the name of this Council as sponsors of concerts in Vancouver during the Winter season. The executive recommended the communication be received and filed. An amendment was moved and seconded that no action be taken by this Council until the secretary has discussed this matter with the secretary of the Labor Arts Guild. Amendment carried.

(3) National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship requesting this Council to place an advertisement or greetings in their Souvenir Program. The executive recommended that an 1/8th page ad be purchased. The executive's recommendation adopted.

(4) Union of B. C. Municipalities informing the Council that after debate the submissions of the delegates to that Convention on Labor proposals to meet layoffs were approved in principle. "On motion received and noted."

(5) International Molders Local 281 informing the Council that their Local is in accordance with the proposal for a 6 hour day. "On motion referred to the 6 hour day committee."

(6) Local 452 enclosing a resolution supporting holidays with pay for industrial workers and urging that this matter be taken up with the Provincial Government. "On motion referred to the Provincial Executive."

(7) Canadian Legion, the B. C. Federation of Labor, replies to letter sent out requesting support in having a revision of the Provincial Voters' List. "On motion received and noted."

(8) Provincial Secretary pointing out that the registrar of Voters for the Province recommended the present system of registration in view of all the circumstances surrounding the forthcoming election, and their endeavor to facilitate the registration of voters. "On motion received and noted."

(9) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council copies of the Victoria Labor Annual and requesting support of this Council to bring the Trades and Labor Congress Convention to Victoria in 1947. "On motion received and noted."

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(10) Institute for Inter-Racial Friendship requesting a delegate at a luncheon meeting to be held September 19th. "On motion received and left with the secretary for investigation."

(11) Lodge 756 request the Council to urge upon affiliated Locals to practice the acceptance of universal transfers. "On motion received and the affiliated unions asked to give this matter friendly consideration." motion adopted.

(12) W. R. Offer requesting support of the Citizens of White Rock in petitioning the Federal Government to deed to the Municipality of Surrey that portion of the land presumably the Semiahmoo Indian Reserve for the purpose of a public Park. The executive recommended that the delegates be asked to sign the petition. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(13) President, American Federation of Labor replying to a resolution forwarded from this Council protesting the action of the A. F. of L. president in removing Courtney D. Ward as delegate to the Cleveland Federation of Labor. President Green pointed out that he had not removed Courtney Ward but that he was removed by a vote of the delegates to the Cleveland Federation of Labor, and that this action was taken because he refused to comply and cooperate with the painters' delegates representing their International Union at the Convention of the American Federation of Labor. President further pointed out that the policies of the A. F. of L. are formulated at Convention and members are obligated to carry out such policies until changed at a later convention. "On motion communication received and noted."

On motion executive's report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported on the following applicants and recommended that the delegates be seated. Recommendation adopted. Francis McDermott, J. Christianson, Agnes Nickel, Ed. W. Smith, Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 433; Nick Kopatic, U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local; A. Blais, John Hall, Taxi Drivers 151.

Secretary reported on the activities of the All Union Reconversion Committee. Delegates proceeded to Qualicum and placed the committee's proposals before the Union of B. C. Municipalities convention. After discussion the convention adopted the proposals.

The committee met with the Provincial Cabinet on Tuesday, September 18th. The delegation was headed by his Worship Mayor Cornett, and included representatives of the Ministerial Association, Veterans' organizations and Board of Trade. The Cabinet were very sympathetic with the proposals and agreed to send a delegate to Ottawa with the Committee and assist in financing the delegation. They also suggested that a permanent committee be set up to keep in touch with Federal Government on this matter. The executive recommended that the secretary be authorized to proceed to Ottawa with the Reconversion Committee delegation. Recommendation adopted.

Secretary reported that there had been 2 meetings held with Unemployment Insurance on the question of allowing workers while on Insurance to earn up to \$1 per day. Further meetings will be held to continue discussion on this question. "On motion report of secretary adopted."

President announced at this time that the following committee had been set up to deal with the 6 hour day: G. M. Morrison, Division 101, Chairman; R. McCulloch, Milkmen 464; G. Johnston, Retail Clerks 772; R. Osman, Machinists 692; J. Stevenson, Carpenters Local 452; R. K. Gervin, Secretary.

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported that several meetings for the Vancouver Home Service Workers Union had been held. Good progress being made, Charter having been applied for. Initiation fee to this organization \$2, dues \$1 per month. Requests assistance of delegates in continued organization work. Attended meeting of Building Laborers Union with International Representatives. Attended organizing meetings of shingle weavers. Two charters have now been installed in this District.

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Have been successful in making arrangements to meet the management of the Royal City Laundry this week. "On motion report adopted as progress."

Delegate McCulloch, Chairman sports Committee reported that the sports which were scheduled for Labor Day had been held on the following Sunday. Being a fine day a large crowd attended, approximately 4000 being present. Sports were run off in good time. There was an excellent display by the Pro-Rec and exhibition walkers.

Delegate Tompleton reported attending a meeting of the Education and Democracy Committee. It was pointed out that as this meeting was called by the Teachers' Federation they would prefer some delegate other than a teacher. The object of this committee is to urge Canadian unity through education. It is expected that they will form a good educational group in B. C. It is hoped that the unions will have delegates attend. One thing that may be stressed is the continuing of education to 18 years of age. President Showler thanked the delegate and suggested that 2 or 3 delegates attend the next meeting.

Delegate Smylie pointed out that very often a child reaches the age of 18 and regardless of how good a pupil he may be he is very often deprived of an education through lack of finances to proceed. This is a matter that should be rectified.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Milkmen 464, delegate McCulloch reported that commencing October 1st his union will go on daylight delivery hours. There will be no union milkmen on the streets before 6 o'clock in the morning.

Hotel and Res. Local 28, delegate Watts reported having recently returned from a Convention in Calgary at which restaurant workers in the three prairie provinces and B. C. were represented. Plans have been laid for the organizing of hotels in this City. This is a large undertaking and must have the support of all unions. It is their intention to organize all the workers in the hotels and unless other unions serve notice now all workers will be organized.

Barbers Local 120, delegate Herrett reported his union had been successful in organizing shop at 574 1/2 Granville Street.

Civic Employees Local 28, delegate Pears reported that at the last meeting his Local had registered 51 new members and these were generally taken in without initiation fee from other Unions.

NEW BUSINESS:-- The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas an ever increasing series of crimes are being committed in Vancouver against persons and property; and

Whereas this condition of affairs is creating an alarming state of fear and tension among our women folk, and citizens generally; and

Whereas our fire department is having to fight fires with out-of-date equipment and a great shortage of firefighters and fire fighting machinery.

Therefore be it resolved that this Trades and Labor Council demands that the City Council give immediate consideration to increasing the personnel and equipment of the police and fire departments.

Moved and seconded that this Council recommend to the City Building Department and Provincial and City Fire Marshals that action be taken to bring certain classes of buildings under compulsory installation of automatic sprinkler system. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this Council protest the action of the Chairman of the U.B.C.M. in addressing the secretary of this Council when he attended the Convention of Union of B. C. Municipalities. Carried.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1945.
Meeting opened at 8 p.m. Vice President Smylie in the Chair.
Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated:--Agnes Nickel, E. W. Smith, Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers 473; Lydia Rankin, A. L. Gordon, Shore Workers Local; L. Hill, Engineers 963; A. Blais, Taxi Drivers 151;

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: Smylie, Neelands, Herrett.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Wm. Green, President of American Federation of Labor drawing attention to the necessity of protecting the rights of boys and girls to adequate education and other preparation for life and work in view of the fact that young people are no longer essential to production or community services. "On motion noted and filed."
- (2) G. S. Pearson, Provincial Secretary, acknowledging receipt of letter of September 20th enclosing resolution of the Council protesting against the disenfranchisement of men and women from the Armed Forces because of lack of opportunity to register for the voters' list. "On motion noted and filed."
- (3) City Council acknowledging receipt of resolution from Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council asking that immediate attention be given to the matter of increasing the personnel and equipment of the police and fire departments. "On motion noted and filed."
- (4) City Council giving information that at a meeting of the Fire, Police and Traffic Committee held on October 1st the members of the War-time Advisory Transportation Committee had been commended for excellent work done by them in regard to traffic conditions. "On motion noted and filed."
- (5) City Council advising that at a meeting of the Fire, Police and Traffic Committee attention was drawn to the influence of the Radio, Movies and Press on the minds of juveniles and that they had recommended that the Attorney-General consider the question of imposing stricter movie censorship. "On motion noted and filed."
- (6) Circular from the Tenants and Owners League setting out the aims and objects of this Organization. "On motion noted and filed."
- (7) National Film Board asking permission of the Council to show a picture "A Friend in Need" at tonight's meeting of the Council. The request was granted.
- (8) City Firefighters Union extending appreciation and thanks to President Showler and Secretary Gervin for assistance given that organization in the matter of improving their working conditions through the inauguration of the 48 hour week. "On motion noted with appreciation".
- (9) United Brotherhood of Carpenters embodying a resolution requesting the Trades and Labor Council to investigate and seek information in regard to press reports that meat producers had been requested to reduce their production of meat. "On motion noted and endorsed."
- (10) Minutes Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."
- (11) Canadian Seamen's Union enclosing a resolution supporting the C.S.U. in its demand that the Dominion Government permit no cut in the earnings of seamenmanning Canadian or Foreign-going ships and sponsor legislation making the eight hour day compulsory on all Canadian vessels plying inland and coastal waters. "On motion their request was granted and the resolution endorsed."
- (12) Native Brotherhood of B. C. setting out a communication that organization had forwarded to the Honorable W. L. Mackenzie King asking on behalf of the Native Brotherhood of B. C. for more generous treatment from the Government in the matter of assistance to the elderly people as received from the Department of Indian Affairs. "On motion communication was endorsed."
- (13) Canadian Legion acknowledging receipt from the Council dated September 20th of a letter with which had been sent the Council's resolution in regard to request that opportunity be given returned veterans to register on the Provincial Voters' List. "On motion noted and filed."

The following resolution was on motion adopted:

Whereas hundreds of returning men and women from the Armed Forces will be disenfranchised in the forthcoming Provincial Election by reason of being unable to register in person by September 17th.

Therefore be it resolved that the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council go on record as being in favor of enlisting the support of all organized workers and Veterans' organizations in demanding that all service men and women who return to British Columbia by October 25th, be allowed to vote by being sworn in at the polls on Election Day.

with the addition that copies be sent to Trades Councils in B. C.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

L. G. Smylie T. P.
President

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

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(14) Labor Arts Guild enclosing copy of a resolution addressed to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, the Minister of Education for B. C. and members of parliament asking that the Government of Canada actively participate as a member of the United Nations Educational and Cultural organization. "On motion this was referred to the Secretary of the Council." The report of the Executive as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--**Credential Committee**, delegate Smylie reported on the following credentials:--**Arthur Coleman, Painters Local 138; L. A. Roach, Leslie C. Hill, Edgar O. Smith, Engineers Local 963.** "On motion report received and delegates seated."
Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported on meetings held on behalf of the laundry workers of New Westminster and of the Building Service Employees. "The report was on motion received."
 Delegate Herrett also reported that the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners No. 2802 had decided to seek affiliation with the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council. "The report was on motion received with thanks and the application accepted."

Report of Secretary Gerwin was read regarding the resolution from the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union protesting against the Unemployment Insurance Regulation which permits workers to earn \$1 per day while on Unemployment Insurance. The secretary reported that under the circumstances that the matter should be considered by all delegates to the Council giving particular attention as to how this would affect their particular trade. The report was received and recommendation adopted.

Another report from Secretary Gerwin regarding the Institute for Inter-Racial Friendship was read and it was on motion decided that the report be held over pending inquiry into the status of this organization as it appears there is another organization having similar objects.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--**Barbers Local 120**, delegate Herrett stated that the shop of Stan Rushton, 2135 West 4th Ave. had been recently organized and now displayed the shop card.

U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, delegate Rigby reported his organization is present negotiating on behalf of members engaged in herring fishing. He also reported that his organization had detailed information regarding the non-opportunity for registering voters at Namu.

Hotel and Res. Employees 28, delegate May Ansell reported covering activities of that organization in the matter of securing new agreements.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved, seconded and carried that two delegates be elected from each organization and this delegation will meet with the Provincial Cabinet as soon as possible and demand that all ex-servicemen and ex-service-women be given the right to vote on October 25th by being sworn in at the polls.

Moved, seconded and carried that a committee of six be appointed at this meeting to investigate the ousting of brother Courtney D. Ward from the Cleveland Federation of Labor and the attitude of President William Green on this question. The committee appointed were delegates Barton, Rigby, Gerwin, Eaves, Irving, Cormack.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Federal Government be asked to make provision for the payment of old age pension to persons 60 years of age.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Provincial Secretary be immediately communicated with asking that special effort be made to enable returned veterans to exercise their franchise at the forthcoming Provincial Election.

Moved, seconded and carried that the committee appointed on six hour day actively take up the work of promoting the idea of a six hour work day.

Moved, seconded and carried that a communication be sent to Hon. J.L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance asking for information regarding Family Allowances.

Meeting adjourned.

S. G. Smylie, T. P.
President

R. H. Neelands,
Acting Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 16, 1945. Meeting opened at 8 p.m. Vice President Smylie in the Chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to the affiliated Unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--**A. J. Coleman, Painters Local 138; Len Roach, E. C. Smith, Engineers Local 963; W. More, Pile Drivers 2404.**

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: Smylie, Parkin, Neelands, Herrett, Stevenson, Holmes, Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) B. C. Federation of Labor requesting a delegate to a Conference on Sunday, October 14 to discuss ways and means of aiding the Windsor Strike Committee. The executive recommended the communication be received and noted. The secretary reported delegate O. E. Herrett had attended the meeting on behalf of the Council and would report under the proper order. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Taxicab Drivers 151 requesting endorsement of a bylaw urging the City Council to incorporate in the taxicab bylaw a clause adopting the standard taxicab known as "built for the purpose cab". The executive recommended endorsement and that the request to place this before the City be complied with. Executive recommendation adopted.

(3) Provincial Secretary informing the Council that an Order in Council was passed clearing away any obstruction re returned soldiers voting who were not able to get on the list by September 17th. "On motion received and noted."

(4) Retail Clerks requesting endorsement of a resolution supporting fully the present 5 day week in the retail industry. "On motion the resolution was endorsed."

(5) Town Planning Commission requesting 2 delegates be appointed to a meeting on October 29th to hear reports on important developments which are taking place. The executive recommend that delegate Gerwin and Herrett attend. The executive recommendation adopted.

(6) Canadian Seamen's Union enclosing telegram to and from Premier John Hart regarding representations made to the Provincial Government urging that seamen be treated the same as armed forces in the forthcoming election and requesting this Council take similar action. The executive recommend the Seamen's request be complied with. Recommendation adopted.

(7) Canadian Seamen's Union requesting the Council to urge the Government to adopt their shipping policy which has been placed in the hands of all delegates attending the previous meeting. The executive recommend endorsement and that the request be complied with. Recommendation adopted.

(8) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(9) Lodge 756 urging this Council to request the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Executive to immediately deny responsibility for the statements of John Noble, Fraternal Delegate to the British Trade Union Congress, when he supported George Meany in his statement regarding the A. F. of L. and the World Trade Union Conference. The executive recommended that the Trades Congress be requested to give the actual statement of John Noble and to state whether or not such statement was authorized by the Trades Congress. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(10) Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 170 enclosing a resolution requesting that the Political Action Committee be instructed to bring recommendations to the Council that will ensure labor representation on the 1946 Vancouver City Council. "On motion referred to the Political Action Committee."

The Executive recommends that this Council endorse the 9th Victory Loan Drive. Recommendation adopted.

"On motion the executive report as a whole was adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Political Action Committee, secretary Gerwin reported that the committee met for the express purpose of considering the matter of obtaining labor representation on the City Council, and the possibility of sponsoring candidates in the forthcoming Civic Election. The committee recommend:

1. That this Trades and Labor Council sponsor the nomination of two labor representatives in the forthcoming Civic Elections, said candidates to be chosen by delegates assembled in regular Council meeting.
2. That the campaign to elect two candidates be financed by Local Unions affiliated to this Council.
3. That nomination of candidates take place at the next regular meeting as a special order of business at 9 p.m.
4. That delegates accepting nomination shall agree before hand that they will run as representatives of organized labor and while welcoming support of all citizens shall not accept endorsement of any other organization, political or otherwise.

Considerable discussion followed the reading of the report. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be adopted.

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported that an application had been received from Home Service Employees Union for affiliation. Committee recommended that this application be accepted and the organization requested to appoint delegates. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Herrett reported attending a meeting of the Labor Arts Guild. The concert was excellent and the Guild is doing a good job of bringing out local talent. They are desirous of having this Council lend its name as a sponsor for concerts and endorsing their action in asking the Federal Government for a representative of Canadian Art at the United Nations Educational and Cultural organization, which will be held in London in the near future. He would recommend that this Council wholeheartedly support the request to send a delegate to the United Nations Conference. "On motion report adopted."

Herrett reported attending a meeting called by the B. C. Federation of Labor to support the Windsor Strike Committee. The conference went on record as demanding government intervention to force the Ford Motor Company to consider the just demands of the workers in a signed collective agreement. "On motion the report adopted and this Council to have a member on the committee."

Committee on Courtney Ward Expulsion, delegate Barton reported:

1. committee recommend that a letter be sent to the International office of the Painters and Decorators of America requesting full information on the expulsion of Courtney Ward from the Cleveland Federation of Labor.
2. That a letter be sent to the Cleveland Federation of Labor asking for full information on the expulsion of Courtney Ward.

"On motion recommendations of committee adopted."

Six Hour Day Committee report; committee recommended that in view of all circumstances and until further study is made of employment figures that a strong resolution be sent to the Provincial Government urging the immediate adoption of a maximum 40 hour week with the same take-home pay throughout industry in B. C.

The committee further recommend that a copy of this recommendation be forwarded to all Councils requesting that they urge upon their Provincial Government the adoption of a 40 hour week.

It was moved, seconded that the report be adopted. Considerable discussion followed and it was moved and seconded that the matter be referred back to the committee. The amendment to refer back was lost and the recommendation of the committee carried.

Delegate Stevenson reported that a meeting of the Advisory Building Committee had been called for a luncheon in Spencers Dining Room. Delegate Stevenson took this matter up with the secretary who stated that he had overlooked the fact that Spencers was on the non-patronage list but at that time the meeting could not be changed. Delegate Stevenson reported he was not at the meeting.

Delegate Templeton reported on a meeting of the management committee for a conference on education. It was decided at this meeting to charge a fee of \$5 for each association supporting the conference and 50¢ registration fee from each individual representing other groups. Topics of the conference among others will be:

- Teen Agers:
 School Program
 Compulsory School Attendance
 Teen Age Employment
 Leisure Time
 Delinquency
 As National and World Citizens
 "On motion report adopted."

The report of Delegate R. Gerwin and E. Holmes of the Reconversion Committee's meeting in Ottawa with the Federal Government will be typewritten and forwarded to all locals with the minutes of this meeting.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Barbers Local 120, delegate Herrett reported his union had organized a barber shop at 1703 1/2 West Georgia and one at 994 Denman Street.

U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, delegate Rigby reported the deadline set for negotiations speeded things up and an increase of 1¢ per pound for herring had been agreed upon.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin

R. K. Gerwin,
 Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 549 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, November 6th, 1945.
Meeting opened at 8 p.m. Vice President Smylie in the chair.
Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:--Smylie, Neelands, Parkin, Horrett, Eaves, Stevenson, Holmes, Gorvin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Provincial Executive Trades and Labor Congress notification of a Provincial Conference taking place in Vancouver November 22nd and 23rd. Executive recommended that delegate Watts represent the Trades Council at this Conference. "Executive's recommendation adopted."
- (2) City of Vancouver informing the Council that request submitted by the Taxicab Drivers Union whereby a clause be incorporated in the Taxicab Bylaw adopting a standard taxicab known as "built for the purpose cab" be again laid on the table. "On motion received and noted."
- (3) B. C. Seamen's Union informing the Council that as the matter of politics has no place in the constitution of that Union the members are not desirous of taking part in sponsoring candidates in the Civic Elections. "On motion received and noted."
- (4) Bakery and Confectionery Workers 468 informing the Council that after thorough discussion that Local are not endorsing the recommendations of the Political Action Committee on nominating candidates in the Civic Elections and no funds will be made available from that union. "On motion received and noted."
- (5) International Longshoremen's Union informing the Council that local is not in favor of sponsoring the nomination of labor representatives in the Civic Elections and will not participate in financing the candidates. "On motion received and noted."
- (6) Sheet Metal Workers Local 280 informing the Council of a resolution passed at their regular meeting protesting the action of this Council in sponsoring candidates in the Civic Elections. "On motion received and noted."
- (7) St. Railwaymen Division 101 enclosing a resolution requesting the Council to contact all other political labor groups for the purpose of unity so that the people will have an opportunity of electing candidates that will represent them and that the Council publish their program so that the electors will know what they are voting for. The executive recommended this resolution be referred to the Political Action Committee. "Recommendation adopted."
- (8) St. Railwaymen Division 101 endorsing the action of the Trades and Labor Council in nominating candidates in the Civic Elections and requesting that a Conference be called of all political action committees affiliated or representatives from Unions who have no political action committee for the purpose of planning a campaign to elect labor's nominees. The Executive recommend adoption and refer to Political Action Committee. "Executive's recommendation adopted."
- (9) United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union stating that union had endorsed the action of the Trades and Labor Council and authorized an appropriate contribution to the campaign to elect delegates to the City Council. The letter further stated that the union favors a policy of cooperation between the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council and the Vancouver Labor Council in the nomination of candidates in the Civic Elections. "On motion communication received and resolution referred to the Political Action Committee."
- (10) Lodge 756, Aeronautical Employees, enclosing a check for \$150 as a donation to the Civic Elections Campaign which was endorsed by the membership of that Local. "On motion received with thanks."
- (11) Teamsters Joint Council 36 stating that Council had concurred in the action of the Trades Council in nominating candidates in the Civic Election and suggesting that a special per capita tax of 1¢ be levied on Locals affiliated to the Trades and Labor Council as long as necessary to meet expenses. "On motion received and contents noted."
- (12) Medicine Hat Trades Council stating that Council had prepared a Brief on the 40 hour week which will be presented to the Provincial Government. They also inform this Council that they are sponsoring three candidates in the forthcoming Civic Elections in that City. "On motion received and noted."

- (13) Wm. Gray, communication dealing with amputation cases and the phantom limb. "On motion received and noted and the writer congratulated."
- (14) Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 170 enclosing a resolution reiterating that Unions position in opposition to the chlorination of our water supply and requesting this Council to obtain all information possible on the subject. "On motion resolution endorsed."
- (15) Painters and Decorators 138 enclosing a resolution urging the Council to go on record as being opposed to part time labor and urging affiliated unions to ban part time labor wherever possible. "On motion resolution adopted."
- (16) B. C. Provincial Government Employees Association informing the Council that Association had decided by a vote of 2072 to 819 to affiliate with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion received and noted."
- (17) C. C. F., B. C. Section, suggesting that this Council protest to the Provincial Government against the recent disfranchisement of thousands of war workers and others. "On motion endorsed."
- (18) Vancouver Federation of Labor Youth requesting a donation of \$20 every 2 months from this Council to assist organizing of the youth labor movement in B. C. "On motion received and noted."
- (19) Minutes of Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."
- (20) Children's Jubilee Summer Camp notification of Annual meeting to be held November 18th in the Y.M.C.A. at 1:30 p.m. Executive recommended delegate C. Gower attend on behalf of the Council. "Recommendation adopted."
- (21) Labor Arts Guild requesting financial assistance to obtain money for prizes for the annual exhibition. Executive recommended this Council donate \$10. "Recommendation adopted."
- (22) Kitsilano Chamber of Commerce enclosing a resolution demanding that all ships required for service in Canadian Coastal or inland water be constructed in Canada. "Resolution endorsed."
- (23) Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 170 enclosing a check for \$25 a donation to the Civic Election Campaign. "On motion received with appreciation."
- (24) Industrial Production Board requesting that their agent be permitted to show a 25 minute film on Labor-Management Production Committees at a Council meeting. The executive recommended that the picture be shown at the first regular meeting in December. A delegate from the Projectionists' Union pointed out that these men were not members of that organization. "The matter was on motion referred to the secretary for investigation."
- (25) National Film Board requesting permission to show a film at the regular Council meeting once each month. The executive recommended that the film "Now the Peace" be shown at 9 p.m. next regular meeting and that the Council decide after the film is shown whether or not they should be shown monthly. "Recommendation adopted."
- (26) Local 433 Vancouver Converters, Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers informing the Council of a letter received from a former delegate in which he states dissatisfaction with the manner in which boys are being repatriated. "On motion the matter left for investigation and appropriate action."
- (27) H. J. Pritchett, copy of a telegram from the Ford Strike Committee requesting support. The executive recommended that a wire be sent to the Acting Prime Minister urging immediate action on settlement and withdrawal of police and that the President of the Trades and Labor Congress be notified that the delegates to this Council are prepared to take whatever action he might recommend in support of these strikers. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (28) Vancouver Council for Canadian Soviet Friendship Call to a Conference on November 23rd, 24th and 25th. Executive recommends that a volunteer be called for from the delegates to attend this Conference. Delegate Shearer volunteered.
- (29) B. C. Federation of Labor requesting endorsement of the Ford Strike and that the affiliated locals be urged to cooperate fully with the Provincial Strike Committee in their campaign for 1 day's pay. The executive recommended that the request be concurred in and local unions to give this matter friendly consideration. Recommendation adopted.

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The executive reported a special meeting was called on October 29th to meet with the Executive of the Vancouver Labor Council at their request for the purpose of discussing the nomination of candidates in the forthcoming Civic Election. Members present; Herrett, Smylie, Parkin, Eaves, Stevenson, Holmes, Gervin. From the Vancouver Labor Council; Leary, Robinson, Woolgar, Lucas, Turner, Pritchett, Morgan.

A general discussion took place and it was suggested that if the campaign is to be a success there must be complete unity of the two Councils.

It was suggested at this meeting that a continuation committee of representatives of both Councils be set up to carry on the work and keep both Councils informed of all factors pertaining to and matters arising from time to time throughout the Campaign.

At this evening's meeting your Executive considered this matter after consulting with the Political Action Committee and recommend that the Political Action Committee meet with the representatives from the Vancouver Labor Council to discuss ways and means of electing candidates in the forthcoming Civic Election.

"On motion the executive report as a whole was adopted."

The chairman stated that the next order of business would be the election of two candidates who would represent this Council in the forthcoming Civic Election of Aldermen.

Delegate Howard rose at this time stating that North Vancouver too should have candidates from this Council in the forthcoming Civic Election.

Delegate Alty rose to request information on how many in the Hall were not actually delegates. It was shown that 4 people in the hall were not delegates and it was moved, seconded and carried that visitors be permitted to remain and the courtesy of the Council be extended to them for the balance of the meeting.

Nominations:---T. Dunlop, Street Railwaymen Division 101; J. Henderson, Engineers Local 882; T. Parkin, Aeronautical Lodge 758; R. K. Gervin, Street Railwaymen Division 101; F. Carlisle, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 170; R. McCulloch, Milkmen 464. Delegates Gervin and McCulloch declined. The remaining four candidates stated that they had property qualifications and were prepared to stand as aldermanic candidates. Some discussion arose as to whether or not a nominee was eligible if he was not present at the meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried that the nomination of J. Henderson be accepted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that should one of the delegates elected be found to not have property or other qualification that the runner-up in this election would then become a candidate. The chair appointed R. McCulloch, W. Clarkson, W. Rigby, T. Wear, to act as teller. The ballot distributed and count showed J. Henderson, 109; T. Parkin, 107; T. Dunlop, 61; F. Carlisle, 32; Chair declared delegates Henderson and Parkin elected, with T. Dunlop a runner-up.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this endorsement be unanimous and every delegate present do everything possible to assist in the election of these candidates.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Credential Committee:---The secretary reported on behalf of the credential committee. The committee recommended that the following delegates be seated:---Wm. Haines, Machinists 131; L. J. Richier, Ivor Davies, T. W. Heppell, Fred V. Holtsbaum, Brick and Clay Workers Local 136; H. Harris, Gas Workers Local 376; William Jacobson, Eleanore Bello, Paper Makers, Local 452; Mrs. Josephine Hallock, Eva J. Cornfield, Home Service Employees Local 211; E. Roy Hawken, Jewelry Workers Local 42; R. N. Clark, Leonard LaBerge, Harold J. Stubbins, Electrical Workers 213. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

NEW BUSINESS:---It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council write all affiliated unions asking them to do their utmost in supplying financial support to the Windsor Ford Strikers.

The following resolution was presented by delegate Cormack: Whereas, the result of the strike in Windsor, Ontario, will to a great extent determine the future policy of the Trade Unions in Canada.

Therefore Be It Resolved that this Trades and Labor Council go on record as being in favor of requesting the Trades and Labor Congress Executive to meet with the Executive of the Canadian Congress of Labor for the purpose of calling for a general stoppage of work by all unions affiliated with the two Congresses.

An amendment was moved and seconded that this matter be left in the hands of the Congress Executive to take what action necessary to bring this strike to a successful conclusion. The amendment was carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary write the B. C. Power Commission requesting a copy of the contract the Commission entered into with the firm of Bloedel, Stewart and Welch.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council donate \$100 to the Windsor Ford Strikers.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Paul Showler
PRESIDENT

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, November 20, 1945.
Meeting opened at 8 p.m. Vice President Smylie in the Chair.
Minutes of the Previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated:--R. N. Clark, Local 213 Electrical Workers; H. J. Stubbins, J. LaBerge, Electrical Workers Local 213; Mrs. J. Hallock, Mrs. Cornfield, Home Service Employees Local 211; E. Bello, W. Jacobson, Paper Makers Local 456.

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Members present: S. Smylie, O. Herrett, J. Stevenson, T. Parkin, J. Eaves, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) F. Carlisle, stating that owing to the disqualification of Broderick Henderson and the possibility of R. Gerwin being drafted for aldermanic candidature he wished to withdraw his name as nominee. The executive recommended that the withdrawal be accepted. Recommendation adopted.

(2) T. Dunlop confirming his decision previously given to retire as aldermanic candidate in the forthcoming Civic Election. The executive recommended that the communication be received and withdrawal accepted. Discussion followed with delegate Cormack opposing the recommendation and an amendment was moved, seconded and carried that the matter be laid over until the executive's recommendation on nomination be received. Executive recommended that having received information that delegate Henderson who was nominated by the Trades Council could not qualify as candidate in the Civic Election and the retirement from the field of the two runners-up, the executive of the Council at a special meeting Saturday, November 10th, nominated R. K. Gerwin to fill the gap. It was moved, seconded and carried that the recommendation of the executive be adopted.

Discussion followed and requests by delegates made for a statement from the runners-up at the previous nomination. Both delegates stated that they had withdrawn from the field feeling that if it were possible to have the secretary stand it would be to the advantage of the Council. Delegate Irving stated that in his opinion there was something "fishy" regarding the whole matter. Delegate Cormack stated he was not in favor of the recommendation as it was undemocratic.

The secretary explained that delegate Henderson had informed him he could not qualify. The secretary immediately contacted the runners-up informing them of the situation when the runners-up stated that they would like to decline if the secretary would fill the position. Having this information an executive meeting was called for the following day when the executive made their recommendation. Secretary presented suggestions that executive had participated in anything "fishy" or "underhanded". Further stated that he was not personally interested in the nomination for alderman and would accept it only on the basis of a candidate from this Council. The executive recommendation was adopted with one dissenting vote. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Council accept this recommendation unanimously. The motion was carried.

(3) United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Local 1251 and B. O. Projectionists' Society with checks for \$50 and \$100 respectively, which they wish turned over to the Windsor Ford Strike Committee. "On motion received with thanks and checks forwarded."

(4) Taxicab, Stage and Bus Drivers Local 151 enclosing a resolution urging support before the City Council of a brief dealing with regulation taxicab limousines. "On motion request complied with."

(5) President Local 200 U. A. W. urging this Council to organize a one day protest strike to force withdrawal of police from Ford plants, President St. Catharines Trades Council urging the Trades and Labor Congress to meet with C.O.L. for purpose of calling general strike. These telegrams had been referred by the secretary to the President of the Trades and Labor Congress. Also a wire sent to the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Labor demanding the withdrawal of police. "On motion secretary's action endorsed."

(6) From Trades and Labor Congress stating they have no authority to order or advise affiliated unions to cease work and that unions affiliated would be ill-advised to consider participation in a sympathetic strike. "On motion received and noted."

(7) W. E. A. urging this Council to affiliate. The executive recommended this Council affiliate. "On motion the executive's recommendation adopted."

(8) Brewery Workers Local 300 enclosing a resolution requesting the Trades Council to organize a work stoppage for one day if the Ford Strike is not settled by November 15th. "On motion received and noted."

(9) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(10) Junior Board of Trade requesting a donation for their "Get Out The Vote" campaign. "On motion filed."

(11) Percy R. Bengough, number of matters that should be placed before the Provincial Government at the earliest possible date. "On motion received and referred to the Provincial Executive."

(12) Percy R. Bengough, press release advising affiliated unions not to consider any participation in sympathetic strikes as these experiments have been tried many times and proved disastrous. "On motion received and noted."

(13) Railway Carmen Local 58 objection to nomination of candidates in the forthcoming municipal election. "On motion received and noted."

(14) Bookbinders Local 105 stating they are opposed to the Council running candidates in the forthcoming Civic Elections and the undemocratic method by which the resolution to sponsor candidates was passed recently by the delegates to the Council. "On motion received and noted."

(15) Sheet Metal Workers Local 314 opposing the manner in which candidates were selected and nominated for the forthcoming Civic Election. "On motion received and noted."

(16) New Vista Society bringing to attention the enclosed pamphlet on the work being done by the Society and illustrating the importance of carrying on this work. "On motion received and filed."

(17) Building Trades Council requesting endorsement of a communication sent to the Minister of Labor protesting the letting of contracts to contractors who will not abide by conditions of work and rates of pay as laid in this Province. The executive recommended the endorsement of the communication and a protest be made. Recommendation adopted.

Report of executive as a whole was adopted.

At this time delegate Harold Box, representing the National Film Board showed a film entitled "Now the Peace". A discussion trailer followed the film wherein delegates to the Trades Council were shown discussing this subject. Delegate Box was thanked by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the National Film Board be permitted to show a film each month at the end of the regular business of the second regular meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:-- Credential Committee -- Delegate Stevenson reported for this committee and recommended the following delegates be obligated and seated:--A. Percy Hayes, John T. Kierstead, V. O. Larson, Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 2802; John S. Bleakley, Engineers Local 882. "On motion the recommendation of the committee adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported contacting representatives of employees in Frozen Foods and turned contacts over to Retail Clerks. Held three meetings of Laundry Workers in Vancouver and New Westminster. The Royal City Laundry have now come to an understanding and the agreement is to be presented soon to the Regional War Labor Board. The committee met the office workers representatives and also attended their regular meeting in connection with an organizing campaign. Attended a meeting of the Home Service Employees Union. Installed a charter for that Local from the Trades Congress. Attended a meeting with the Hotel and Restaurant Employees officers before the Board of Industrial Relations regarding hours of work for female restaurant help. "On motion report accepted."

Windsor Ford Strike Committee, delegate Herrett attended a meeting called by the B. C. Federation of Labor when arrangements were made asking all members of unions to donate one day's pay. A further meeting on Friday the 16th was held and it was reported that \$9,000 had been forwarded to date from the workers in this province. The following resolution was passed:--That this meeting recommend to the National Executive of both Congress that they set up a joint committee to set a national policy and

take whatever action within their power to mobilize a labor movement of Canada in effecting an immediate settlement of the Ford Strike. Report adopted.

Courtney D. Ward Expulsion Committee, delegate Barton reported the following: Committee met Saturday morning November 17th at 10 a.m. Members present, J. Barton, R. Cormack, J. Irving, J. Eaves, R. Gerwin. A communication from the Painters' International Union was read but to date no information has been received from the Cleveland Federation of Labor requested.

The committee recommend that this Council write the American Federation of Labor requesting the decision on the appeal by the International Painters' Union against the expulsion of Courtney Ward without trial from the Cleveland Federation of Labor.

The committee further recommend President Green be asked to use his office to have Cleveland Federation of Labor forward the information requested to this Council. "On motion report was adopted."

Teachers' Education and Democracy Committee, delegate Templeton reported a conference held on Saturday last. Attended teen age group discussion. Delegate stated there was a move afoot to increase age for leaving school from 15 to 18 years. Suggests a committee of this Council be set up to lay policy on part time students in industry, pay rates, etc. The chairman asked the delegate to carry on representing this Council.

Delegate Gower reported attending the Children's Jubilee Summer Camp Annual Conference. Good progress being made and urges locals to support the committee.

REPORTS OF UNIONS--Hospital Employees Local 180, delegate Black reported the Municipal employees in B. C. with 20 locals have made application for affiliation with Congress; 3500 workers affected. New Westminster employees have a signed agreement with a union shop clause. Local 180, Hospital Employees will have a signed agreement within the next three days.

Barbers Local 120, delegate Herrett reported having put in shop cards at 7991 Granville Street, Wells, B.C.; and at Quesnel, B. C.

Civic Employees Local 28, delegate Rees reported his local have collected \$507 for Windsor Ford Strikers.

Office Employees Local 15, delegate Macrae reported their local had discussed the nominations of candidates in the Civic Election and action was endorsed. Members have announced their willingness to assist committee.

Hotel and Restaurant Local 28, delegate Emily Watts reported campaign in Hotels progressing well. This is a tremendous field. Asked assistance from delegates who might be able to furnish contacts. Building service employees working with this union and very harmonious relations exist. Where craft unions are concerned prospective members are referred to these locals.

Shore Workers Local, Al Gordon reported his union has donated \$1300 to the Windsor Ford strikers. Four new locals have been organized into the United Fishermen's Union at Prince Rupert.

Street Railwaymen Division 101, delegate Morrison reported his union has collected \$500 for Windsor Strikers.

Bakers Local 46, delegate Kemmis reported his Union got an agreement signed with all the bakeries except Brown Bros. Although this firm headed the list of Master Bakers they have refused to sign an agreement. The patience of the members are exhausted and unless the agreement is signed arbitration will be applied for Wednesday at 3 p.m. If a satisfactory settlement is not reached through arbitration, strike action will be taken.

Painters Local 138, delegate Eaves reported his union has donated \$50 to the Windsor Ford Strikers and \$50 to the Election campaign.

Delegate Gerwin reported a meeting of representatives of all unions on the question of drafting a platform for Labor's candidates in the forthcoming election. The meeting recommended a platform consisting of seven points. It was moved, seconded and carried that the recommendation of this meeting be adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the affiliated locals be asked to finance a campaign for the Civic Candidates by doubling per capita for a period of two months.

Moved, seconded and carried that delegate Rigby be appointed Campaign Manager in the forthcoming Civic Election.

NEW BUSINESS:--Delegate Cormack submitted the following resolution: Whereas the future of the Trade Union Movement will depend to a great extent on the united, progressive, and militant action of all organized labor.

Therefore Be It Resolved that this Council go on record in favor of lifting the ban against the Shoeworkers Union, C.C.L., an affiliate of the Vancouver Labor Council, and recognize that group of workers as being members of a legitimate trade union.

An amendment was moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Grievance Committee. Amendment carried.

The following resolution was moved by Cormack:

Whereas it has been the policy of the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, with one exception, to meet the Provincial Government as a separate unit on matters pertaining to the welfare of the workers.

Therefore Be It Resolved that this Council go on record as instructing the Provincial Executive to contact the Vancouver Labor Council and the Railroad Organizations for the purpose of making joint demands on the Provincial Government.

It was pointed out that the Trades and Labor Council could not instruct the Provincial Executive.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, December 4th, 1945.
Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.
Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated:--H. Harris, Gas Workers Local 378; J. S. Bleackley, Engineers Local 882.

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Members present:--Showler, Neelands, Parkin, Holmes, Eaves, Stevenson, Herrott, Gervin.

Executive reported that the first meeting in January would fall on a holiday and recommend that regular meetings be held on the third and fifth Tuesdays of that month. "On motion executive recommendation unanimously adopted."

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) B. O. Projectionists' Society informing the Council that they have no objection to Mr. R. Jackson using his machine to show a sound slide film at meetings. "On motion received and noted."
- (2) Canadian Seamen's Union requesting endorsement of a resolution to be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Labor, urging amendments to the Canada Shipping Act, Section 249 (1) (E) which prohibits organizing on board ship and is being used as a wedge against collective bargaining and union security. The executive recommend endorsement of the resolution. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (3) Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28 stating their meeting went on record endorsing the action of the Council in nominating Labor candidates in the Civic Elections. "On motion received and noted."
- (4) U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, enclosing checks from the Vancouver Local and the Shore Workers Local to the amount of \$200 for election campaign fund. "On motion received with thanks."
- (5) Operating Engineers Local 963 enclosing a check in favor of the Ford Strike Committee and notifying the Council they have doubled their per capita for 2 months to assist in the Civic Election Campaign. "On motion received with thanks."
- (6) Commercial Telegraphers, forwarding \$478 for the Windsor Ford Strike Committee. "On motion received and noted."
- (7) Division 101, Street Railwaymen requesting endorsement of the following resolution:
"That this meeting repudiate the attempt by the Non Partisan Association to deceive the people of Vancouver into the false belief that organized labor has any connection or sympathy with them. We regard the strangle hold of the Non Partisan Association in the election of candidates to civic office as not in the best interests of Vancouver citizens. Therefore we welcome the lead given by organized labor through the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council in nominating Labor candidates for Aldermanic office, and pledge full support for, and confidence in these candidates." The executive recommend that the communication be received and that the attached statement be published in all three papers. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- "The candidates nominated by organized labor merit and welcome the support of all sections of the community. R. K. Gervin and Tom Parkin were nominated together by the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council and have been endorsed by organized labor as a whole. The program on which they are conducting their campaign has been approved by both the Trades and Labor Council and the Vancouver Labor Council and deserves the support of all organizations and individuals who are sincerely interested in making Vancouver a better city to live in for all its people. Support for Labor's program and endorsement of Labor's candidates by all is appreciated as a mark of confidence in Labor's choice and is in accord with organized labor's desire to work together with all groups of citizens for objectives that would be beneficial to the welfare of Vancouver."

"It must be stated however that selection by any organization of one or other candidate, nominated by labor, and inclusion of such candidate in a slate together with other candidates, not considered or endorsed by labor has not been solicited or approved by the Trades and Labor Council.

"Without wishing to express any opinions about the merits of other candidates we wish it to be fully understood that organized labor accepts full responsibility for the candidates it has nominated who are running as straight labor men, we welcome the support of all sections of the communities but can accept no responsibility for other candidates whom it has not itself considered."

(8) Hotel and Restaurant Local 28 informing the Council that a joint organizing committee from that Local and the Building Service Employees Local has been set up in an endeavor to organize hotel service employees in Vancouver. There is a large field and good progress being made. Further state that new agreements have been signed in the Niagara Sea Foods, 425 West Pender; Parkview Restaurant, 1968 West Georgia; Douglas Cafe, 844 Main; Kitty's Lunch, 830 Main; the FISH AND OYSTER BAR, 766 GRANVILLE STREET IS NOT A UNION HOUSE. "On motion communication received and noted."

(9) Vancouver Labor Council suggesting that Labor nominate candidates in North Vancouver in the forthcoming election. Executive recommend this matter be left with the Political Action Committee to investigate and proceed if practical. Recommendation adopted.

(10) Seafarers' International Union enclosing a resolution with the request that it be endorsed along with amendments to the Canada Shipping Act under which an unprecedented number of arrests of seamen on vessels of the Park Steamship Company is credited. The executive recommend the resolution be endorsed and forwarded. Recommendation adopted.

(11) Air Force Association requesting endorsement of a campaign by that organization to raise funds for Association headquarters. Mr. O. A. Perkins appeared at the meeting and spoke briefly on the urgent need for a headquarters for returning air force men. The executive recommend that the efforts of returned men to obtain headquarters are worthy of support. President thanked Mr. Perkins for appearing and giving an explanation. Recommendation adopted.

(12) Vancouver Public Library urging support of the Library money Bylaw which will be submitted to citizens December 12th. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(13) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(14) Lodge 692 I. A. of M. informing the Council that following the appearance of this Council's candidates in the Civic Election at their meeting that a motion was passed rescinding a former motion to endorse and financially support 2 candidates from this Council in the said elections. "On motion received with thanks."

(15) Sheet Metal Workers Local 280 informing the Council that Local supported the Ford Strikers and forwarded a sum of \$250. "On motion received with thanks."

(16) City Clerk informing the Council that on representations made by organized labor the Council have urged the Dominion authorities to adopt a 5 point program satisfactory to labor on the question of maintaining a Canadian Merchant Marine, shorter work hours and war bonus. "On motion received with appreciation."

(17) Labor Progressive Party informing the Council that S. B. Ryerson, National Education Director of the L.P.P. will deliver a lecture on "Monopolies vs Canadian Unity", on December 6th at 8 p.m., 339 West Pender Street. "On motion received and noted."

(18) Provincial Minister of Labor acknowledging a protest from this Council against the fact that firms had obtained contracts which were not carrying out the work under union conditions in this Province. The Minister stated that this firm was among the lower prices for the job and Government felt that had to be considered. Further stated that in future a close check will be kept to see that firms conform with statutory conditions in B. C. "On motion received with thanks."

Note: It was moved, seconded and carried that the secretary provide a list of Local Unions to the Air Force Association with the request that books be sent out to each local.

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(19) Mayor Cornett inviting a representative to a meeting December 5th at the City Hall to discuss employment situation. Executive recommended secretary attend. An amendment was moved, seconded and carried that this matter lay over to New Business.

The Executive recommended adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, there are thousands of men released from the Armed Forces as well as from war industries presently unemployed; and,

Whereas, veterans and labor organizations efforts in sending delegations to the City, Provincial and Federal Governments have failed to move these authorities to any attempt to meet this situation.

Therefore Be It Resolved that this Trades and Labor Council urge the Federal Government to implement labor's proposals.

And Be It Further Resolved that the Reconstruction Minister, Mr. Howe, be asked to fulfil his promise of full employment made to 1944 Congress Convention and immediately put in operation a works program to meet this unemployment crisis.

Considerable discussion followed the recommendation of the Executive and an amendment was moved that we prepare a nation-wide campaign of all trade unions and veterans organizations to bring about a remedy to this situation. An amendment to the amendment was moved and seconded that this Council take direct action on the Government to make reconstruction council operative and increase labor representation on such Councils. The amendment to the amendment was carried.

Brother Reg. Jackson, Field Rep representative, for the Industrial Production Cooperation Board presented a film outlining the policy of Labor-Management Committees. The film was well received and brother Jackson thanked by the President.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:-- Credentialed Committee, delegate Stevenson reported for this committee and recommended that the following delegates be obligated and seated:--E. A. Knight, Electrical Workers 213; Ber Wells, James O'Reilly, Mailers Local 70; E. M. Williams, Samuel Wray, Main. of Wry 167; J. A. McCarthy, Machinists Lodge 692. Recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Delegate Herrett reporting on the Ford Strike situation stated there had been a special meeting held November 26th at which time the committee recommended a 5 point program to all organizations. The secretary had sent out the program to all affiliated locals. "On motion report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported contacting the executive members of Local Unions in an endeavor to obtain assistance in organizing employees of firms with whom they already hold contracts, into Local 15, Office Employees International. Laundry Workers require considerable assistance of Committee. "On motion report adopted."

Election Campaign, delegate Rigby reported considerable newspaper publicity obtained as well as time on radio. President Showler volunteered to put on a 15 minute program on behalf of the candidates. Loud speakers in shipyards being used as well as a boat on False Creek. Large Rally arranged for December 10th, 339 West Pender Street. Many locals have sent out letters to each member of their union. Urges unions to send in donations now.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:-- Barbers Local 120, delegate Herrett reported his organization has put in a new card at 14 Begbie St., New Westminster, B.C.; one at 2469 Marine Drive, West Vancouver. This is the only union shop in West Vancouver. Also put one in Barber shop at Brock Memorial Hall at the U. B. C.

President Showler stated that inasmuch as it was nearing the time for adjournment that he would leave his report over to the next regular meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried that the President's report be heard at 9 p.m. at the next meeting.

Canadian Seamen's Union, delegate reported his union had signed a national agreement with the Park Steamships also signed agreements with British America Oil Tanker.

NEW BUSINESS:-- It was moved, seconded and carried that secretary Gerwin be delegated to attend the employment conference at the City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

But Showler
President

E. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, December 18th, 1945.
Meeting opened at 8 P.M. President Showler in the Chair.
The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received and seated were obligated:--V. Larsen, A. P. Hayes, U. B. of C. and J. Local 2802; E. M. Williams, S. Wray, Main. of Way 167.

The executive reported on the meeting held the same evening, the following delegates being present:--B. Showler, T. Parkin, C.E. Horrett, J. Eaves, J. Stevenson, S. Smylie, H. Neelands, R. Garvin.

CO RESPONSE:

(1) B. C. Power Commission replying to a letter from this Council requesting a copy of the contract entered into between the B. C. Power Commission and the firm of Bloedel, Stewart and Welch. The commission informed the Council that it would be improper to deliver the contract without the consent of the firm. It was moved, seconded and carried that the commission be asked to file a copy of the contract with this Council as it is not being made public but simply for the information of the Council.

(2) Vancouver Labor Council requesting a deleg to at a Conference Wednesday, December 19th to discuss the problem of unemployment. The executive recommended that the secretary attend this meeting and report back to this Council. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(3) Secretary, Shipyard General Workers' Federation a telegram informing the Council that the Boilermakers' Industrial Union demanded aggressive action to end critical unemployment situation. Spectacular action required to arouse citizens and authorities to gravity of situation. March of unemployed to City Hall is planned for December 22nd. Cooperation of this Council to make demonstration a success is requested and a meeting of the parade committee will be held Thursday, December 20th. The executive recommended that delegates be asked to take note. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) Stewart Murray, Medical Health Officer, requesting support in the forming of a citizens' committee to further the efforts of the Metropolitan Health Committee in controlling Tuberculosis. The executive recommended that the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(5) Adam Bell, Deputy Minister of Labor, extending the Season's Greetings to the officers and members of the Council. "On motion received with thanks."

(6) United Garment Workers of America enclosing a statement of facts that low wage conditions in work clothing and the shirt industry exist. The executive recommend the communication be referred to the Union Label Trades Council for consideration and action. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(7) Workers' Educational Association requesting that we appoint a delegate to the Board of Management. The executive recommend that the delegate be elected at the next regular meeting. "Recommendation adopted."

(8) Building Trades Council informing the Council that the alleged statements made recently by Lewis McDonald, an officer of a branch of the Canadian Legion, does not apply to unions affiliated with that Council nor to any unions affiliated to the Trades and Labor Council so far as they can find out. Hundreds of returned veterans now working in construction industry who have been taken in to the various trades without the payment of any initiation fee. Where initiation fee has been charged it was not more than \$5 and to date no complaints have been received from any vet ran on this point. Unions have given every assistance to returning veterans in placing them in jobs and helping them to adjust themselves on the job. The Building Trades with contractors and Government officials drew up an apprenticeship training plan to take care of veterans. The plan provided for a decent wage and also out in half time needed in providing for the payment of a journeyman's scale of wages. The Executive recommended that the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(9) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(10) National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship informing this Council that they would be glad to provide a speaker on the subject of Soviet Art at any meeting during the winter months. "On motion received and noted."

(11) National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship enclosing a Victory Signature sheet which should be signed and returned to Holden Building Offices by December 23rd. The executive recommended that the Council delegates be asked to take note and pick up a signature sheet copy of this letter when leaving the Council hall. "Executive's recommendation adopted."

(12) Stratford District Trades and Labor Council enclosing a resolution urging the Trades Congress and the Canadian Congress of Labor to call a delegate Conference in Ottawa to demand the Dominion Government enact legislation granting union security to all workers where a majority vote is recorded in favor. The executive recommended that in view of the fact that this matter has been dealt with by the Provincial Conference the resolution be filed. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(13) Building Trades Council urging an emphatic protest against the further letting of contracts to firms outside the Province who bring cheap labor from the East and generally endeavor to break down the conditions and wages established in B. C. The executive recommend a strong protest be sent to the Honorable John Hart, Premier of B. C. "On motion recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that Dr. Shrum of the U. B. C. be invited to address the first regular meeting in February on the subject of the Atomic Bomb. "On motion recommendation adopted."

"On motion executive's report as a whole adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: ** Delegate Showler reported on attending the 25th meeting of the I.L.O. in Paris as advisor to Mr. Arthur D'Acoust, Labor representative to the Conference. The I.L.O. is one of the few organizations which has survived since the First Great War. Representatives there from Government, Labor, and Management, from 46 countries with a combined population of 200 million. The Minister of Labor for France was chairman of the Conference. Matters going before the Conference are translated to all languages. It was reported at one stage that children of 8 as well as women were still working in the mines in one country. Italy and Guatemala readmitted to the I.L.O. and Iceland came in for the first time. There was considerable protest against the admission of Argentina delegates. The Credentials Committee refused to seat the delegates and the Conference agreed with the committee 100%. President stated that if the I.L.O. is to make continued progress there must be a continuity of delegates. Britain practices this and it is found that the delegates are in a much better position to carry out their work. I.L.O. must consider all laws of all countries when recommending legislation which makes progress very slow. Brother Percy Bengough was again elected for a three year term director of the I.L.O. Conditions in Paris very bad. More service can be obtained for a package of cigarettes than for actual money. Food in France very bad. People existing only. President recommends the sending of food to people in Britain wherever possible. "On motion report adopted with thanks."

President Showler introduced Brother Archie Johnson, International Representative, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union. Brother Johnson spoke briefly on the employment situation throughout Canada pointing out that B. C. is not alone with this problem as conditions are similar in Eastern cities. The president thanked brother Johnson for his very pleasant address.

Credential Committee, delegate Smylie recommended the following delegates be obligated and seated:--A. T. Alsbury, Thomas Spargo, Suzanne U. Jackson, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association; J. Murray, Barbers Local 120; J. S. Thompson, W. R. Hobbs, P. G. Axelson, W. F. Grant, S. Schofield, National Association of Marine Engineers. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett, chairman, reported Royal City Laundry signed an agreement with the Laundry Workers' Union and is now to be placed before the Regional War Labor Board for approval. Considerable work being done with office employees in the City, making contacts and endeavoring to organize different offices. "On motion report accepted."

Secretary Gerwin reported on a meeting held at the City Hall to which he was instructed to attend by this Council, dealing with unemployment. The committee, representative of City Council, employers, labor, veterans and service organizations, are making a real endeavor to have all three governments commence their work projects immediately. Also to reduce the hours of work to a maximum of 40 hours in the week without reduction in pay, and to see to it that contracts let by the Provincial Government are let to Local firms. "On motion report received with thanks."

Delegate Rigby reporting for the Civic Campaign Committee, thanked delegates for support and the excellent work that they did. Cannot make complete report at this date. Suggests a registration of voters campaign beginning in June. Congratulated Secretary Gerwin on his election and stated that the Committee will endeavor to bring him support at the City Hall as soon as possible. "On motion report received with thanks."

Delegate Howard reported that in North Vancouver the election committee put 2 labor men in the field. They were not successful in having their representatives elected but felt that they made good showing in the short time they were in the field. "On motion report received with thanks."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn, 10:35 p.m.

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