

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, January 4th, 1944.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to the Local Unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been received were obligated and seated:--G. Coppin, Fish Canery Workers Local 89; Barbara Stewart, Local 28 Hotel and Restaurant Employees.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: B. Showler, G. Gerrard, H. Neelands, E. Holmes, T. Parking, and R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Vancouver Council of Social Agencies requesting this Council to appoint a delegate to a committee to be formed under the auspices of the Health Division. The executive recommended that a delegate be appointed and that delegate F. Gust of the Barbers Local be appointed. The recommendation of the executive adopted.

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

(3) Local 170 Plumbers and Steamfitters enclosing two resolutions:
 (1) Resolved that this Local Union 170, Plumbers and Steamfitters does call upon the Trades and Labour Council and all Labour Organizations to advocate that the Government, in lieu of any lay-offs shall take steps to inaugurate a shorter working day and week, in order that all men shall have continuous employment.

"On motion resolution endorsed."

(2) Resolved that this Trades and Labour Council interview the local authorities of these departments with the view to having a closer cooperation between the two parties in order to eliminate unnecessary loss of work and income.

"Motion adopted that the matter be investigated by the officers."

(4) Local 449 International Typographical Union requesting financial assistance to carry on their fight against a dual organization. Motion adopted that the appeal be endorsed and \$10 donated.

(5) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informing the Council that they have inaugurated a Cigarette Fund in order to send a supply of cig rettes overseas every month to the armed forces, and asking that the unions and the Councils make a monthly donation to finance this project. Motion adopted that the project be endorsed and that the Council donate \$5 a month.

(6) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada dealing with Wartime Wages Control Order 1943 P.C. 9384 outlining the restraints and effects on the liberties of the people as a result of this order, asking Local Unions and Councils to call meetings of affiliated organizations to discuss this matter and to give all possible publicity to the fact that labor resents such unwarranted interference with established liberties. The executive recommended that locals study this order and that same be made a special order of business at the next regular meeting of the Council when all members of parliament in this District will be invited to attend. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(7) Letters of thanks were received for "handshakes" sent out by the United Labor Christmas Cheer Fund from the following:--E. McGarrigle, T.R.C.N.S., Esquimalt, B.C.; Officer Commanding HQ 29th A/A Regt RCA, Prince Rupert, B.C.; Officer Commanding, Prince Rupert Military Hospital; Cnr. F.J. Worme, Alberni, B.C.; Officer Commanding 26 Active Coy., Ioco Detachment; Officer Commanding, Alberni Military Hospital; Officer Commanding No. 3 Dental Clinic, Port Alberni, B.C.; L.A.O. Kennedy, R.A., Tofino, B.C.; Sgt. Smith, B.S., Ucluellet, B.C.; Opl. Duckworth, B., Terrace, B.C.; Officer Commanding, No. 10 RCAF Detachment, Cape Scott, B.C.; ACKlist, Wm., Prince George, B.C.; Capt. J.C.O'Toole, Chaplain, P.E.I. Highlanders, Prince George, B.C.; Geo. M. Durham, QMS, Camp 3, Campbell River, B.C.; Supply Officer H.M.O. Dockyard, Esquimalt, B.C.; Officer Commanding, R.C.A.F. Woodcock, B.C.; T.B. Harris, O.G. Detachment, Kent Regt. Bella Bella, B.C. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

On motion executive report as a whole adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Delegate G. Gerrard reported for the Credential Committee, and recommended that the following delegates be seated:--C. H. Strong, O. H. Watson, National Association of Marine Engineers, Council #7; James Bell, International Association of Machinists Local 151; Constance Bough, Margaret E. Ecklund, Garment Workers, Local 190; F. W. Smith, J. Errington, J. W. Donnelly, Projectionists Local 348; S. F. Bush, D. Geddes, B. O. Constables and Special Agents Federal Union No. 15; Fred Speed, Railway Carmen #58; J. Dalman, M. Proudlock, Film Exchange Employees B-71. "On motion report adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--City Employees Local 28, delegate Peers reported that the majority award of the Board of Arbitration had been accepted by the employees. City Council not yet dealt with the matter. Thanked delegat G. Gerrard for his efforts and the Local Unions for their support.

NEW BUSINESS: Moved, seconded and carried that the Provincial Executive take under consideration the elimination of the three (3) months clause in the I. O. A. Act when presenting their brief to the Cabinet.

Moved, seconded and carried that a strong resolution of protest be sent to the Government against the closing of the Granby Coal Mine, and that the Government be requested to take over this mine and operate same in the interest of the community and the war effort.

Moved, seconded and carried that a wire or letter of endorsement of the stand taken on wages by the American Brotherhood of Railway Employees be sent to the head office of that body.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate Peers asked if any officer of Congress had been sent by the Federal Government to Britain since the war began or if any labor delegate from Britain had come to Canada at the request of the British Government. Chairman pointed out that Brother Farmillo had visited Britain some months ago.

Delegate Munro asked if the committee on the 6 hour day had met yet. Chairman of Committee, delegate H. Neelands, replied that the committee had not met but would be giving consideration to this matter in the near future.

Delegate R. McCulloch asked if the Council, ^{had} gone on record as asking for amendments to the I. O. A. Act. President replied this matter had been referred to the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Birt Showler
President

R. 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, January 18th, 1944.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to the Local Unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were obligated and seated:--S. F. Bush, D. Geddes, B. O. Police and Special Agents; O. M. MacKenzie, H. M. Britten, Fish Cannery Wkrs. Local 89; A. E. Cousins, F. Speed, Railway Carmen Local 58; J. W. Donnelly, Projectionists Local 348; C. H. Strong, National Association of Marine Engineers; M. Proudlock, J. Dalman, Film Exchange Employees; F. W. Smith, Projectionists Local 348.

The Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:--B. Showler, G. Gerrard, E. Holmes, T. Parkin, R. McDonald, O. Herrett, W. Burgess, R. K. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Angus MacInnis, M.P. informing the Council that he would be present at the regular meeting of January 18th. "On motion received with thanks."

(2) James Sinclair, M.P. informing the Council that he would be present at the regular meeting of January 18th. "On motion received with thanks."

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

(4) A. J. Cowan, President, Coordinating Council thanking this Council for the work done by the Council in organizing and carrying through the United Labor Christmas Cheer Fund for the Armed Services. At the moment the fund stands at \$21,473 and is expected to reach \$22,000. Expenditures to date have been \$18,615. \$100 has been allocated to the United Services Center for a New Year's Dinner; \$150 to the Women's Leave Center for a New Year's Party; \$600 to the Active Service Magazine Depot. "On motion received with appreciation."

(5) Street Railwaymen Division 134 enclosing the following resolution: "Therefore we further recommend that conferences be called of all organized workers (irrespective of their affiliations) in every province of the Dominion of Canada to deal with the most vicious and most anti-labor legislation every to be placed on the statute books of any country comparable only to the anti-labor legislation in the Nazi and Fascist Countries."

The Executive recommended this communication be received and dealt with under general policy adopted by the Council. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(6) B. M. Jewell, President, Railway Employees Department, thanking this Council for good wishes expressed in their success in present wage case. "On motion received and noted."

(7) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada acknowledging receipt of donation to Cigarette Fund. "On motion received and noted."

(8) Tom Reid, M.P. acknowledging invitation from Council to attend next regular meeting, expressing regret that he finds it impossible to attend. "On motion received and Mr. Reid sent a copy of decision of this meeting."

(9) Canadian Red Cross Society, enclosing copy of letter it proposes to send to all secretaries of all organized labor units and requesting the appointment of two delegates to attend a meeting on Friday, February 18th at Hotel Vancouver. "Motion adopted that delegates T. Parkin and W. Burgess be asked to attend."

(10) National Film Board notice of first in a series of monthly screenings on films on problems of the present day and post-war worlds to be presented at 8:15 p.m., January 19th in the Y.M.C.A., 955 Burrard Street. "On motion received and noted."

The Executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate G. Gerrard reported receiving credentials from the following and recommended the delegates be seated. O. Whent, A. Ewing, W. Boyes, A. Colly, I. Lancaster, Aeronautical Employees Local 756; M. A. Swiston, John White, Garment Workers Local 232; R. Gregory, St. Rlymen Division 101;

Pearl Chan, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28; G. Vollum, Truck Drivers Local 31. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

Organizing Committee:--Delegate C. E. Horrett reported application received for affiliation from the Building Service Employees Local 244. Committee recommended the application be received and the Union asked to appoint delegates. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Audit Committee:--delegate Atkinson reported auditing the books and accounts and found them to be in perfect order. A statement could be seen by anyone interested in the secretary's office. "On motion report adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Local 276 Ladies Garment Workers, delegate Max Kayser reported that their Local has transferred their Cigarette Fund to Congress. That the Local is applying for certification of bargaining representatives for Jantzen Employees. Thanked the delegates Gerwin and Wilson for assistance in organizing.

Mailers Local 70, delegate Taylor reported their Local received award from Regional War Labor Board ordering adjustment in wage rates.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate Carlisle reported their Local sent year's subscription to Cigarette Fund to Trades and Labor Congress.

Musicians Local 142, delegate Jamieson reported their Local subscribed \$5 per month to Cigarette Fund.

Fire Fighters Local 256, delegate reported their Local had donated \$2 per month to Congress Cigarette Fund.

Printers Local 136, delegate Eaves reported their Local had subscribed \$5 per month to the Congress Cigarette Fund.

Street Railwaymen Division 134, delegate reported their Local had subscribed \$5 per month to the Congress Cigarette Fund.

Brewery Workers Local 300, delegate reported their local had donated \$3 per month to Congress Cigarette Fund.

Machinists Local 692, delegate Irving reported their Local had subscribed \$5 per month to the Congress Cigarette Fund.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28, delegate Barbara Stewart reported that they would have some information on the houses on the non-patronage list for the next Council meeting.

Delegate Cormack asked if it was true that Japanese who had been removed from the Coast area are being put to work in the railroad shops. Delegate Shearer replied that the Federated Trades had met recently on this matter found that it was quite true that Japanese were employed in the roundhouse but that after discussions with the officials they have agreed to remove them immediately.

It being 8:30 the Special Order of Business, Wartime Wage Control Order 1943, was discussed. The following members of Parliament who attended on invitation of the Council were introduced: G. G. McGear, Angus, MacInnis, Howard Green, James Sinclair, Mr. Cruickshanks.

Letters were read from the Electrical Workers Local 213, Building Trades Council and Pile Drivers, Bridge, Dock and Wharf Builders Local 2404 condemning the Order and supporting the Council in any reasonable efforts they put forward to have this Order rescinded. The following resolution was recommended for adoption by the Executive Board:

Whereas, the new Wage Control Order, P. C. 9384, announced by the Government on December 10th following a broadcast on the subject by the Prime Minister, reflects a further intensification of an anti-labor attitude in official government circles that has long stood in the way of implementation of a constructive labor policy in Canada; and,

Whereas, we are alarmed at the increasing influence over government of big financial interests and large industrialists so clearly demonstrated by many of the Orders in Council adversely affecting the workers of Canada; and,

Whereas, said Wage Control Order is in opposition to all the basic principles of the Trade Union Movement and against the recognized principles of freedom and justice; and,

Whereas, there is a growing tendency of ruling the country by Order in Council instead of by Acts of Parliament.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that we urge upon our elected representatives in the Dominion Parliament the immediate need of them performing the duties for which they were elected and to insist on the re-establishment of the rights of Parliament.

Be It Further Resolved, that we most emphatically protest the refusal of the Government to heed the expressed wish of Labor for a more constructive policy.

And Be It Further Resolved, that we hereby demand the immediate withdrawal of the new Wartime Wage Control Order 1943, Order in Council P. C. 9384, and we hereby authorize President Bengough to make any representations on our behalf and promise to support him in any action he may recommend us to follow.

Considerable discussion on the resolution followed with every speaker condemning the Order as vicious anti-labor legislation. The resolution was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Howard Green M.P. spoke briefly stating that he would do all he could to straighten this matter out.

Mr. Cruickshanks, M.P. stated he thought labor was running a close second to agriculture in their war effort and that he would do all in his power to see that labor got a square deal.

James Sinclair, M.P. pointed out that the Liberal Association of North Vancouver had already passed a resolution condemning the Order. Takes Orders as necessary evil in time of war. Considers Government not consistent when they boast of splendid effort on part of labor and then put such order in effect in the 5th year of War.

G. G. McGear, M.P. pointed out that the Order is passed as a war measure but it has already been decided in our courts that the period of application after the war is indeterminate. Only two places where you can find this sort of legislation, in Fascist and Communist dominated countries. Stated he will oppose the Order in the House, because he feels it will harm the war effort. Labor has accepted well previous Orders in Council but this recent one is unjust, and not in line with the spirit of cooperation which Labor has shown.

Angus MacInnis, M.P. stated he agreed with the views expressed by the delegates in the meeting. Feels that Labor should be a partner in the War effort. Up to date Labor has only been regarded as a commodity to be purchased. Is quite sure when we object that we are prepared to sacrifice but want to be consulted on such sacrifices. Stated that if Labor was as influential in Government as C.M.A. this Order would not be.

President Showler expressed appreciation and thanks to the Members of Parliament for attending on behalf of the Council. Also expressed the hope that they would assist when Parliament opened in Ottawa.

A vote of thanks to the members was moved by delegate Burgess.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Bill Showler
President

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 Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.
 Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to
 Local Unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been
 accepted were obligated and seated: R. Gregory, Street Railwaymen
Division 101; O. Whent, A. Ewing, W. Boyce, A. Oolby, Aeronautical
Employers Lodge 756; M. A. Swiston, John White, Garment Workers Local
242; Constance Bough, Garment Workers Local 190; O. H. Vollum, Truck
Drivers Local 31.

The Executive reported on meeting held same evening. Delegates
 present: B. Showler, G. Gerrard, R. Neelands, T. Parkin, O. E. Herrett,
 E. Holmes, McDonald, R. K. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Labor-Progressive Party announcing that they have condemned
 Order in Council P.O. 9384 and that they are prepared to work with
 the Trades and Labor Council for the removal of this order. "On motion
 received and noted."

(2) Carpenters Local 513 Port Alberni informing the Council that
 they are opposed to Order in Council P.O. 9384 and will support any
 action taken by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion
 received and noted."

(3) Carpenters Local 1251 New Westminster informing the Council
 that they are opposed to Order in Council P.O. 9384 and will support
 any action taken by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion
 received and noted."

(4) Carpenters 1843, Chilliwack, informing the Council that
 they are opposed to Order in Council P.O. 9384 and will support any
 action taken by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion
 received and noted."

(5) Canadian Red Cross Society re 5th Wartime Appeal for Funds
 asking cooperation and endorsement. Motion adopted that the communica-
 tion be received and that this Council donate \$10.

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

(7) Vancouver Labor Council announcing that they have endorsed
 resolution adopted by this Council condemning Order in Council P.O. 9384
 and assuring of their cooperation in any course that may be followed
 in the future. "On motion received and noted."

(8) Office of the Prime Minister acknowledgment of resolution
 sent from this Council condemning Order in Council P.O. 9384. "On
 motion received and noted."

(9) Office of the Deputy Minister of Labor informing that a letter
 had been received from this Council concerning the closing of the
 Coal Mine operated by the Granby Consolidated Mining Co. "On motion
 received and filed."

(10) B. O. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board announcing "Coast
 Potato Week" and asking cooperation in urging the people to use more
 potatoes during the shortage of other vegetables. "On motion received
 and the delegates asked to take note."

(11) Plumbers Local 170 submitting the following matters to the
 Executive of the Council for consideration with a view to placing
 before the said Council.

- The matter of improving the present inadequate street
 lighting system.
- The need in various parts of the City for public lava-
 tories, comfort stations, such adequate conveniences
 in this City being most conspicuous by their absence.
- That the officers consider the advisability of urging
 the City Council to install a central heating system
 in the city.

The motion adopted that the communication be received and left in the
 hands of the officers to prepare a brief and submit to the City Council.

The Executive recommended that the Council have cards printed pro-
 testing Order in Council P.O. 9384 which the affiliated Unions would be
 asked to purchase and distribute to their members, who would sign same
 and forward to the proper authorities in Ottawa. Recommendation unan-

imously adopted.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Credential Committee, secretary
 R.K. Gerwin reported having received credentials from the following and
 recommended the delegates be seated. Charles McKenzie, B. C. Seamen's
Union; Frederick Slater, National Assoc. of Marine Engineers; H. Orrwell,
J. G. Boyd, Melvin Kemmis, Bakers Local 468; Harold Martin, Bert T.
Flack, Edward Lester, Albert Maddaloni, Francis McDermott, Pulp and Sul-
phite Workers Local 433; James Dawson, W. R. Bradbury, Marion G. McConn,
Building Service Employees Local 244; Olga Walker, Office Employees Local
18177. "On motion Credential Committee's report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate O. E. Herrett reported having received
 application for affiliation from Lodge 1749, Aircraft Workers, New
 Westminster. Committee recommended the application be received and the
 Union asked to appoint delegates. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate Herrett reported also that laundry workers in the city
 were in the process of organizing and a meeting held the day previous
 resulted in the largest turnout to an organizing meeting yet on record.
 All people who attended the meeting had placed applications. Requested
 the delegates to cooperate by telling anyone they might know employed
 in laundries to make application for membership in the Union. "On motion
 report adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS—National Association of Marine Engineers, delegate
 Smith reported that late last summer his Local Union applied for an adjust-
 ment of wage rates for men on steamers doing American transport work.
 The employer turned down the request on the grounds that it was not
 within their jurisdiction. Application was made to the National War
 Labor Board and turned over to the controller for Canadian National
 Railways who referred the union to their contract but told them to send
 a brief to National War Labor Board and it would be considered. Brief
 was sent to the National War Labor Board in September and on January 20th,
 1944 the Board informed the Union that they had not at that date received
 the O.N.R.'s Brief.

Machinists Lodge 692, delegate J. McMillan reported his organization
 had signed an agreement with Underwood Elliott Fisher covering typewriter
 repair men which included an adjustment in the wage scale of \$5 a week.

Civil Employees 28, delegate Pears reported that W. Scribbins,
 Business Agent for past 25 years had been retired on superannuation by
 the Union.

NEW BUSINESS:—Moved and seconded that affiliated unions be requested to
 give consideration and if possible permit representatives from the Aid
 to Russia Fund to address their meetings on request. Motion adopted.

It was moved by delegate Parkin that this Council protest to the
 Executive of the American Federation of Labor their stand on participating
 in the world Trade Union Conference. Chairman explained the proper body
 to call this gathering was the International Federation of Trade Unions,
 not the British Trade Union Congress and advised the delegate to change
 his motion to a request for reasons. Moved and seconded that this Council
 write President Green of the American Federation of Labor and request an
 explanation and reasons for that body not accepting the invitation to a
 world Trade Union Conference. Considerable discussion centered around
 this motion. "Motion was adopted."

Moved and seconded that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada
 be asked to take under immediate consideration the question of sending
 delegates to the world Trade Union Conference. Carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:—Delegate Grant, National Association of Marine
 Engineers requested information on a report in paper published by the
 West Coast Shipbuilders regarding a resolution adopted by this Council
 urging the Federal Government to restrict the coasting trade of Canada and
 the carriage of Canadian goods between Canadian ports to vessels registered
 in Canada and hereafter built in Canada. Chairman advised delegate to
 take the matter before his union and bring in a resolution.

J. Barton asked if there is any explanation for press reports that
 the Provincial Executive appeared before the Cabinet at one time and the
 Vancouver Labor Council delegates at another. Delegate Herrett replied that
 the suggestions for joint action had been made but the Executive had de-
 cided against it. Considerable discussion followed this question.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Birt Showler
 President

R. K. GERWIN, Secretary.

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Minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, February 15th, 1944.
 Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.
 Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to the
 Local Unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--James Dawson, Building Service Employees; Charles McKenzie, B. C. Seamen; Olga Walker, Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Typists and Assistants Local Union 18177; M. Kimmis, J. G. Boyd, Bakery and Confectionery Workers Local 468; E. Lester, A. Maddaloni, Local 432, Pulp and Sulphite Workers; The following delegates from the Printing Pressmen Local 69 were present and as the application for affiliation from this Local had not been dealt with it was moved, seconded and carried that these delegates be obligated and seated:--L. Ainsworth, H. P. Allen, M. Erenberg, Printing Pressmen 69.

The Executive reported on the meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: B. Showler, G. Gerrard, O. Herrett, E. Holmes, R.K. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Street Railwaymen Division 101 requesting that this Council reiterate its previous stand on the one-man car question. The Executive recommended that the Council re-iterate its previous stand on this matter. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(2) Red Cross Society a letter of appreciation for donation of \$10 from this Council. "On motion received and noted."

(3) Tom Reid, M.P., Angus McInnis, M.P., Hon. Ian McKenzie, M.P., G. Orulokshank, M.P., G.G. McGeer, M.P., acknowledging receive of a communication and copies of resolution re Order in Council P.O. 9384 and drawing attention to the fact that they had made representations to the Government opposing this Order. The Executive recommended that the communications be received and a letter of appreciation be forwarded in the name of the Council. Recommendation adopted.

(4) Department of Labor, Ottawa acknowledging resolution from this Council regarding Order in Council 9384 and informing us that a statement would be transmitted to the organization on the Order in the near future. "On motion received and noted."

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

(6) International Jewelry Workers Local 42 expressing appreciation for financial assistance and support given during the recent strike. "On motion received and filed."

(7) E. E. Winch, Chairman C.C.F. Group Committee on Labor asking information on labor issues the membership of this Council wish to have brought to the attention of the Legislation Committee on Labor. Motion adopted that the matter be referred to the Chairman of the Provincial Executive to file necessary information.

(8) Lt. A.P. McKenzie,--Port Alberni, expressing appreciation for "Handshakes" received. Motion adopted that the communication be received and a reply forwarded.

The following communication was received from Percy R. Bengough, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada:

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to yours of the 2nd instant relative to the Congress giving immediate consideration to the World Trade Union Conference of the British Trades Union Congress.

You can rest assured that we have already given a great deal of thought to this question. However, we are concerned in participating in a real international trade union conference, one which will include representatives from the Union of Soviet Russia but will not include representatives of Company Unions from Canada as well as a flock of shadow organizations that have been set up in Great Britain with no tangible membership.

We are in possession of all the facts and there is a great deal more to this than just the angle put forward by the delegates to your Council who think that this Congress should participate

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irrespective of who is invited and who attends. However, we are glad to have your views. We are in accord and in the meantime we will continue to try and make it a real and not a phony conference.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) "PERCY R. BENGOUGH"

President,

THE TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS OF CANADA

"On motion communication received and noted."

The Executive recommended that delegate O. E. Herrett, Barbers Local 120 be appointed to represent this Council on the V.D. Control Committee of the Vancouver Council of Social Agencies to replace delegate Gust. Recommendation adopted.

The Executive recommended that this Council petition the City Council to seek amendment to the City Shop Regulation Act to enable the City to permit stores to close all day on a petition signed by 75% of those interested in any given business. "On motion recommendation adopted."

The Executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Gerrard reported having received credentials from the following and recommended the delegates be seated:--Michael Principe, Barbers Local 120; Arthur Fontaine, Lathers Local 207; E. C. Jillings, W. T. Erwood, University Workers Local 116; Samuel Smith, Robert Ireland, David Rees, Alex Paterson, Civic Employees Local 28; William Rigby, United Fishermen Local 44; Chas. A. Gowie, Charles V. Forsyth, Taxi Drivers Local 151; V. F. Galbraith, Building Service Employees Local 244; W. W. McRae, Street Railwaymen Division 134; Val Pearson, Plumbers Local 170 and D. Sullivan, Plumbers Local 170. Committee's report was adopted.

Organizing Committee, O. Herrett reported the committee had received applications for affiliation from three organizations. Printing Pressmen Local 69, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks Lodge 626, New Westminster Teachers' Association. Committee recommended applications for affiliation be accepted and credentials forwarded. Recommendation was adopted.

Delegate Herrett also reported progress being made in the organization of Laundry Workers and requested delegates who knew any workers in this line to have them attend the meeting and join the Union. Had received good support from other organizations affiliated with the Council in organization of laundry workers. Building Service Employees are now applying for certification of bargaining representatives. Local 276, Ladies Garment Workers have obtained certification as bargaining representatives for Jantzen Employees. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary Gerwin reported three matters to be taken to City Council under instructions from the previous meeting had been discussed with the officers of Unions concerned and would be placed before the Harbour Utilities and Airport Committee meeting of the City Council on February 21st. Also reported that up to the present time 14,000 protest cards had been taken out by Local Unions.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Brewery Workers Local 300, delegate Sandell reported that the brewery workers at Princeton now had a Local and signed agreement obtaining a 10% upward adjustment in wages.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate Mathieson reported 1500 cards distributed to members of that union. Reported also that shop stewards had set up a greetings committee in the shipyard to visit all united nation ships that come to the yard to tender fraternal greetings. Also expressed a desire to see this idea extended and suggested that the Executive take this under consideration with a view to having a committee meet all ships.

B. C. Seamen, delegate O. McKenzie reported considerable organizing being done by his union; membership increased 400% since 1939. Several agreements pending and good prospects of these being signed within a short time.

Garment Workers Local 276, Max Kayser reported his local had been successful in obtaining certification of bargaining representatives for Jantzen Employees; that negotiations were being proceeded with. Thanked delegate Gerwin and organizer W. D. Wilson for assistance. Reported that other agreements at present in effect expire in May and the Local is preparing to negotiate.

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Street Railwaymen Division 101, delegate Stewart reported 1700 cards signed by membership and mailed. His Local had subscribed \$60 to the Congress Cigarette Fund as well as purchasing Cigarettes for members from his Local oversees through the Trades Congress.

Aeronautical Employees 756, delegate Boyes reported that Local had started a drive for a closed shop. Assistance would be greatly appreciated particularly publicity. His Lodge had purchased 2,000 cards and most of them have been mailed. Requested that copy of letter from President Bengough be sent to each local. President pointed out that the letter would appear in the Minutes of the meeting.

Street Railwaymen Div. 134, delegate Cormack reported his Union had sent out 300 cards. Requested to know why there was not a delegate at the Trade Union Conference held in New Westminster February 6th. Secretary explained that the letter requested the President delegate Showler or delegate Stewart and that neither of these delegates were available on that particular evening.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate reported that Local 170 had donated \$100 to the Red Cross.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate R. Osman Local 692, Machinists, requested President's advice on whether or not it would be advisable for Local Unions to send a letter to the B. C. Electric Railway Co. opposing the one-man car matter. President Showler suggested that Unions should send a letter of protest to W. A. Carrothers, Chairman Public Utilities Commission, Central Building, Victoria, B. C.

Delegate Stewart at this time thanked the Council and organizations and pointed out that the new modern car which is being brought to this City can be used as a two man car as they are used in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Chicago. Delegate further points out that his organization cannot condone the displacement of men while there are so many members of that Local away in the armed forces who will be coming back to again seek their place in the organization. Delegate further explained that in the Eastern cities men are broken in health through the operation of these cars.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

Bill Showler
President

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, March 7, 1944.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated, and seated:--F. Slater, Marine Engineers; M. Principi, Barbers Local 120; A. Patterson, S. Smith, R. Ireland, D. Rees, Civic Employees Local 28; W. W. McCrae, Street Railwaymen Division 134; D. Sullivan, Val Pearson, Plumbers Local 170; H. Garvell, Bakers Local 468; Mrs. M. G. McCann, Building Service Employees Local 244; V. F. Gallbraith, Building Service Employees Local 244; E. C. Jellings, University Workers Local 116; C. A. Gowers, C. V. Forsythe, Taxi Drivers Local 151;

The President reported the death of Delegate J. Mc Guffie member of Pile Drivers Local 2404 and requested the meeting to stand in silence in respect of the memory of the late brother.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: Showler, Neelands, Parkin, Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) James Sinclair, M.P., enclosing copy of "Hansard" containing his remarks protesting order in council 9384. On motion received with appreciation.
- (2) Claude Donald of the Workers' Educational Association, requesting permission to address the next regular meeting. The Executive recommended that the request be granted. An amendment was moved, seconded and carried that the delegate be heard at this meeting.
- (3) International Lady Garment Workers informing the Council that an agreement has been signed between Local 276 and the Jantzen Co. covering the knitting mills in Vancouver. Also thanked the organizing committee and the A. F. L. organizer for their assistance. "On motion received and noted."
- (4) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada explaining the situation with regard to stoppage of work at the Aluminum Co. of Canada plant, Shawinigan Falls, Quebec. The Congress has set up a trust fund to assist the organizers who have been charged with inciting the Aluminum Co. employees to strike. The Executive recommended that this Council donate \$10 and that all affiliated unions take note. Recommendation adopted.
- (5) Coordinating Council requesting the name of a delegate to represent the Council on the Board of Directors. The Executive recommended that the Secretary be appointed. Recommendation adopted.
- (6) Minutes of the meeting of the Council for Guidance of Handicapped requesting that a delegate be appointed to this Council. The Executive recommended that the Secretary attend. Recommendation adopted.
- (7) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. Received with appreciation and filed for reference.
- (8) City Clerk informing the Council that their request to have an amendment to the Shops Regulation Act had been received and filed for reference. Recommendation adopted that the communication be received and filed.
- (9) Education and Democracy Committee, B. C. Teachers' Federation, requesting a representative to the Panel which will speak on Educating our Democracy, on April 11th. The Executive recommended that delegate Neelands be asked to attend. Recommendation adopted.
- (10) United Fishermen's Federal Union #44 call to Sixth Annual Convention. Executive recommended that the Secretary attend. Recommendation adopted.
- (11) Fish Cannery and Reduction plant Workers Local 89 requesting a delegate attend their Second Annual Convention starting March 11th. The Executive recommended that the Secretary attend. Recommendation adopted.
- (12) Card of thanks from the family of the late James McGuffie. "Received with appreciation."
- (13) Minutes of the Joint Trade Union Continuation Committee Blood Donor service. Delegate Parkin who represents the Council on this Committee reported briefly on the progress to date. It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council donate \$5 to the Committee to carry on this work.

(14) Wm. Green, President American Federation of Labor, replying to letter from this Council re the rejection by the Executive Council to participate in a World Conference of Labor, and pointing out that the Executive Council favors a World Conference of Labor to be held under proper auspices and at an appropriate time which would unite the ranks of labor in full support of the war effort of the United Nations and which would assure constructive solutions of post war problems. The proposed London Conference does not meet these tests and therefore the Executive Council feels bound to reject the invitation. The Executive recommended that the communication be received and filed for reference. Recommendation adopted.

(15) Plumbers Local 170 presenting the following resolution: "that the Executive Board of the Trades and Labor Council take under consideration the possibility of promoting a league of competitive sports among the Labor Unions of this District. The executive recommended that this communication be received and left over till next meeting for consideration. Recommendation adopted.

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

Mr. Claude Donald was introduced at this time and spoke briefly on what the W. E. A. is doing with films, pointing out that there are films and lecture material available for the use of affiliated unions. This material can be used by anyone. The W. E. A. is endeavoring to have a Summer School next year and intend to set up a Labor College in this Province as soon as possible. Mr. Donald distributed copies of "Labor News", "Labor Facts". The President thanked Mr. Donald and asked the delegates to take note.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Delegate Gerwin reported taking the following matters up with the City Council:

1. Street Lighting--This matter had already been referred to a Special Committee for study and report.
2. Central Heating--This matter referred to a Special Committee on post war matters for discussion and recommendation.
3. Comfort Stations--This matter had been given consideration from time to time but no increase in the number of stations is contemplated at the present.

"On motion report accepted."

Secretary Gerwin reported for the Organizing Committee. An application for affiliation had been received from International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 194. The committee recommended that the application be accepted and credentials forwarded. The Organizing Committee reported that a Charter had been installed for the C. P. R. Police at the last meeting. Laundry Workers have elected officers and applied for a Charter; organizing is continuing and making good progress. "On motion report accepted."

Delegate Showler, Vice President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada reported on the memorandum presented to the Dominion Government by Congress Friday, February 25th. Delegate H. Neelands took the Chair.

The Brief presented by Congress contained requests for the recognition and enforcement for the right of collective bargaining, Labor representation on War Boards, an Appeal to the Government to take steps to establish a National Committee to study lay offs in war industries. Requested that war contracts be given to employers who have labor agreements with employees, an increase in the clothing allowance to the armed forces, that it be made compulsory for all ships sailing on the Great Lakes and coastal vessels to adopt the three watch system, that Canadian ships regardless of tonnage carry ship-to-shore communication; that the Canada Shipping Act be amended to incorporate the conventions and recommendations of the International Labor Office covering all Canadian Vessels; that a National Health scheme be inaugurated which would include hospitalization.

Congress reiterated their previous request that legislation be enacted to enable civil servants now under the retirement act to transfer to the Civil Service Superannuation Act. Requested that a more generous and general policy be enacted in all provinces with regard to beer and liquor regulations.

Delegate Showler drew attention to a printed report of the Standing Committee on Post War Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of the Trades and Labor Congress copy of which has been sent to all affiliated unions and Councils. Copies are available at 5¢ each and unions are urged to obtain copies for their membership. "On motion received with appreciation."

Delegate Showler asked all business agents to attend a meeting in the Labor Headquarters, Monday, March 13th at 10 a.m.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Plumbers Local 170, delegate Barton reported the Red Cross Drive proceeding with a total of \$1380 collected to date by the shop stewards in the North Vancouver Ship Repair. Pointed out that the Red Cross had neglected to have cards printed in a Union shop and that the shop stewards had discarded these cards and had others mimeographed. Suggested that the Council write the Red Cross pointing out that all printed material should bear union label. President replied that this would be done.

Machinists Local 692, delegate Rogers reported that North Burrard workers had contributed \$2000 to the Red Cross.

Aeronautical Employees 756, delegate Parkin reported that there had been considerable misinformation relative to lay offs at Boeing Aircraft Union drive for membership progressing favorably, over 800 new members from February 15th to 28th and over 1100 to date, union using banners, posters and radio talks. The union feels that industry with 10,000 people employed should not be lost to Vancouver and they believe that by the end of the week they will have a report of new contracts and possibly conversion contracts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved, seconded and carried that a committee be elected from the floor of this Council in the near future to take the initiative in organizing a real competitive program for a united labor, labor day celebration. President pointed out that the Committee would be elected at the next meeting.

Moved, seconded and carried that the statement in the press headed "More Guns to be Sought by two Police Forces" be investigated.

Moved, seconded and carried that the transit controller be requested to consider running each alternate bus on the Cambie Street Line to 33rd and Cambie thence to Heather, back to 25th Avenue to provide transportation to soldiers stationed at the Little Mountain Barracks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

But Showler
President

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, March 21st, 1944.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to the Local Unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were obligated and seated:--F. McDermott, Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 433; O. R. Jones, Lithographers Local 44; A. G. Hill, W. T. Irwood, University Workers Local 116.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: B. Showler, G. Gerrard, H. Neelands, T. Parkin, R. McDonald, C. Herrett, E. Holmes, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Labor's May Day Victory Parade Committee requesting that the Council appoint two delegates to attend a meeting on March 23rd to make arrangements for issuance of a call for a delegate conference to complete arrangements for May Day Parade which will be held April 30th. The Executive recommended that the communication be referred to the Labor Day Committee when elected. Recommendation adopted.

(2) Canadian Red Cross Society in reply to our letter from this Council re the issuance of cards without the Union Label. "On motion received and noted."

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

(4) Vancouver Teachers' Council notification of a meeting Tuesday, March 28th in the Hotel Vancouver to hear Dr. Hepburn on "Rehabilitation in its many Aspects". "On motion received and noted."

(5) Local 452, United Brotherhood of Carpenters requesting the Council to take action to further the extension of the Civic Franchise. The Executive recommended that the communication be referred to the Legislative Committee for consideration and report. Recommendation adopted.

(6) Junior Board of Trade enclosing a copy of a letter forwarded to the Honorable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor, commending the Federal Government upon the enactment of the recent Federal Labor Code. "On motion received and noted."

(7) Canadian Legion, New Veterans' Branch 168, requesting that this Council appoint a committee to meet a committee from the Canadian Legion to discuss matters pertaining to the rehabilitation of discharged service personnel. The Executive recommended that a committee of three be set up to meet a committee from the Legion. The committee appointed were O. Stewart, St. Railwaymen Division 101; J. McMillan, Machinists Lodge 692; S. Smylie, Plumbers Local 170. Recommendation adopted.

The Executive recommended endorsement of the following resolution: Whereas, we are conscious of the good work accomplished by the American Federation of Labor organizer in this District; and, Whereas, there is need for more help in the field.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Executive of the Trades and Labor Council take under consideration and if possible place an organizer in the field full or part time.

Recommendation adopted.

The Executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Gerrard reported for Credential Committee, recommending the following credentials be accepted and delegates seated:--F. G. Morris, Hilda Smith, J.H.S. Reid, Geo. S. Ford, H. S. Hyslop, R. W. Adams, New Westminster Teachers' Association; O. F. Mosher, Alfred T. Padgham, Railway Clerks Local 526. "On motion report of committee adopted."

Secretary Gerwin reported taking up the question with the police commission of Vancouver and New Westminster of increasing the amount of arms supplied to the police department. Letter was read from the secretary of the police commission in New Westminster pointing out that such arms were considered standard equipment of police departments and the purpose of such was to place police in a position to deal adequately with dangerous criminals. The Chief of the Vancouver police force pointed out that the commission had not dealt with the question of arms as yet and are not at present contemplating any changes.

Secretary reported that since the last meeting he had communicated with all affiliated locals asking their opinion and if they were interested in a league of competitive sports as suggested. As there had only been 6 unions reported up to date, it was recommended that the matter be left over to the next meeting. "On motion report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported that the Laundry Workers now had over 200 members signed up, almost 100% in two establishments. Requested delegates who had friends working in laundries to urge them to join up. Also that the Building Service Employees had made application for certification of bargaining representatives in 5 buildings in Vancouver. "On motion report adopted."

Blood Donor Committee, delegate Parkin reported progress but that there was not yet a sufficient number of union members coming forward. Committee felt it would be necessary to send speakers to the different unions to stress the significant points. Urged delegates who would be willing to act in this capacity to contact the secretary of the Council or himself. Committee will supply material. B. O. Electric Railway Co. officials had offered to assist in any way possible to get large groups in from New Westminster, even considering free transportation. Posters being prepared for distribution. A film is now available at the National Film Board. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate Showler reported that the Regional War Labor Board had ordered adjustments in cost of living bonus to 321 employees. Pointed out that some unions had neglected to pay proper cost of living bonus and had been ordered to do so by the Board.

Reported that C.B.C. Labor Forum had been on the air in practically every other major city in Canada. Will be on the air in Vancouver, Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. The speakers will be A. Dalrymple, J. Turner and himself. Urged delegates to listen to the broadcast and drop a line to C.B.C. criticizing or commenting as they see fit and pointed out it is important in any event to let the C.B.C. know that the people in Vancouver are sufficiently interested to listen in to the broadcast.

Reported further that he had met with the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council on Wednesday, March 15th and reported on the meeting of the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion report accepted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:

Under this heading the President urged new delegates to report any matter that they felt would be of interest to the other unions.

Retail Clerks 279, delegate Harold Box reported his union had been certified as the bargaining agents for Woodward's meat and delicatessen departments.

Embalmers Local 23374, delegate J. Dougall reported that his Union had appeared before an arbitration board on January 4th on the matter of a signed agreement including wages and working conditions. That the Board had met and were in the process of bringing down their decision when the Chairman came down ill and died. The Minister of Labor ruled that in as much as no report had officially reached his office the Board under a new chairman would have to be reconstituted and again hear the case. The first meeting of the Board will be held April 3rd.

Gas Workers 376, delegate O. Martin reported that after considerable negotiation with the Company and the boiler inspector that the engineers employed in the Carrall St. and Keefer St. plants were now all in the organization and receiving standard rate of pay. Thanked Secretary Gerwin for assistance.

Civic Employees Local 28, delegate Smith reported that their Local Committee on the Red Cross Drive had been very successful. Also reported that they had completed their agreement with the employer for revision in the cost of living bonus which meant an increase of \$90,000 to the employees.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate Carlisle reported that their Annual Dinner had been a great success.

Building Laborers Local 602, delegate James reported his Union had organized the cemetery workers at Forrest Lawn 100% and are now working on other cemeteries.

President declared nominations open for the election of Committee to take the initiative in organizing a program for Labor Day. The following delegates were nominated:--W. Wear, Plumbers Local 170; R. Corneck, St. Railwaymen Division 134; G. M. Stewart, St. Railwaymen Division 101; J. H. Irving, S. Rogers, Machinists Local 692; S. Shearer, Railway Carmen 54

H. Box, Retail Clerks 279; J. Eaves, Painters Local 138; R. Gerwin, St. Railwaymen Division 101. Delegates Stewart, Shearer and Box declined. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee as nominated stand. President appointed Secretary Gerwin chairman.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council send a letter to the office of the I. L. O. at Montreal protesting the action of that body in inviting fascists representatives to attend a conference of labor organizations in Philadelphia.

It was moved and seconded that this Council protest to the Health authorities the prevalent use in cafes and public eating houses of cracked cups, tea pots and china ware. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that in view of the forthcoming bond drive and the difficulty that some workers will experience in supporting same that the Government be asked to postpone payment of income tax, spreading the payments over the balance of the year. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that we urge the Government to take under consideration the advisability of deducting income tax on the basis of 100%. Motion lost.

QUESTIONS BY DELEGATES:--Delegate Bengough asked the Press Committee what has been done to make the Labor Statesman a better paper. Delegate Parkin replied that his Committee had met on this matter and that the recommendation of the committee had been adopted by the Council but not carried out by the Local Unions. Stated there would be a meeting in the near future of the Press Committee.

Delegate Cormack asked why this Council was not officially represented at the Shipyard Conference. The President replied that the Council had not appointed delegates to attend, and that to his knowledge there had been no invitation received. It was stated from the floor that delegates had been told that invitations had been sent. Secretary replied that if there had been invitations sent out to the Council he felt that he would know about it and such had not been received.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

R. K. GERWIN,
Secretary.

Birt Showler
President

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, April 4th, 1944.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting adopted as sent out to the affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were obligated and seated:--W. Rigby, United Fishermen Local 44; H. S. Hislop, Hilda Smith, F. G. Morris, G. S. Ford, New Westminster Teachers' Association.

The Executive reported on the meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:--Showler, Neelands, Holmes, Parkin, Burgess, Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) St. Railwaymen Division 101 enclosing the following resolutions:
 1. That delegates to the Trades and Labor Council take up with that body the question of having a western division of the National War Labor Board set up in this vicinity. "On motion resolution endorsed."
 2. That this organization go on record that we are strongly opposed to the setting up in Vancouver of the Pinkerton Detective Agency and that we request the Trades Council to send a strong protest to the proper authorities. The Executive recommend that this resolution be received and filed. The executive's recommendation was not concurred in and on motion resolution endorsed.
 - (2) Painters Local 138 requesting that a protest be sent to the Executive Board of the American Federation of Labor against their refusal to send delegates to the World Trade Union Conference called by the Trade Union Congress.
 - Local 170 Plumbers, enclosing the following resolution: "That this Trades and Labor Council does not approve of the decision of the A. F. of L. Joint Executive Board in refusing to send delegates to the World Trade Union Conference called by the British Trade Union Congress and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the A. F. L. Joint Executive Board and to the Congress of British Trade Unions." The Executive recommended that the two communications be filed and the Locals asked to take this matter up with their respective International offices. The Executive's recommendation was not concurred in and on motion communications were endorsed. Delegate Jamieson stated that he wished to be recorded as opposed to the motion.
 - (3) Division 101 St. Railwaymen requesting that this Council take up with the City Council the question of having a Labor Representative on the Town Planning Commission. "On motion endorsed."
 - (4) Aeronautical Lodge 756 enclosing a resolution urging the Federal Government through the Department of Munitions and Supply to maintain Air Craft plants at maximum production and that the workers be kept in the industry until proper rehabilitation of all affected can be assured and that when it becomes necessary to transfer these workers into other jobs it should be into other war industries where their skill and training can be applied. "On motion the resolution endorsed and forwarded."
 - (5) Vancouver Labor Council suggesting that this Council participate in forming a welcoming committee to welcome crews of ships of the United Nations tying up in this port. It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter be left in the hands of the secretary to secure further information.
 - (6) Canadian Red Cross Society expressing appreciation for the assistance of the Council in making the recent Drive for Funds a success. "On motion received with appreciation." President Showler draw attention of the delegates to the splendid work done on behalf of the Council by delegate Bartlett in assisting the Red Cross.
 - (7) Health Department, City Hall, acknowledging the Council's complaint re cracked dishes in restaurants and pointing out that this matter is being given attention. "On motion received and filed."
 - (8) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada enclosing a copy of Order in Council 1003 and expressing appreciation for the cooperation extended in protesting Order in Council P. O. 9384. "On motion received with appreciation"
 - (9) B. C. Electric Railway Co. in reply to a request from this Council that every alternate bus on the Cambie-King Edward Line be routed to 33rd Ave. and Heather to provide a transportation service to Little Mountain Barracks. The Company pointed out that this would not be possible at the present time due to the condition of roads, a limited supply of equipment,

and the inconvenience to passengers bound to points west of Heather St. on King Edward Ave. "On motion communication received and filed."

(10) Vancouver Coordinating Council statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the period from commencement of United Labor Christmas Cheer Fund on November 18th to February 4th, 1944. "On motion received with appreciation."

(11) B. C. Junior and Juvenile Football Association Commission requesting financial assistance in their drive to raise \$2,000 for the promotion of a soccer league in the City. "On motion received and referred to the Locals for their consideration."

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

(13) "5000 Homes Now" Committee call to a Conference to be held Wednesday, April 12th and to lay plans for sending 2 delegates to Ottawa to place the committee's proposals before the cabinet. Secretary reported that he had requested and received a report from the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Building Trades Council on this matter which he felt would be a guide for this Council in dealing with the question.

The Building Trades Council point out that houses are going up in this community as fast as men and material are available. The executive recommended that the communication from the Committee be received and filed. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(14) International Labor Office replying to protest from this Council against the reported invitation to Finland to attend the Philadelphia Conference of the I.L.O. "On motion received and filed."

(15) Workers' Educational Association enclosing a copy of "Labor Fact Briefs No. 1 and 2". Also pointing out that these pamphlets can be obtained at a small cost to affiliated unions. "On motion received and noted."

(16) Office of the Minister of Finance advising the Council that the Minister of National Revenue had made a statement to the effect that although the Income Tax Returns must be filed by April 30th, payment of the Tax can be postponed until August 31st without interest penalty. "On motion received with thanks."

(17) Vancouver Council of Social Agencies notice of Annual Meeting to be held Friday, April 14th at 8:15 p.m. in Salon "A", Hotel Vancouver, and inviting all interested members of this organization to attend. "On motion received and noted."

The Executive dealt with numerous communications received from Local Unions regarding the setting up of a league of competitive sports within the Council. The executive recommended that a Committee of three (3) be set up to go into the matter and report. Recommendation adopted. The president appointed delegates McWilliam, Local 170; Harris, Division 101 St. Railwaymen and Gouthro, Typographical 226. Delegate Gouthro declined. President stated he would appoint the third member at the first opportunity.

The Executive recommended the adoption of the following resolution: WHEREAS, it has been the practice of the Provincial Government to issue charters to groups of workers who wish to bargain collectively with their employer; and,

Whereas, the issuing of such charters usurps the long established rights and functions of bona fide trade unions and is in our opinion contrary to the objects of the Societies Act.

Therefore be it Resolved, that this Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council do vigorously protest the issuing of charters under the Societies Act to groups of workers who desire to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining and we hereby urge the Provincial Government to discontinue this practice immediately and cancel such charters now in existence. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credentia Committee, secretary reported for this Committee, that the following applications were dealt with and the committee recommend that the delegates be seated:--F. W. Klein, B. C. Constables and Special Agents Federal Union No. 15; Wm. Gray, L. N. Dale, J. Harris, Ora Peroy, Geo. Smart, Aeronautical Lodge 1749; C. A. Bailey, T. Dowall, Boilermakers Local 194. "On motion recommendation of Committee adopted."

Secretary Gerwin gave the following report on Labor Day Committee: The committee met on March 22nd to deal with a letter received from the Chairman of last year's May Day Committee calling a meeting to discuss plans for a Worker-Warrior Day to be held April 30th this year. The committee elected delegates Wear and Rogers to attend the meeting and report back to the committee. The committee met again on Monday, April 3rd to hear the report from the delegates. The delegates reported that plans were made to hold a meeting of two delegates from all interested organizations to a meeting to be held in the Labor Temple Monday, April 17th. It was tentatively decided to have a parade from Cambie Grounds to Stanley Park where a mass Rally would be held with prominent speakers, both labor and military.

Your committee are unable to bring a recommendation to the meeting due to the fact that there are an even 6 members on the committee and the majority could not be obtained. "On motion report accepted."

It was moved and seconded that this Council participate in the May Day Celebration and send two delegates to the forthcoming meeting. Considerable discussion took place on this motion, the motion being carried. Delegate Rogers, Shearer and Wear were nominated to attend the May Day Committee meeting. "It was moved, seconded and carried that these three delegates stand."

Press Committee, T. Parkin reported that only two or three Locals have contributed material or news. No cartoons have been submitted. Very few letters. Paper now clear of debt and building up a surplus to be used when rationing will permit enlarging paper. Requested that delegates ask their members to submit material and that the Editor attempt to get articles on old timers in the movement or labor history. Changes in the form of the paper will be attempted in the near future. Additions to the Press Committee will be necessary as some members have left the jurisdiction of the Council. "On motion report accepted."

Delegate Showler reported that in the case of 133 firms, a total of 796 employees had collected \$12,240.65 in back bonuses, through Regional War Labor Board.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Street Railwaymen Division 101, delegate Stewart reported his union had concluded a satisfactory agreement with the Municipality of West Vancouver covering bus operators and garage employees. Thanked the delegates for their support in opposing the one-man cars. His Local has started negotiations with the B. C. Electric Railway Co. for a new agreement and as at present negotiations are at a deadlock it appears that the union will have to apply for an Arbitration Board.

Enbalmers Local 23374, J. Dougall reported arbitration proceedings which were scheduled to start on April 3rd have been postponed to April 12th.

Musicians Local 145, Jamieson brought to the attention of the delegates that Local 145, Musicians, is the only Musicians Union in B. C. except Victoria, which has a separate Local. There is an independent organization without affiliation in Westminster. Requested delegates to make sure when Musicians are required that they are dealing with members of Local 145.

Aeronautical Lodge 756, T. Parkin reported his union is now planning for 6th Victory Loan Drive. Quota set is \$921,000. This is much higher than last drive. Also membership has decreased. The reason for this is that the payroll is higher. President has been placed on full time planning for the drive. Negotiations on layoff satisfactory. Meeting on Sunday was not as well attended as expected but the matter was now a public issue. Felt that public must demand contracts be placed in these plants.

Plumbers Local 170, Mathieson reported their Local had donated \$50 to the Aluminum Defence Fund. \$25 to the blood donors committee. Reported that his union had a problem in the shipyards where members who wore spot-clothes were finding them constantly destroyed when they came in contact with sparks from a welder. Requested that Legislative Committee take up with the Compensation Board the question of having glasses replaced when destroyed in this manner.

B. C. Seamen, delegate Scotland reported that his Union won the election for bargaining rights of union steamship. Thanked delegate Gerwin for assistance.

Milkalesmen Local 464, delegate Showler reported his union had set up a committee to find ways and means of providing hospitalization and medical care for members, their wives and families. The committee had reported and it is expected that if the plan is accepted by the membership that it will be a great benefit.

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United Fishermen Local 44, delegate Burgess reported 4 sub locals set up by his organization. Protective Association had now been absorbed into Local 44. Found gasoline ration too small to enable his local to successfully carry on their work during the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council take up with the proper authorities the question of allowing gasoline to the Fishermen's Local to operate their boat in the carrying out of Union business.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we take up with the City Council the question of appointing a labor representative to the Library Board.

Moved, seconded and carried that this Council nominate 2 delegates, 1 for the Library Board and 1 for the Town Planning Commission at the first meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

Burr Showler
President

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, April 18, 1944.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Unions.

Those whose credentials had previously been received and accepted were duly obligated:--C. A. Bailey, Boilermakers Local 194; R. H. Parliament, Barbers Local 120; F. H. Wilkinson, Hotel and Restaurant Local 835; B. Flack, Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 433; A. T. Padgham, Railway Clerks Local 626.

The executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:--B. Showler, G. Gerrard, R. H. Neelands, T. Parkin, C.E. Horrett, R. McDonald, E. Holmes, R. K. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) National Association of Marine Engineers informing the delegates that Union is taking a ballot asking all certified engineers, members or non-members to sign same which reads as follows: "I hereby certify that it is my wish that N.A.M.E. shall be my bargaining agent in all matters dealing with my employer or with the different government departments". This affiliated union is asking other unions in the shipyards and allied trades to assist their organization to this end. Anyone requiring ballots or information contact E. R. Smith, Pacific 8549. "On motion referred to unions concerned."

(2) I. A. of M. Local 692 enclosing the following resolution: Therefore be it resolved that this Council consider the advisability of placing the Comco Electric Co. on the non-patronage list. "On motion referred to the Grievance Committee."

Be it further resolved that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada be requested to do all in its power to fight for the elimination of company unions and the misuse of chartered societies to the detriment of the Trade Union Movement. "On motion endorsed and forwarded to the Trades Congress."

(3) International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers enclosing the following resolution:

Whereas, we the members of Local Union 213, I.B.E.W., strongly protest the isolationist policy adopted by the leadership of the A. F. of L. in separating us from the rest of the world Trade Union Movement; and,

Whereas, the leaders of the A. F. of L., will have to accept responsibility for this; and that we may be in a better position to expose people like Burford.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada take immediate action to see that we have representation at the coming World Trade Union Conference to be held in the City of London, England, in the month of June, 1944.

"On motion resolution endorsed and forwarded."

(4) City Clerk acknowledging receipt of letter re Labor representative on the Town Planning Commission and Library Board. "On motion received and filed."

(5) Hon. G. S. Pearson, Provincial Secretary, replying to resolution protesting the granting of charters to groups of workers under the Societies Act and pointing out that collective bargaining powers can only be granted under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act or at the present time under Federal P.C. 1003. "On motion received and noted."

(6) Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor, replying to letter from this Council recommending a western labor board having the same status as the Ottawa National War Labor Board, informing the Council that this would be referred to the chairman of the National War Labor Board. "On motion received and noted."

(7) Machinists District Lodge No. 82, Montreal, a copy of letter sent to F/Lt. James Sinclair, M.P. for Vancouver North congratulating him on his stand in the house in opposing order in council P.C. 9384. "On motion received with thanks."

(8) From "The People" an appeal for financial assistance to assist in their objective to build a sustaining fund of \$7500 and to reach 2500 new members. "On motion received and filed."

(9) Jt. Trade Union Continuation Committee Blood Donor Service. Delegate Parkin reported that cards are not coming in as rapidly as the committee would like but that the A. F. of L. groups particularly have re-

ponded well. "On motion minutes received with thanks."

(10) Lathers Local 207 requesting that this Council investigate the cause of delay of payment of wages to workmen who are on compensation. "On motion left in the hands of the secretary."

(11) Minister of Munitions and Supply acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by this Council with reference to layoffs in Aircraft plants in Canada. "On motion received and filed."

(12) "5,000 Homes Now" Committee, informing the Council that they have requested Federal members of Parliament from Vancouver to act as a delegation to the cabinet on behalf of their program and that they would like to have a speaker address our meeting on this subject. "On motion referred to Building Trades Council."

(13) Local 28, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, announcing that they are sponsoring a dinner-dance at the Commodore Cabaret, Wednesday evening, May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in aid of the Canadian Red Cross. Secretary Gervin asked all locals to give this dinner their support in view of the worthy cause. Tickets are \$5 a couple. This is the first affair of this nature undertaken by Local 28 for some time and is worthy of the support of all union members. Anyone desiring further information or tickets call Pacific 7933. "On motion the communication was endorsed and delegates asked to make a special effort to attend."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:---Credential Committee, delegate Gerard reported favorably on the credential for R. H. Parliament, Barbers Local 120. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary Gervin reported on meeting with the secretary of the Vancouver Labor Council as instructed at previous meeting to go into the matter of representatives of organized labor extending greetings to crews of United Nations ships arriving in this Port. Committee suggested that the Executive recommend to affiliated unions that they invite representative or as many representatives as possible from any such ship which happens to be in Port at the time to attend any social function that the union may be putting on. It was pointed out that up to the present time greetings have been extended in some cases by shop stewards and it was felt that this should be done by representatives of all organized workers rather than representatives of those in the shipyards only. In order to go aboard these ships it will be necessary to obtain a pass from the ships owners or agents endorsed by the R.C.M.P. The executive recommended that the report be accepted and left in the hands of the secretary to make arrangements with ships arriving in port.

Secretary reported on a meeting of the Council for Guidance of Handicapped:--The placement of handicapped persons in industry for the year April, 1943 to March 31st, 1944, was a total of 963. Definite placements only included in these figures. It was pointed out that 52% of all unemployables in the 4 western provinces are in British Columbia although British Columbia has only 30% of the population of these provinces. The Council asked the delegates to bring the following resolution before their organization for endorsement:

"Whereas there is a large number of persons in Canada who are handicapped, and for whom there is no adequate provision.

And whereas many of these handicapped persons are heads of families and have dependents in addition to themselves to care for.

And whereas handicapped persons, unless they are especially equipped, are apt to be the first thrown out of work should unemployment and keen competition for jobs develop.

Therefore be it resolved that the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council respectfully urge upon the Government of Canada, and the Provincial Governments, that, in plans for rehabilitation and social security there be adequate provision made for research as to number of handicapped persons and their classification, and for a National Programme of Vocational Rehabilitation to include Physical Restoration, Vocational Guidance, Training and scientific placement in employment, for handicapped persons as a permanent addition to the Country's Social Services. The executive recommended endorsement of the resolution. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee:--delegate Herrett reported that applications for affiliation had been received from Local 292 International Laundry Workers Union and Local 456, International Brotherhood of Paper Makers.

The committee recommended that the applications be accepted and necessary credential forms forwarded to the Unions. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted." Delegate Herrett reported further that Laundry workers still coming in; 2 firms almost 100% organized. Requested delegates assist by contacting any laundry workers they might know informing them of the union and urging them to join.

Bargaining representatives of Local 244 Building Service Employees Union have been certified for the Pacific Building. Laundry salesmen also making good progress. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate McMillan reported for the committee of three appointed to interview New Veterans representative. Nothing concrete had as yet been decided. Considerable discussion on rehabilitation had taken place and another meeting will be held soon. "On motion report adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:---Brewery Workers 300, delegate Sandell reported that his organization had gone on record as being in favor of Labor Day as a holiday not May 1st.

Shinglers Local 2346, reported that considerable difficulty being experienced at the present time in the roofing business due to the fact that certain people are canvassing throughout the City signing contracts with home owners for a roofing job, obtaining a deposit and then disappearing without fulfilling their part of the contract. This matter has been taken up with the police and the Better Business Bureau. It is reported that last year one man got away with as much as \$5,000 in this manner. The Better Business Bureau has already circularized its members on this matter.

Plumbers Local 170, reported by Mathieson that his union donated \$250 to the Crippled Children's Home; \$100 to the Juvenile Lacrosse League; \$100 to the Juvenile Football League; \$10 to "The People". Delegate reported that approximately two weeks ago the City had appointed a new plumbing inspector. It was felt that members of Local 170 were better qualified and should have been given the opportunity to apply for this position. The matter was protested and the Local informed that it had to go through National Selective Service and there was nothing they could do about it.

Refrigeration Workers 516, delegate Campbell drew attention to an ad placed in the Labor Statesman by Local 516 pointing out that they have a grievance with three firms whose names appear in the ad.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate Wear reported that his Local has a team in the City Senior "B" Soft Ball League; also that a golf tournament had been held in the Fraserview Links on the previous Sunday. A whist drive is being organized for Friday, May 5th at 1313 Granville St.

NEW BUSINESS:---It was moved, seconded that the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council request the Building Department of the City of Vancouver when a vacancy occurs in said department the same be advertised and all citizens be given an equal opportunity to apply for same. motion carried.

The President at this time introduced Mrs. Peterson, Vice President of the United Garment Workers Union who addressed the meeting briefly. Mrs. Peterson pointed out that she felt very much at home hearing discussion on Regional Boards and National Boards as they have the same problems in California. Everything must be submitted to a Government agency before they can proceed with the work they wish to do. Their organization has increased considerably and they are still building up. Experience some difficulty with the C.I.O. attempting to invade their territory. Mrs. Peterson was thanked by the President on behalf of the delegates.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:

Delegate from United Garment Workers requested information regarding a letter his Local had received from the Department of Labor requesting a copy of their agreement. President replied that this was a usual procedure.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

But 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, May 2, 1944.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

Delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were duly obligated:—T. Dowall, Boilermakers Local 194; F. W. Klein, O. N. R. Police Local 15; J. Harris, W. Gray, Lodge 756 Aeronautical Employees (New Westminster).

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: Showler, Neulands, Parkin, Herrett, Burgess, Holmes, Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Local 692 I. A. of M. protesting the action of the War Finance Committee in selecting the Comco Electrical Manufacturing Co. as an example of the organization of payroll savings plan in the Victory Loan Campaign and pointing out that there are many union plants which could have been used where the quota has been over subscribed early in the Drive.

Joint Shop Stewards Executive Committee dealing with the same matter.

National War Finance Committee dealing with the same matter pointing out that they had received instructions to obtain photographs but that instructions had arrived too late for them to take pictures in the larger shipyards and that they had to take what was left. Also that it was simply a coincidence that the two plants publicized were having their canvasses early this week when it was decided to take the pictures at this plant. There was no intention to overlook labor unions who have done such splendid work within the organized plants and if the membership so desire we will agree not to use such photographs. The Executive recommended that the communications be filed and the National War Finance Committee requested not to release such films. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(2) Committee for the Liberation of the Ukrainian Labor Farmer Temple requesting endorsement of a resolution urging the Secretary of State to remove the injustice upon the Vancouver Ukrainians and liberate the Association's Hall. "On motion endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of State."

(3) Division 101 enclosing the following resolutions:

1. That the Council request that a representative of organized labor be placed on the National Film Board. Executive recommended that this matter be left in the hands of the secretary to investigate and forward an appropriate resolution. Recommendation adopted.
2. That the Council issue a pamphlet outlining and analyzing the main features of the Federal Code. Executive recommended that this matter be referred to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Recommendation adopted.
3. That the Council inaugurate a campaign for the clean up of garbage dumps and vacant lots as a preventative against the spread of the Sylvania Plague. The Executive recommended that this matter be referred to the City Council and Junior Board of Trade. Recommendation adopted.
4. That the Trades and Labor Council enter a strong protest against the conditions of the nurses living quarters at the Vancouver General Hospital. The Executive recommended that we urge better living quarters for nurses and that a communication be sent accordingly. Recommendation was adopted.
5. That a resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Justice protesting the freeing of Joseph Farr and John Lorimer, Fascist leaders in Canada, when Canadian soldiers are about to storm the Nazi fortifications in Europe. The Executive recommended that the resolution be endorsed. Recommendation adopted.

(4) Local 376 Gas Workers enclosing a resolution which was unanimously endorsed at the Local Union meeting.

RESOLVED that the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council be asked to cooperate fully with the O.C.L. or any other Labor group in any plan brought forward by them to better labor and all conditions pertaining to the good and welfare of labor irrespective of affiliation. The Executive recommended that this resolution be referred

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back to the Local 376 for further clarification. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(5) Local 120, Barbers informing the Council that their members are not interested in a league of competitive sports. "On motion referred to the Sports Committee."

(6) J. H. Sutherland Chairman Public Relations Committee of the B. C. Teachers Federation requesting an opportunity to address the Council to acquaint the members with the fact that the Federation is sponsoring a presentation of "Distant Point", by A. Afinogenov. The play will be presented on the stage of the Lyric Theatre May 17, 18, 19 and 20 in the evening. It was moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Sutherland be heard. The speaker was introduced by the President and gave a very interesting talk on the play. Also stating that he hoped his organization would be affiliated with the Council in the very near future. The speaker was thanked for attending and the delegates were asked to take note and if possible attend the showing of "Distant Point".

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

(8) "5,000 Homes Now" committee requesting that John McPeake be given time to address the meeting on this subject. The executive recommended that the matter be laid on the table until a reply was received from the Building Trades Council on the communication dealt with at the last regular meeting. An amendment was moved and seconded that the speaker be given 5 minutes at this meeting. The amendment carried. The speaker was introduced by the President and spoke briefly on the aims of this committee and asked that the delegates support the committee in their endeavors.

(9) The Workmen's Compensation Board pointing out that the Act provides compensation for personal injury but not property damage such as damage to clothing, vision glasses, etc. "On motion received and noted."

(10) Royal Canadian Air Force informing the Council that the allowance to the dependents of E. Marineau has been adjusted to include the month from September 27th to October 26th, 1943. "On motion received and noted."

(11) Minister of Labor acknowledging receipt of resolution on rehabilitation and social security. "On motion received and noted."

(12) City Clerk informing the Council that names for appointments to the Library Board and Town Planning Commission shall be made on or after the third Monday of January next and this Council may submit names for nomination if it so desires. "On motion received and noted."

(13) Canadian National Institute for the Blind requesting the Council to nominate a representative to the Board of Directors. The executive recommended that the name of delegate W. J. Bartlett be placed in nomination. Recommendation adopted.

(14) Local 86 Hat Workers Union informing the Council that the hats manufactured by Robert Green and Co. of Toronto are now union made. "On motion referred to the Union Label Council."

(15) Vancouver Labor Council requesting that the executive of this Council meet with the executive of the Vancouver Labor Council to discuss company unions. The executive recommended that this be left with the Executive to go further into the matter. Recommendation adopted. The report of the Executive as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported that an application had been received from the Bricklayers and Masons Local Union No. 1. The committee recommended that the application be accepted and credential forms forwarded to the Local. "On motion report adopted." Good progress being made with the laundry workers and also the automotive mechanics and gas pump workers.

Reported also for a meeting of the Organizing and Grievance Committee to discuss ways and means of making the non-patronage list more effective. The committee recommended:

1. That all affiliated unions who have their own papers be asked to print the non-patronage list and forward a copy of the paper to the firm concerned.
2. That the list be printed on the minutes of each Council meeting.
3. That each union be requested to write the firms on the non-patronage list protesting their anti-union action and urging them to withdraw opposition.

4. That the unions with firms on the non-patronage list meet the organizing committee to discuss the possibility of organizing such firms.
 5. That the non-patronage list be placed on a Board to be placed in the main hall of this Building.
- "The committee's report was adopted."
- Grievance Committee, delegate Holmes reported dealing with the request from 692 I. A. of M. that the Cemco Electrical Manufacturing Co. be placed on the non-patronage list. The Grievance committee met with representatives of the Company to discuss this matter and recommend that the Cemco Electrical Manufacturing Company be placed on the non-patronage list. An amendment was moved and seconded that this matter be tabled for two weeks. The amendment carried.
- May Day Committee, delegate Wear reported a very successful parade with 50 sections, 4,000 people at Brocton Point Oval. Many A. F. L. as well as C.O.L. unions represented. Five progressive speakers, A. F. of L., C. O. L., both political parties and Gen. Pearkes. The committee recommended that the Council donate \$10 to the cost of expenses. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."
- Sports Committee, delegate McWilliam chairman, reported that the committee recommend that a conference on sports be called as soon as possible with an invitation sent to every affiliated union with the request that at least 1 interested member preferably from the Sports or Social Committee and who is free to act be delegated to attend. "On motion committee's report adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Plumbers Local 170, delegate reported that a group of workers had gone aboard a ship and extended greetings to the Captain. Were very well received. Suggested that this Council might invite such personalities to attend one of the regular meetings. The president replied that if the officers were informed when these people were in port that such an invitation would be extended.

Garment Workers 276, delegate Kayser reported that new officers had been elected and President Showler had installed them and addressed the regular meeting. Members were responding very well to the Victory Loan Drive. Applications approving of new agreements have been placed before the Regional War Labor Board.

Milkmen Local 464, delegate McCulloch reported that his Union had been successful in signing up and obtaining certification for one group of workers who had been a company union and which his organization had fought for 4 years.

Laundry Salesmen at Nelsons and Peerless now signed up.

Railway Carmen Local 58, delegate Shearer reported after 12 months negotiations that his union is now meeting the National War Labor Board. His organization has shown loyalty to the C.P.R. and C.N.R. and to the Government in supporting the war effort, and find now that a professor is introducing a brief on behalf of the public in opposition to the requests of his organization before the N.W.L.B. A decision is expected on Thursday.

Aeronautical Employees Lodge 756, delegate Parkin reported bond drive proceeding satisfactorily. Finds that the organizations' plants have little difficulty in reaching their quota. Again starting drive on membership and there is every indication that there will be new contracts. Immediately the membership are in a position to do so a drive will be made for a closed shop agreement.

Aeronautical Employees Lodge 1749, delegate Gray reported bond drive proceeding very well and shop stewards doing splendid job. Pointed out that if the N.W.F.C. required pictures they could get them from the plants covered by 1749.

Plumbers Local 170, Barton reported his Local purchased \$5,000 Victory Bond. Also contributed \$25 to May Day Committee.

Machinists Local 692, delegate Osman reported signing up agreement with Byrnes Typewriter Co. and have hopes of signing up another closed shop agreement in the very near future.

Marine Engineers, delegate Smith reported sending out 600 ballots to engineers for signature for certification of bargaining agents and have received 200 back up to date. Asked support of Machinists or other unions in having these men brought under the National Association of Marine Engineers.

Estimators Local 23374, delegate Dougall reported that arbitration proceedings concluded and they had received increases in pay, no union contract. Their organization has not yet decided whether or not the award

is acceptable.

Division 101 St. Railwaymen, delegate R. Gregory reported his Local had purchased \$5,000 bond.

Engineers Local 115, delegate reported they asked their International to place an organizer in the field and H. Fleisher was recently appointed at the International Convention.

Hotel and Restaurant Local 28, delegate Barbara Stewart reported that the Trocadero Cafe is now a union house with a closed shop agreement. They are asking for certification as bargaining agents for cafeterias at Lapointe Pier and North Burrard. Thanked delegate Gerwin and organizer Wilson as well as union representatives for assistance in organizing and getting agreements.

Truck Drivers Local 31, delegate Atkinson reported that Rapid Transfer Co. and Diamond Transfer are now signed up with his organization.

Typographical Local 226, delegate Lamb reported that this would be his last Council meeting as election would be held in the near future and he is not a candidate. Pointed out that the Typographical Union is the oldest on the North American Continent and that it annoys him considerably to hear delegates speak on cooperation with the C.O.L. inasmuch as the C. O. L. were responsible for the disruption of his organization in Calgary and other cities.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate McWilliam reported that they regretted the fact that they were holding a whist drive and dance in the Howden Hall on the same evening as "The People". Were not aware when arrangements were made that "The People" were holding this dance. Would welcome delegates who would care to attend.

Fishermen United #44, delegate Burgess reported that the halibut dispute was not between the buyers or the government but created by the price administration in the U.S.A. The issue is not one of money but the Canadian Fleet cannot proceed as it would be drawing from an international quota although the fishermen here have reserved the right to ask support again if honest negotiations to end the dispute are not carried forward.

Machinists Local 692, delegate Rogers reported that the Joint Shop Stewards had put on a drive for the organizing of office employees in the Burrard Dry Dock. Reported that they had a showing of cards recently. Pointed out that the shop stewards had little assistance from organizing committee of this Council. Secretary Gerwin pointed out that this was not correct as the Organizing Committee had spent considerable time and money over a period of months in an endeavor to organize this group of workers, but that the matter had more or less rested when there was no desire for organization shown on the part of the workers. Delegate Herrett also pointed out what had been done by the Organizing Committee of the Council in the organizing of this group of workers.

Hotel and Res. Local 28, delegate Barbara Stewart informed the Council that the dinner-dance at the Commodore Cabaret which had been arranged for Wednesday, May 3rd had been cancelled, owing to the fact that there was not sufficient time to sell the necessary amount of tickets to cover expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council protest to the Parks Board the refusal to permit the May Day Parade to proceed along the driveway to Brocton Point.

Moved and seconded that this Council approach the Attorney-General and request that the secretary be made a Justice of the Peace. Motion carried.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:
That the Wartime Prices and Trade Board be requested to enact administrative order A699 to make a supply of sugar available to the public for year 1944.

Moved and seconded that this Council send a protest to the proper authorities against the eviction of workers from their homes and request that a real housing scheme be instituted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this Council request the Vancouver Baseball League to remove Johnny Nestman from the umpire staff at the Capilano Stadium. On motion referred to the Executive for action.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Bert Showler President
R. K. GERVIN, Secretary.

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

5. Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, May 16th, 1944.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were obligated and seated:—R. W. Adams, New Westminster Teachers Association; H. Foster, A. T. Dyer, Int. Assoc. of Machinists 692; J. Malloy, Printing Pressmen 69; G. Lees, G. Edwards, Garment Wkrs. Local 276; W. McGowan, Local 97 Ironworkers; H. Foster, United Fishermen Local 44; Frances Mohara, D. Royle, Mrs. Mack, W. A. Taylor, Laundry Workers Local 292; Ora Percy, L. N. Dale, Aeronautical Lodge 1749.

The executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: B. Showler, H. Neelands, E. Holmes, G. Herrett, R. McDonald, T. Parkin, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Unemployment Insurance Commission re emergency part time war workers requesting that we cooperate in an endeavor to meet the present grave shortage of labor in certain industries. The executive recommend that this matter be given favorable consideration by affiliated unions providing it does not interfere with existing agreements. Recommendation adopted.

(2) B. C. Seamen's Union requesting the Council to take up with the proper authorities the question of washroom and toilet facilities for seamen whose ships are tied up in port in the various shipyards of Vancouver. "Motion adopted that this matter be taken up with the proper authorities."

(3) R. L. Maitland, Attorney General, pointing out that he cannot acquiesce to the request that the secretary be made a Justice of the Peace. Executive recommend the communication be filed and the secretary and President request a meeting with the Attorney General at the first opportunity. Recommendation adopted.

(4) Local 190 Garment Workers stating a case of a veteran who in their opinion does not receive an adequate pension. Recommendation adopted that the matter be left with the secretary to seek further information and take necessary action.

(5) Workers Educational Association re summer school for trade unions. "On motion received and noted."

(6) Calgary Trades and Labor Council, an appeal for financial assistance for Local 449, I.T.U. in their dispute with the Canadian Printers Union. The executive recommended that this Council donate \$10. Recommendation adopted.

(7) Deputy Minister of Justice re protest from this Council against the release of J. Farr and J. Lorimer. "On motion received and filed."

(8) Hon. H. Mitchell, Minister of Labor, replying to resolution re the needs of the physically handicapped pointing out that this matter is under consideration and some action will be taken in the near future. "On motion received and noted."

(9) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada acknowledging receipt of 2 resolutions and pointing out that the Congress are sending a delegate to the forthcoming World Trade Union Conference. "On motion received and noted."

(10) Vancouver General Hospital acknowledging receipt of letter from this Council urging improvement of living quarters for nurses. "On motion received and noted."

(11) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the last regular meeting. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(12) B. C. Provincial Government Employees Association history of their fight for recognition and the right to organize by the Provincial Government and requesting assistance of this Council. "On motion received and the matter to be taken up with the Premier."

(13) Local 376 Gas Workers enclosing the following resolution: Resolved that the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council be asked to cooperate fully with any plan brought forward by any bona-fide union affiliated with the C.O.L., C.I.O., and A. F. of L. pertaining to the good and welfare of Labor in general.

The Executive recommend that the communication be received and noted. An amendment was moved and seconded that we favor the principle of cooperation on any matter of mutual concern. The amendment carried.

(14) Vancouver Labor Council notification that they are prepared to have a committee act with the Grievance Committee in meeting the management of Local shipyards and other plants to discuss the impending dispute should the Camco Co. be placed on the non-patronage list. "On motion this matter referred to the Grievance Committee."

Two other matters contained in the same communication dealing with interpretive regulations of the new Wartime Labor Relations were dealt with and the Executive recommended that the question be left with the executive to go further into with a view to meeting the Minister of Labor. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(15) Secretary of State; L. J. Bennett, Secretary to Tom Reid; Jean K. Taylor, secretary to Angus MacInnis; James Sinclair; George Cruickshank; Howard Green; G. G. McGeer; Ian Mackenzie, Minister of Pensions and National Health; acknowledging receipt of a resolution from this Council on the return of the Ukrainian Labor Farmer Temple to their rightful owners. "On motion received and noted."

The executive recommended the adoption of the following resolution dealing with hospital facilities in North Vancouver:

Therefore Be It Resolved that this Council hereby urge the Federal Government to give this matter immediate consideration and if necessary grant the Municipality financial assistance whereby adequate hospital facilities to meet present day needs would be provided.

Recommendation adopted.

The resolution referred to the executive at the last regular meeting requesting that this Council request the Vancouver Baseball League to remove Johnny Nestman from the Umpiring staff was dealt with. Your executive are unanimously of the opinion that the legality of such action is open to question and further that the matter is outside this Council and one over which union men have control. "On motion executive report adopted."

The Executive recommended that Mr. Winn, Chairman of the Compensation Board be invited to speak at the next meeting on the Workmen's Compensation Act. The executive recommendation was adopted.

On motion the executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Credential Committee, delegate McDonald reported favorably on the credentials of:—L. Padgett, Alex Fordyce, Bricklayers and Masons Inter. Union; William Hodgson, George Flagg, Jewelry Workers Local 42; Archie Nunn, Embalmers and Undertakers Local 2374; Bert Wybrew, Aeronautical Workers Lodge 756; Ivor L. Cawker, Mrs. M. Barnett, Taxi Drivers Local 151, and recommended that the delegates be accepted and seated. Recommendation adopted.

Labor Day Committee:—Secretary Gervin reported that the committee recommend that a conference be called of all unions regardless of affiliation for Monday, June 12th to discuss a Labor Day Celebration and that each local be asked to send three delegates.

An amendment was moved that a conference be called of all bona fide unions for Monday, June 12th, to discuss a Labor Day Celebration and that each Local be asked to send three delegates.

An amendment to the amendment was moved that a list of bona fide unions be compiled and submitted to affiliated Locals and if any local objects to any union the union objected to should withdraw. The amendment to the amendment was lost, 45 for and 58 against. The amendment carried.

Delegate Gervin reported discussing with the Compensation Board the delay in payment of claims of union men laid off work. It was pointed out the necessity of impressing the Doctors with the need of sending in progress reports promptly.

Organizing Committee:—delegate Herrett reported assisting Laundry workers who are now applying for certification in 2 plants, also assisting Building Service Employees who are negotiating a agreement in 2 buildings and applying for certification in 2 others. Automotive Mechanics also organizing, several members signed up and others coming in. Good progress being made. "On motion report adopted."

President Showler reported on the Associated Hospital Services. Reported good progress being made. Hospital claims paid in the last month \$1,644.38. Many groups of workers joining up and receiving satisfactory service.

Showler also reported for Research Council. Has attended many meetings during organizing of this Council. The Council is now endeavoring to meet a very vital problem in B. C. affecting dairy cattle. This is a disease called mastitis. A survey is being conducted in an endeavor to find the cause of this disease.

Another survey is being conducted of coastal waters to find if there is a sufficient supply of seaweed available to warrant the establishment of a processing plant which would remove the salts and refine them for human medicine.

An investigation is also being carried on to ascertain the food value of B. C. fruits and vegetables.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:---Machinists Local 692, delegate Osman reported that his organization had recently signed a closed shop agreement with the B. C. Marine.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:---Delegate Munro, Division 101, required what had been done with the matter of the 6 hour day which was brought before the Council some few months ago. The President replied that this matter had been referred to the Legislative Committee. Delegate Neelands, Chairman of that Committee replied that his Committee is working on 6 hour day and will report in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

But Showler
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 525 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, June 6th, 1944.

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 previously been accepted were obligated and seated:--A. J. Wybren, Aeronautical Lodge 756; James Bell, J. L. Cawker, Taxi Drivers Local 151; W. Galway, G. Miller, United Fishermen Local 44; W. R. Price, Aeronautical Lodge 1749; W. Hodgson, Jewelry Workers Local 42; Alex Fordyce, Bricklayers and Masons; J. L. Reid, New Westminster Teachers' Assoc.

The Executive reported on meeting held the same evening: Delegates present, B. Showler, G. Gerrard, H. Neelands, T. Parkin, C.E. Herrett, W. Burgess, R. McDonald, E. Holmes, R.K. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) United Textile Workers Union, Montreal, explaining the dispute between the Union and the Textile Companies in Quebec and asking assistance in having this matter cleared up. The Executive recommended that a letter be sent to the proper authorities protesting these conditions and urging that they be adjusted. The recommendation was adopted.

(2) B. C. Teachers' Assoc. thanking the President for extending greetings of the Council to the Annual Convention. "On motion received and noted."

(3) Vancouver Board of Trade notification that Mr. Walter Skeelcs of Capetown, South Africa, will address a meeting on Friday, June 9th at 12:15 noon and inviting members of Unions interested to attend. Cost of the Luncheon will be 75c. Anyone desirous of attending should contact Mr. E. T. Orr, Secretary, at Pacific 2111. Motion adopted that the affiliated unions take note.

(4) Department of National War Services informing the Council that there is no vacancy on the National Film Board for those who are not Civil Servants. Further they had appointed Mr. M. M. McClean of the Department of Labor as a man having the proper labor background to this Board. "On motion received and noted."

(5) Unemployment Insurance Commission, New Westminster, pointing out the necessity of obtaining part time workers to help meet the shortage of man power and asking the Council's assistance. Recommendation adopted that the New Westminster Locals give this matter favorable consideration providing it does not interfere with existing agreements.

(6) St. Railwaymen Division 101 enclosing the resolution that we implement the decision of the 59th Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and set up a Political Action Committee in the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council to co-ordinate the work and give leadership and guidance to Political Action Committees in our affiliated Local Unions. The Executive recommended that the Executive of the Council meet with the officers of Division 101 to discuss this matter further. Recommendation adopted.

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

(8) Wartime Prices and Trade Board in reply to letter from this Council seeking more sugar for preserving. The Board points out that the world supply of sugar is still very tight and it is impossible for the Board to make further increases to consumers at this time. "On motion received and noted."

(9) National War Finance Committee replying to a letter from this Council requesting that photographs of plants covered by Company Unions be not used in the Victory Herald and requesting that our decision be reconsidered. The Executive recommended that the previous decision of the Council stand. Recommendation adopted.

(10) Board of Park Commissioners replying to a letter from this Council protesting the refusal of authorities to permit the May Day Parade to proceed along the scheduled route to Brocton Point. The Board points out that the superintendent had gone over the route with Mr. Leary, parade marshal, a week prior to the event and that there would have been no trouble if the parade committee had been informed of the route, before the parade took place. "On motion received and noted."

(11) City of Vancouver pointing out that rats have been tested for Sylvania Disease and none of this has been found. "On motion received and noted."

(12) Mr. A. M. Eddy requesting that he be given the opportunity to address the Council meeting when he arrives in Vancouver. The Executive recommended that Mr. Eddy be heard when he arrives. Recommendation adopted.

(13) Secretary Sports Committee requesting a donation of \$10 to defray cost of office stationery and supplies. Also informing the Council that a knock-out series of soft ball will be held starting not later than July 15th and that as many unions as can do so are asked to enter, and send representatives to the next meeting of the Sports Committee to be held Friday, June 16th at 8 p.m., 529 Beatty Street. The Executive recommended that \$10 be donated and that the secretary explain to the Committee that all letters must be sent out through the Council office. Recommendation was adopted.

(14) Joint Shop Stewards Committee requesting that this Council place before the proper authorities the request to have the Workmen's Compensation Board take Safety-First Aid Inspectors in the Shipyards and other industries solely under their jurisdiction. The Executive recommended that this matter be left with the Secretary to seek further information. Recommendation adopted.

The Executive recommended the endorsement of the following resolution:

Whereas, there are a great many workers throughout the Dominion ready for organization and seeking the protection of Trade unions; and, Whereas, the lack of organizers of bona fide unions in the field results in these workers being turned to Company unionism,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada be asked to contact the officers of all affiliated International Unions with a view to having set aside one cent (1¢) per month for every Canadian member for a period of 12 months to be used for organizing work in Canada by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

The recommendation was adopted.

The report of the executive as a whole was adopted.

Mr. E. S. H. Winn, Chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board who had been invited to the Council meeting appeared at 8:30 and addressed the meeting for an hour with a half hour period for questions. Mr. Winn pointed out that he is gratified by the cooperation received from the workers and their representatives. It was pointed out that the Board covered a payroll of 78 million in 1917 at its inception as compared with the 380 million at present. Last year the Board issued 250 thousand pieces of literature. There were 68 thousand accidents. There are 200 thousand active files. 95% of the cases automatically go through and the claims are completed. The Board only deals with special cases or cases that are disputed. Mr. Winn particularly warned to keep the Board clear of politics and the political field. Once the Board was influenced by the Political Field it would follow that the Board would likely be influenced by the higher interests. Compensation is paid at the rate of 66-2/3% of the average wage earned. This is paid after the first three days unless the worker is off for more than 14 days. Wages for purpose of arriving at the average wage are only recognized up to \$2500 per year. Benefits have greatly increased since 1917 and this has been brought about by the action of this Council. Old Land maximum benefits are our minimum benefits. Since 1917 Widows benefits have been jumped 100%. Minimum benefit from \$5 to \$12.50 per week. Forty (40) industrial diseases have been added.

It was pointed out that the Reserve Fund is for the payment of accidents that have already occurred. Mr. Winn stated that in his opinion if the worker was injured in industry it was up to the employers to take care of that worker and he hoped that in the near future workers contribution to medical aid would be eliminated. There are 43 inspectors in the field. 90% of the accidents are due to lack of education; the balance are due to faulty machines. It was pointed out that 70 or 80 per cent of all hernias are being paid. Mr. Winn advised the workers should insist on surgeons for surgical work, and to seek specialists where possible. Several questions were asked and replied to by the speaker.

Delegate Gerrard moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Winn for his splendid address. The Chairman thanked Mr. Winn on behalf of the Council for his very kind address.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Gerrard reported favorably on the following credentials and recommended that the delegates be seated:--W. J. Douglas, S. Burnley, C. Dunn, Robt. Young, Don Beaton, Building Laborers Local 602; Geo. Parkinson, Engineers Local 115; Hamilton B. McKie, National Assoc. of Marine Engineers; John Duncan, Brewery Workers Local 300; Robert Learmond, Railway Carmen Local 58; Lilian Mahony, Len Gutting, Louis Pumphrey, Blanche Day, H. W. Halverson, Max A. Bailey, International Brotherhood of Paper Makers Local 456; T. B. Smith, Electrical Workers Local 213; A. Bevis, A. G. Janes, C. T. Tait, J. W. Wood, Typographical Local 226. "On motion report adopted."

The following resolution submitted by delegate C. M. Stewart was adopted unanimously by a standing vote:--"That a telegram be sent to the Officer in command of the Canadian Invasion Forces assuring him that the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council pledge in the name of our affiliated membership to do everything in our power to see that our soldiers, sailors, and air force men are kept supplied with all the necessities of war until victory is final and complete."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the special committee set up to meet with the New Veterans organization be filed with the secretary and the committee discharged.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Bert Skerwin
President

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on
Tuesday, June 20, 1944.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.
Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to the
affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been
accepted were obligated and seated:--A. Nunn, Embalmers Local 23374;
R. McSavany, Bakery Drivers Local 189; S. Burnley, D. Beaton, Building
Laborers Local 602; H. Martin, Pulp and Sulphite Local 433; G. Flagg,
Jewelry Workers Local 42; L. Padgett, Bricklayers; T. B. Smith, Electro-
tical Workers Local 213; R. Learmond, Railway Carmen Local 58; B. Victor,
Printing Pressmen Local 69; C. L. Tait, A. G. Jones, J. W. Wood, Typo-
graphical Local 226; Margaret Barnett, Taxi Drivers Local 151.

The Executive reported a meeting held the same evening. Delegates
present:--G. Gerrard, B. Showler, T. Parking, O. E. Herrett, H. Neelands,
E. Holmes, R. McDonald, R.K.Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Organizing Secretary Recreational Groups Council requesting
endorsement of a resolution calling upon the Minister of Education to
allow the use of schools to properly supervised groups of children for
athletics. Executive recommended that the resolution be endorsed and
forwarded. Executive's recommendation adopted.

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

(3) Gerard P. Belanger, Secretary of Restaurant Workers Union
at Whitehorse, Y.T. requesting this Council to make a submission on
behalf of that Union before the Western War Labor Board. Motion adopted
that the secretary seek further information and submit to the Western
War Labor Board.

(4) Minister of National Defence acknowledging receipt of telegram
from this council assuring support to the armed forces at this time.
Motion adopted that the communication be received and noted.

(5) Bureau on Post War Rehabilitation requesting that any action
taken on rehabilitation by this Council be channelled through the Bureau.
"On motion communication received and filed for reference."

(6) Joint Shop Stewards Committee requesting the assistance of
the Council in having safety first inspectors in industry solely under the
jurisdiction of the Workmen's Compensation Board. Motion adopted that
the matter be taken up with the Compensation Board.

(7) Local 76 Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers
enclosing a resolution protesting the appointment of A. E. McMaster to
any government position and particularly a position dealing with labor
and further demanding his immediately removal. "On motion resolution
endorsed."

(8) Secretary of Sports Committee informing the Council at the
last meeting of the committee there were only 7 members representing
7 unions present and requesting that the Local Unions have a represen-
tative at the next meeting to be held on June 30th at Labor Headquarters,
at 8 p.m., further requesting that a notice be sent out to all Locals
for the forthcoming meeting. "On motion report received and the notice
sent out as requested."

(9) Washington State Federation of Labor requesting this Council
send a delegate to the 43rd Annual Convention of that Body. The execu-
tive recommended that the secretary attend. Recommendation adopted.

(10) Division 101 enclosing a resolution suggesting that a Political
Action Committee be set up in this Council to coordinate the work and to
maximize leadership and guidance to Political Action committees in our
affiliated unions. The executive recommended that the resolution be
endorsed and the following committee set up:--T. Dunlop, Chairman; Div.101
St. Railwaymen; S. Smylie, Plumbers Local 170; J. H. Irving, Machinists
Local 692; W. Rigby, United Fishermen Local 44; A. E. Jackson, Bakers
Local 468. Recommendation was adopted.

(11) Lodge 756 enclosing a resolution requesting the Council to
buturge the Wartime Rentals Board to provide a way of eviction and the Harbor
Commission to do all in its power to provide new wharfage space for
residents of the Coal Harbor Houseboat Settlement. Executive recommended
of that the resolution be endorsed and taken up with the proper authorities.
Recommendation adopted.

The Executive recommended endorsement of the following resolution:

Whereas, June 22nd marks the anniversary of the invasion of the
U.S.S.R.; and,

Whereas, the Russian people have by their courage and tenacity
fought the invaders in no uncertain manner, and are now on the point
of routing the enemy forces.

Therefore Be It Resolved that this Council sends greetings and
encouragement to the people of Russia in their fight for victory
and this message be sent to The All Union Central Council on Trade
Unions, c/o VOKS Moscow, U.S.S.R.

"On motion recommendation adopted."

The following report was received from the Committee set up to
meet with the committee from the New Vets Association of the Canadian
Legion:

Wednesday, April 5th,
1944.

MINUTES

Inter-committee Meeting of New Veterans 168, Canadian Legion
Labor Relations Committee

and

Delegates of A.F. of L., Vancouver District
at
Room 314, Labor Temple, Beatty St.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p.m., W. J. McMillan in the Chair.

Delegates present:

S. G. Smylie, Plumbers & Steamfitters Union
W. J. McMillan, Aeronautical Workers Union

respecting A. F. of L., and

Com. T. Harnett, representing Lone Council
Com. D. Estabrooks " Executive New Vets.
Com. H. Holmes " Labor Relations Committee.

Discussion opened meeting as to aims of the Joint
Committees in bringing about a joint understanding and future
course of action for building up confidence in all Labor and Veteran
organizations to co-ordinate a policy as a foundation for future
conferences.

A resolution was introduced by H. Holmes of Labor Relations
Committee to clarify the situation, which said resolution had been
formulated by Relations Committee at their last meeting as part of the
agenda for this Inter-committee conference. The motion was as follows:

Whereas, the question of employment and Rehabilitation is
the paramount question at issue in the New Vets. Organiza-
tion,

And Whereas the position of organized Labor by its rules
and regulations work in opposition to the solution of our
problem, and hence against the welfare of the ex-serviceman
on discharge,

We, the Labor Relations Committee of the New Vets. 168
Canadian Legion, Resolve:

Tu That an appeal be made to all organized Labor groups
for meetings and conferences, to negotiate or grant
or agree to the following four-point plan:

1. That all ex-servicemen shall have the same basic right
as tradesmen in all Labor groups as are granted to
civilian tradesmen in granting of permits or working
cards to work in all industries and war plants.
2. That ex-servicemen be given full seniority rights in
all war industries dating from his enlistment, provid-
ing he has commenced work in said plant within three
months of his discharge from the Armed Forces.
3. Also, that all Labor organizations unite in a common
Front with ex-servicemen's organizations to inaugurate
a Government Policy of reduced hours in all labor, to
eliminate unemployment.
4. Also that it be further resolved, that in all cases
of employment in all branches of service, ex-servicemen
shall be given preference of employment, all other
conditions being equal.

This resolution was accepted by the Committee for further
discussion, and asked that copies of same shall be forwarded to
members of the committee.

This resolution and its four points to be discussed and a report
submitted for a future meeting.

S. J. Smylie then suggested discussions to take on
scope of joint understanding of a new economic phase of Government
and Industry, more than a solution of local help point of view, suggest-
ing

- Government subsidy to Ex-servicemens apprentice-
ship courses in trade and industry;
- Subsidization of Veterans in industry till able
to maintain equal standards with civilian help.

It was unanimously agreed to support full pay and allowances
with subsistence to all ex-servicemen till fully rehabilitated.

Motion put before meeting relating to employment of
school boys replacing ex-servicemen in civil service as part of
Government policy, being condemned as a policy reacting against Labor
and Veterans as a whole.

Comrade Tom Barnett proposed solution by Prov. Command
to take action at next meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that another meeting should
take place after other groups had a chance to discuss proposals from
this gathering.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

Delegate Smylie reported at length on the meeting with the New Vets
Association pointing out that both labor and veterans must broaden
their view particularly with a view to employment matters in the post
war period. The executive recommended that this report be received,
St. spread on the minutes and the locals asked to study same and send in
Local their opinion. Further that the Committee from this Council be asked
Local to continue. Recommendation adopted.

The president pointed out at this time that Brother Alex Eddy, Liaison
officer of the War Time Prices and Trade Board was in the meeting and
residing in accordance with a resolution passed previously would address the meet-
ing at this time. Mr. Eddy spoke briefly on the accomplishments of the
War Time Prices and Trade Board requested that each affiliated Union
appoint a labor liaison officer to work with him and keep him informed

of any matters that may be of interest to that Board. Mr. Eddy was
thanked by the chairman for his address and assured of support for
his efforts.

"On motion report of executive as a whole was adopted."
REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credentia Committee, delegate
Gerard reported favorably on the credentials of the following delegates
and recommended that they be accepted and seated:--W. Coughlin, George
Smith, James O'Donnell, D. R. Monaghan, B. O. Seaman's Union; A. Foote,
Aircraft Lodge Local 1749; L. L. Mackie, Engineers Local 115;
Ernest Groves, Herbert Lee Peden, Stanley Durance, Carpenters Local 1251;
W. C. Macpherson, Margaret Campbell, Building Service Employees Local 244;
F. McQuillan, A. D. Coffin, J. Marsden, Milkmen Local 464; A. J.
Pollock, J. A. Gaskin, C. Edmondson, D. Woodhall, R. McSweeney, Bakery
Salesmen Local 189; Thomas K. Bergden, James E. Hulland, Brewery Workers
Local 300. "On motion committees report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported applications for
affiliation had been received from the First Aid Attendants Local 127,
International Longshoremen's Association and the Vancouver Secondary
School Teachers Association. The committee recommended that the applica-
tions be accepted and credential forms sent to the Locals. Recommendation
of committee adopted.

Organizing committee is assisting Laundry Workers wage scale and
application for bargaining certification in Nelson, Peerless and Empire.
New members steadily coming in.

Committee met Executive of Lodge 756 with the Executive of the
Stenographers Local 18177 with a view to organizing some of the workers
at Boeings also Industrial Guards. Two meetings assisting Local 692
in organizing Automotive Mechanics. Building Service Employees Union have
applied for certification in 5 of the office buildings in the City. Other
groups of employees now being organized.

Secretary reported on Labor Day Conference held June 12th, 81 dele-
gates present 49 representing 26 A. F. of L. Locals and 32 representing
11 C.O.L. Locals. Sub-committees have been set up and a further meeting
will be held Friday June 23rd with the Chairmen of the Committee and
the Trades Council Committee. The Boilermakers are holding a Sports
meet on Labor Day at Breton Point and as this would interfere in some
degree with any other sports meet it was felt that this matter should
be discussed and some arrangements made so that the endeavors of the
different groups would not conflict. "On motion report adopted as pro-
gress."

Delegate Gervin also reported meeting the Minister of Labor seeking
clarification on the New Order 1003. It was pointed out by the Minister
that it was quite in order to have workers sign authorization cards
giving any union the right to bargain on their behalf. A uniform card
is being prepared and when same has been completed a copy will be sent to
each local. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate Munro asked if any report had been received from the
committee on the 6 hour day. The chairman of the committee replied
that a meeting was being arranged now to go into this matter. President
Showler reported the Blue Cross Hospitalization Scheme on June 1st
had 10,000 members for only four months in operation. The scheme is
proceeding more rapidly in Vancouver than in any other City.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Plumbers Local 170, Delegate Mathieson reported a
member of his union now employed at the U. B. C. is not having deductions
made for Unemployment Insurance. Consequently, would be unable to
claim insurance if laid off. This is due to the fact that the Government
is not bound by the Act to deduct this Insurance. Delegate also
pointed out that it has come to his notice that some members who are
rejected from the Army on physical grounds have been asked questions
regarding Unions, whether they are good or bad, if they have to belong
to a union to get a job. It was further reported that the Plumbers Local
passed a motion that in future any member who becomes a prisoner of war
or wounded would receive a parcel from the Local twice a month.

Embalmers Local 2374, delegate Dougall reported that the award
handed down by the Arbitration Board had been rejected by the Members
of his Local 22 to 1. Also rejected by the employer.

Barbers Local 120, delegate Herrett reported his union had signed
up a Barber shop at 751 Front Street, New Westminster.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved, seconded and carried that the Provincial Government be requested to keep up Unemployment Insurance and make deductions for workers employed on a temporary basis by the Government.

Moved, seconded and carried that the matter of the condition of chairs in the Hall be gone into with a view to placing them in condition.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

R. K. Gervin
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.