

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

529 Beatty Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, July 4th, 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
affiliated Local Unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been
accepted were obligated and seated:

Building Laborers 602, C. Dunn, W. J. Douglas. National Assoc. Marine
Engineers, H. B. McKie. Brewery Workers #300, Jack Duncan, T. Bugdon.
Typographical 226, A. Bevis. Carpenters 1251, H. Peden, E. Greaves,
S. Duranco. Milkalesmen 464, T. McQuillan. B.C. Seamen, D.R. Monohan and
W. Coughlan. Barbers 120, T. Henderson. Bldg. Service Employees 244,
W. Macpherson. Bakery Drivers 189, C. Edmundson, A. J. Pollock

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Members
present: Showler, Gerrard, Holmes, Neelands, McDonald, Herrett, Parkin
and Gerwin.

Correspondence;

- (1) Community Chest of Greater Vancouver, an advance notice that
their drive will commence September 18th and requesting the support
of our organization. "On motion received and noted."
- (2) Secretary Council Sports Committee, reporting that the last
meeting was disappointing as only 5 members were present. Committee
has decided to try once more and another meeting is called for Friday
July 14th in Hall 3, at Labor Headquarters. Suggested that the Council
instruct delegates from each Local to make sure there is action taken
to appoint delegates to this meeting. Also that each Local Secretary
be instructed to give mailed notice to their representatives, at least
2 days before the meeting is held. "On motion report received and
delegates asked to take note."
- (3) Workers Educational Assoc., requesting that Mr. G. Johnston
be given time to address the Council on the W.E.A. Summer School to be
held at Ocean Park, Sept. 2 to 10. "On motion Mr. Johnston to be in-
vited to attend the first meeting in August."
- (4) Metropolitan Health Comm., informing that their aim is to
irradiate tuberculosis from our Community through the use of the mobile
chest xray unit and the stationary survey clinic. Also requesting our
support in their efforts. "Motion adopted that the project be endorsed."
- (5) Alex Eddy, requesting that the Council recommend to the
Locals that they appoint liaison officers to the Wartime Prices and Trade
Board. "On motion communication received and request granted."
- (6) Workmen's Compensation Board informing that the suggestion that
Safety Inspectors in industries come directly under the jurisdiction of
the Board will be given careful consideration. "On motion received and
noted."
- (7) Victoria & District Trades and Labor Council enclosing copy
of their minutes. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for
reference."
"On motion the report of the Executive as a whole was adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, Delegate Gerrard
reporting for the Committee recommended the Credentials of the following
be accepted:

Milkalesmen Local 464, James T. Harvie
Tenmeters Local 31, C. Solen
Engineers Local 115, H. W. Flesher, E. Croucher

Credential Committee Report, Continued

International Association Longshoremen 38/163, Henry Cunningham, Thos. Laughton, Robert McBeath, H. A. Baxter, A. McNaughton, James Darwood.

Barbers 120, Thos. Henderson, Wm. Crittall, J.A. Fraser

Painters 136, Herbert Gargrave

Beverage Dispensers 376, P. Mills

Street Railwaymen 101, Thos. R. Carson

Engineers 382, E. W. King, J. McLaughlin, C.E. Graham.

"On motion report accepted."

Secretary Gerwin reported that the matter of the eviction of residents of the Coal Harbour houseboat settlement had been taken up with the Regional Rental Control officer, with the Manager of the National Harbor Board and the Dominion Rental Control office. The Harbor Board have pledged themselves to do everything possible to assist in this matter. "On motion report accepted."

Secretary Gerwin reported for Joint Labor Day Committee that at a called meeting of all delegates to this Conference which was held June 29th, there were only 22 delegates from all Local Unions present at the meeting. A report was received on a meeting with the Boilermakers Sports Committee at which this Committee agreed to work in conjunction with a Committee of A. F. of L. and C. C. L. representatives in putting on a sports meet at Brockton Point, Sept. 4th. The estimated cost according to the Chairman of the Boilermakers Committee would be two thousand dollars, this to be paid chiefly by the Labor Unions. The Executive recommended that this report be accepted as progress and the Executive hold a joint meeting with the Committee of this Council to consider the financial responsibilities evolving on this Council. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Delegate Herrett, Chairman Organizing Committee reported Committee had met with the Executives of Aeronautical Lodge 756 and Office Employees Local 18177 to discuss an organizing drive in the Boeing Aircraft plants.

Also reported that Local 292 Laundry Workers had been certified at Nelson's, Peerless and Empire laundries. Had assisted Local 433, Pulp, Sulphide and Papermakers in organizing a plant in the City and Machinists Lodge 692 in organizing automotive mechanics. Also making progress in organizing the Industrial guards. Have other prospects in view but request delegates to let the Committee know of any group who are desirous of organization.

Delegate Neelands reported for Six Hour Day Committee and recommended the following:

1. That a meeting of representatives of affiliated Unions be called at a date prior to the forthcoming convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to map out a plan of action.
2. That the Trades & Labor Congress of Canada and its Provincial Executives be asked to make representation to the Federal Government and to the various Provincial Governments seeking legislation that will provide for a shorter work period.
3. That Unions when opening scale negotiations include in their proposals a provision for a six-hour day and five-day week.
4. That the delegates to this Council publicize this principle in their local Union meetings.

"On motion recommendations of the committee were adopted."

President Showler reported that the Hotel Assoc., with approval of the Liquor Control Board had appointed an inspector to investigate the beer parlors with a view to providing a full glass of beer to the patrons.

Also that he had attended the convention of the B.O. Library Workers Assoc., on instructions from Pres. Bengough as this body is now considering affiliating with Labor. The question will be put to the membership by a referendum in the near future. "On motion report accepted."

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REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Barbers 120, Delegate Herrett reported a new shop had been organized at #9 McKenzic St., New Westminster.

B. C. Seamen's Union, Delegate Scott reported his Union having an agreement with the Coast Wise Company. Also have been certified for the Union Steamships and the Canadian National. A ballot will be taken on the Park Steamships in the near future.

United Fishermen 44, delegate reported they had concluded an agreement for the season without difficulty. The big demand was for a rate on the poundage basis for all species of salmon.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:--

President: Birt Showler, Milksalesmen 464, nominated

Vice President: George Gerrard, Projectionists 348 and C.M. Stewart Division 101, nominated

General Secy-Treas: R. K. Gerwin, Div. 101 and S. Shearer, Railway Carmen #58, nominated

Warden: J. Stevenson, Carpenters 452 and H. Ward, Rly. Carmen 58

Statistician: R. McDonald, Ironworkers 97, & J. Barton, Plumbers 170.

Chairman Organizing Committee: G. E. Herrett, Barbers 120.

Chairman Legislative Comm: R. Cormack Div. 134 Street Railwaymen, and R. H. Neelands, Typographical 226

Chairman Press Comm: T. Parkin, Aeronautical 756, and J.H. Irving Machinists Lodge 692.

Chairman Grievance Comm: E. Holmes, Bakery Salesmen 189, and S. G. Tyborn, St. Rlymen Div. 101.

"On motion nominations closed to be reopened at the next meeting"

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved, seconded and carried that the election of officers be a special order of business at 8:30 at the next meeting.

Moved, seconded and carried that this Council send a letter to Senator Bouchard on his stand on the Fascist element in the East, commending him.

Moved, seconded and carried that we endorse the following resolution:

That this Council petition the Provincial Government to institute a law, making it compulsory that the Operator's seat on all passenger carrying vehicles be protected with a guard or railing, and further that it be made compulsory by law, that on all such vehicles the operator must have clear vision to his right.

Delegate James asked permission at this point to draw attention of the delegates to the fact that some contractors are using laminated lathe in new houses. This is inferior to wooden lathe and will not stand up.

At this time Chairman introduced Bro. Chris Pritchard, Commissioner of the Workmen's Compensation Board. Bro. Pritchard pointed out that he was simply visiting and did not intend to make a speech, but welcomed the opportunity of attending the Council meetings.

Brother John Bruce, Canadian Representative, Int. Assoc. Journeymen Plumbers, was introduced. Bro. Bruce spoke briefly pointing out that real progress is being made in the East by the A. F. of L. Unions, particularly in basic industries. Pointed out it was most regrettable that those claiming membership growth are not adverse to raiding tactics. These people are doing more harm than good to organized labor.

Regarding labor legislation, Bro. Bruce pointed out that if Labor organized in sufficient strength there would be no question of their right to strike or their right to bargain collectively with employers.

Brother Bruce was thanked by the Chairman for his address.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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, July 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 affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--F.W.Mills, J. Sablut, Beverage Dispensers Local 676; J. L. Harvey, Laundry Drivers; A.D. Coffin, Milkmen Local 484; C. S. Solem, Truck Drivers #31; T. L. Mackie, Engineers Local 115; H. Gargrave, Painters Local 138; J. Fraser, Barbers Local 120; M. Campbell, Building Service Employees 244; R. Young, Building Laborers Local 602; N. G. Salisbury, Machinists 182; R. MacBeath, H. A. Baxter, T. Darwood, H. Cunningham, T. Loughton, Int. Longshoremen's Assoc.; G. Smith, B. O. Seaman; B. Bainbridge, Local 756, Aeronautical Employees; T. R. Carson, Division 101; J. McLaughlin, Engineers Local 882;

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Local 452 Brotherhood of Carpenters enclosing a resolution on the six hour day. "On motion resolution endorsed."
- (2) Beverage Dispensers Local 676 drawing attention to alleged profiteering in real estate in the City. The executive recommended that the matter be investigated and taken up with the proper authorities. Recommendation adopted.
- (3) Aeronautical Lodge 756, a report from that Lodge on the Rehabilitation committee meeting between new Veterans 168 and a committee from this Council. Motion adopted that the report be referred to the Council committee.

The following statement was issued by the Executive: Your Executive have watched with interest the formation of a new society called "The Association of Canadian Individualists". We are fortunate in having one of our members in a position to closely observe the movements of this group. We intend to keep a very close watch until we know more about the organization.

Your Executive recommended that the officers approach the B. O. Electric Railway Co. with the request that they provide electric observation cars once weekly to take members of the armed forces confined to Shaughnessy Hospital on a tour of the City. The recommendation was adopted.

In accordance with a motion passed at a previous meeting the nomination and election of officers were held at 8:30 p.m. President Showler appointed W. Clarkson, R. McCulloch, J. McMillan and R. Pollock tellers.

Nominations were opened for the position of President, delegate Showler being the only nominee was declared elected by ACCLAMATION.

VICE PRESIDENT: G. Gerrard, B. O. Projectionists 748 and G. M. Stewart, St. Railwaymen Division 101 nominated.
 Delegate Gerrard 127
 Delegate Stewart 88
Delegate Gerrard declared Elected.

GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER:

R. K. Gervin, St. Railwaymen Division 101 and S. Shearer, Railway Carmen 58 nominated.
 Delegate Gervin 139
 Delegate Shearer 75. One ballot spoilt.
Delegate Gervin declared elected.

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WARDEN: J. Stevenson, Carpenters Local 452, and H. Warde, Railway Carmen Local 58 nominated.
 J. Stevenson 145
 H. Warde 92
Delegate Stevenson declared elected.

STATISTICIAN: R. McDonald, Ironworkers, Local 97, and J. Barton, Local 170 Plumbers and Steamfitters.
 R. McDonald 138
 J. Barton 77
Delegate R. McDonald declared elected.

Chairman Organizing Committee:

C. E. Herrett, Barbers Local 120 and S. Shearer Railway Carmen Local 58 nominated. Delegate Shearer declined.
 C. E. Herrett being the only nominee was declared elected by ACCLAMATION.

Chairman Legislative Committee:

H. Neelands, Typographical Local 226 and R. Cormack of the St. Railwaymen Division 134 nominated.
 H. Neelands 114
 R. Cormack 99
Delegate Neelands declared elected.

Chairman Press Committee:

T. Parkin, Aeronautical Lodge 756 and J. H. Irving, Machinists Local 692 nominated.
 Delegate Shearer raised to a point of order at this time objecting to the manner in which the names of the candidates were placed on the blackboard. Delegate Irving informed the Chairman that it was immaterial to him where his name appeared on the Board.
 Delegate T. Parkin 93
 Delegate J.H. Irving 117
Delegate Irving declared elected.

Chairman Grievance Committee

Delegate E. Holmes, Bakery Salesmen 189 and S.T. Wybourn of the St. Railwaymen Division 101 nominated.
 E. Holmes 116
 S.T. Wybourn 92
E. Holmes declared elected.

President Showler thanked delegates Clarkson, McCulloch, McMillan and Pollock on behalf of the Council for their assistance in acting as tellers.

Past President E. A. Jamieson installed the officers. President Showler thanked the delegates to the Council on behalf of the Executive for the splendid support shown in the past year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.



Birt Showler
 President

R. K. GERVIN,
 Secretary.

VANCO Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, August 1st, 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 been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--J. Hulland, Brewery Workers Local 300; E. Battensby, St. Railwaymen Division 101; C. Worthington, D. Lawrence, Carpenters Local 452.

Executive reported on evening held the same evening. Delegates present:--B. Showler, G. Gerrard, H.R. Neelands, Irving, R. McDonald, O. Herrett, J. Stevenson, E. Holmes, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Brigadier W. G. Murphy, ED. The Secretary,
Vancouver and New Westminster District Trades and Labour Council,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
Canada.

Dear Sir,

I noted in the last Orders of Canadian Corps HQ the Resolution passed by your Council, in the name of your affiliated membership, undertaking to see that the Services are kept supplied with all the necessities of war until final victory. As a Vancouver man I was extremely pleased to see such a Resolution and it occurred to me that it might in some small respect be heartening to your membership to hear from the front line that your Resolution had been received and was appreciated.

I can assure you that the materials we have received we consider from first class, both in design and workmanship, and we are inclined to believe that the enemy is of the same opinion.

It is now close to five years since many of us left home on this job and we know of the tremendous efforts that must have been made at home to change what we had in 1939 to what we have today.

The Bde, which I have the honour to command, has now seen more action than any other formation in the Canadian Army. During this period of service it has put the material and weapons you have supplied us to excellent use, though I say it who possibly shouldn't.

Of late we have taken part in the breaking of the Gustav Line, the Adolph Hitler Line, the Trasimeno Line, and a few other such interesting items. We are sure we are on the march home, and believe me, we shall be glad when the end of the journey comes, so long as our task here has been fully completed.

I trust you will pass to your members the thanks of this small segment of the Canadian Army, and that you will assure them that we consider such successes as we have had to date, and the success we are sure we will have in the future, are based on teamwork of the working men and women at home and the fighting soldier over here.

Good luck to you! We are going full out to get the job finished and we are sure you will also find that last ounce of energy that will materially assist us in finishing the job as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) "WILLIAM MURPHY"
Brig.

Executive recommended that the letter be received with appreciation and replied to by the Secretary. Recommendation adopted.

(2) R. Cormack St. Railwaymen Division 134 enclosing a resolution opposing the policy enunciated by the Revenue Minister Gibson in respect to Canadian Merchant Seamen paying National Defence Tax and arrears while prisoners of war. The Executive recommended that the resolution be held over until information can be obtained as to whether or not seamen's wages carry on while they are prisoners of war. Recommendation adopted.

(3) Workers' Educational Association enclosing a book of share certificates in the W.E.A. Lifetime Home. The executive recommended that delegates be asked to take note. Recommendation adopted.

(4) International Labor Office enclosing copy of the text of the "Declaration of Philadelphia". The executive recommended that this be published in the Labor Statesman and copies obtained to post on the bulletin board. Recommendation was adopted.

(5) Lodge 1749 enclosing a resolution urging the Provincial Minister of Labor to take action that will lead to Chiropractors receiving the same consideration from the Workmen's Compensation Board as is now accorded physicians. The executive recommended endorsement of the resolution. Executive's recommendation adopted.

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

(7) B. O. Electric Railway Co. in reply to a request from this Council that they use the electric observation cars to take members of the armed forces confined to Shaughnessy Hospital on a tour of the city once a week. The company pointed out that this would be impossible in the face of a serious shortage of power. The executive recommended that the communication be received and noted. Recommendation adopted.

(8) Local 452 informing the Council that the report of the Six Hour Day Committee was received and endorsed at their last regular meeting. Executive recommended the communication be received with thanks. Recommendation adopted.

(9) H. R. Neelands, Chairman Legislative Committee, submitting the following delegates as members of that Committee:--R. Atkinson, Truck Drivers 31; Geo. Bengough, Carpenters Local 452; J. A. Dougall, Embalmers and Undertakers Local 23374; R.K. Gerwin, St. Railwaymen 101; R. Gouthro, Typographical Local 226; F. Griffin, St. Railwaymen Div. 101; R. MacAulay, Sheet Metal Local 280; R.G. Pollock, Projectionists 348; S.G. Smylie, Plumbers Local 170. The executive recommended endorsement. Recommendation adopted.

(10) E. Holmes, Chairman Grievance Committee, submitting the following delegates as members of that Committee:--J. Henderson, Engineers Local 882; A. Jackson, Bakers Local 468; J. Ross, Electrical Workers 213; J. Eaves, Local 138 Painters; and one member of any Union affected. The executive recommended endorsement. Recommendation adopted.

(11) O. Herrett, Chairman Organizing Committee, submitting the following delegates as members of that Committee:--R. McCulloch, Milkmen 464; Chas. Stewart, St. Railwaymen 101; Ed. Jamieson, Musicians Local 145; A. J. Wybrew, Aeronautical Employees 756; Alternates:--Geo. Bengough, Carpenters Local 452; Frank Carlisle, Plumbers 170; Robt. Stevenson, Painters Local 138. The executive recommended endorsement. Recommendation adopted.

(12) J. H. Irving, Chairman Press Committee, submitting the following delegates as members of that Committee:--R. McCulloch, Milkmen 464; H. Murphy, B. O. Seamen; S. Smith, Auto Employees Local 28; T. Dunlop, Street Railwaymen Div. 101; T. B. Smith, Electrical Workers 213; J. S. Reid, New Westminster Teachers Assoc.; R.K. Gerwin, Secretary Trades and Labor Council. The executive recommended endorsement. Recommendation adopted.

(13) Geo. Gerrard, Chairman Credential Committee, submitting the following delegates as members of that Committee:--Jack Ross, Local 213 Electrical Workers; Jack Stevenson, Local 452 Carpenters; R. Atkinson, Local 31 Truck Drivers; Bob McDonald, Local 97 Ironworkers; The Executive recommended endorsement. Recommendation adopted.
Executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, secretary reported the committee recommended the following credentials be accepted and delegates seated:--E. Mason, Typographical Local 226; Jake Barber, E. Hilton, First Aid Employees Local 127; Perry W. Western, F. L. Johnston, Painters Local 138; May Ansell, Hotel and Res. Employees 28; J. Lenihan, E. A. Hallock, Pile Drivers Local 2404; Wm. Alsbury, G.J. Oates, F. J. Templeton, G.F. Hillary, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association. "On motion report of committee adopted."

Secretary Gerwin reported a meeting had been held of the Executive of this Council with the Executive of the Vancouver Labor Council and the president of the Boilermakers Union in an endeavor to reach a satisfactory arrangement for a Labor Day celebration. It was agreed by all present that a monster picnic at Brockton Point should meet the desires of all union members rather than a sports day and parade. At this meeting it was decided that each Council should be asked to donate \$100 to defray expenses, the finances to be handled by the secretary of the Councils. A further meeting was arranged with the Chairmen of Committees to acquaint them of the progress made. This meeting was called on July 24th, was attended by only 7 delegates. The Vancouver Labor Council have approved the picnic. Delegate Gormack informed the meeting that the unions in New Westminster were holding a celebration in that City. The executive recommended that the secretary of both Councils investigate the grounds at Brockton Point and report at the next meeting. "On motion recommendation adopted."

GOR Secretary reported that a letter had been sent to all affiliated Locals enclosing the recommendations of the Six Hour Day Committee, pointing out that the Six Hour Day would be discussed under a Special Order of Business at the meeting of August 15th. "On motion report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate C. Herrett reported receiving application from Local 131 International Association of Machinists for affiliation to the Council. Committee recommended the application be accepted and delegates credential forms forwarded. Recommendation adopted. Further reported several meetings with the Laundry Workers. Good progress being made and negotiations for an agreement being carried on. Building Service employees negotiating agreements in 4 buildings. Many other prospects being followed up. "On motion report adopted."

Audit Committee, delegate Atkinson reported that the Committee had examined the books of the Trades Council and found them to be in good order and balance. The auditor's report is on file in the secretary's office and available to any delegate who wishes to examine same. "On motion report adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Milk Salesmen 464, delegate McCulloch reported his union had signed an agreement with Wilson's Laundry including the union shop and check off. Also signed an agreement with the Jersey Farms Ltd. Pointed out that some union men are buying milk from the Fraser Dairy and this is not a union Dairy.

Taxi Drivers 151, delegate Young reported that G. Gower had been elected Business Agent of 151.

Hotel and Res. Empl. 23, delegate Barbara Stewart reported that they are having difficulty in some restaurants due to the turnover in labor, in immediately getting all girls into the Union. They urgently request that union men check all girls in the restaurants for their buttons and insist on the waitress serving them having the union button. Delegate Eaves of the Painters 138 reported that the officers of his union carry out this suggestion at all times.

Machinists Local 692, delegate Foster pointed out that a layoff in the shipyards is anticipated and that his union takes the position that where a man and wife are both working that one should be laid off.

Civic Employees 28, delegate Pears reported his union is applying for a Conciliation Board with a view to having an upward revision in the wages.

Plumbers 170, delegate Wear reported his union is holding their Annual Picnic on Friday, August 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:--Delegate Carlisle moved that this Council make an urgent appeal to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to permit the Miller Foundry to increase prices to the point where this Foundry can recommence the manufacture of soil pipe and fittings. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three (3) be appointed to revise the Constitution and Bylaws of this Council bringing them up to date. Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate McWilliams asked what had been done with the letter from the W.E.A. requesting permission for a speaker to address the meeting. Secretary replied that the letter had been replied to but no further word had been received from the W. E. A. It was pointed out that delegate Johnston was in attendance and had been appointed to address the meeting. The President invited the delegate to speak at this time. Delegate Johnston spoke briefly on the Summer School arranged by the W.E.A.

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which will be held at Ocean Park. Also the manner in which the School will be conducted, who may attend. The cost it was pointed out is \$15 for 9 days from September 2 to 10th. Anyone wishing to attend only at the week end may do so at a cost of \$3.50. The camp will accommodate 175. President Showler thanked brother Johnston for attending and giving the Council the information on the Summer School.

Delegate from the Teamsters requested the name of the new Business Agent of Local 28 Hotel and Restaurant Employees. Delegate Barbara Stewart replied the Business Agent's name was Mrs. May Ansell.

President Showler announced that he had appointed W. Bartlett, Blacksmiths Local 152; J. McMillan, Machinists 692; F. E. Griffin, St. Railwaymen Division 101, to the Bylaw Committee.

President also reported that the Associated Hospital Services had now passed 21,000 mark in their membership at July 31st.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Bill Showler
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

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Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty St.

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

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

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received and accepted were obligated:—H. Halverson, M. Bailey, L. Cutting, B. Day, L. Mahoney, L. W. Pumphrey, Papermakers Local 456 (New Westminster); May Ansell, Hotel and Res. Empl. 28; J. E. Mason, Typographical Local 226; P. W. Westcott, Printers Local 138; J. Lenihan, Local 2404 File Drivers; O. Hillary, C. J. Oates, J. Tompleton, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association; J. D. Barber, E. Hilton, Local 127 First Aid Attendants.

Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: Showler, Gerrard, McDonald, Irving, J. Stevenson, O. Herrett, H. Neelands, E. Holmes, R.K. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Building Trades Council requesting support in an endeavor to have the City Council amend the Building Bylaws to provide for the cancellation of licenses of contractors who do inferior work or use poor grade material. It is pointed out by the Building Trades Council that many unscrupulous individuals and jerry builders have been able to take advantage of the present situation due to the intensified house building program. The Council has tried to check such unfair practices but it is continued on jobs manned by other than members coming under the jurisdiction of the Council. The executive recommend that the communication be endorsed and taken up with the proper authorities. Recommendation adopted.

(2) B. C. Provincial Association of Fire Fighters requesting support in their efforts to secure a 48 hour week for firemen in B. C. The executive recommend endorsement and that a letter be forwarded as requested. Recommendation adopted.

(3) International Association of Machinists Lodge 692 enclosing a resolution requesting the Council to petition the Federal Authorities to relax restrictions to the extent that citizens in this area may accept employment in the United States for the duration of the war. The executive recommended that the resolution be endorsed. Recommendation adopted.

(4) B. C. Projectionists Society informing the Council that the recommendations of the Committee on the six hour day was endorsed by that organization. Recommendation of the Executive was that the communication be received with thanks. Recommendation adopted.

(5) Printing Pressmen Local 69 informing the Council that a resolution had been passed at their regular meeting requesting the Council to appoint a committee to welcome the soldiers returning from overseas. The Executive recommended that the secretary investigate what arrangements are in effect at present and report to the next meeting. Recommendation adopted.

(6) National Film Board informing the Council that a Pacific Coast Conference of the Film Board Staff will be held August 30th to September 2 and extending an invitation to representatives of the Council to attend the meetings. "On motion received and noted."

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

(8) United Trade Unions Committee requesting that a speaker attend a Labor Day Rally in Queens Park, New Westminster, on September 4th. The executive recommended this matter be left with the secretary to arrange for a delegate to attend if possible. Recommendation adopted.

The Executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Confidential Committee, delegate Gerrard reported receiving the following credentials and recommended that the delegates be seated:—Wm. Neily, Walter Head, Machinists Local 131; Albert F. Chandler, Fred. R. Alty, Gas Workers Local 376, and John H. Pringle. "On motion committee's recommendation was adopted."

President Showler reported that the Associated Hospitals had now a membership of over 25,000 people who are being protected under this scheme.

President Showler reported that it had come to the notice of the officers that some individual had been soliciting funds for a Labor Day program. He wished to make it very clear at this time that no one has authority to solicit funds for such a purpose. "using the name of the Trades Council in

The president further reported that the President of the Trades and Labor Congress had informed him that the Annual Convention would meet October 23rd in Toronto. This is the 60th Convention being held in the same city as the first convention sixty years ago. Delegate Showler urged all unions to send as many delegates as possible to make this Convention a success. He also pointed out that it would be wise to make reservations both hotel and train as early as possible.

The president further reported for a delegation of 6 who visited some of the agencies under Community Chest. He pointed out that any group desirous of visiting these agencies should contact the secretary who will make necessary arrangements.

Organizing Committee—delegate Herrett reported Building Service Employees had completed negotiations and signed an agreement with the Pacific Building. Three other agreements pending and certification applied for in three other buildings. Negotiations being carried on for the Laundry Workers Local in three different shops. Automotive workers making continued progress.

Delegate Bartlett reported for committee on amendments to the Constitution and that the committee recommended the following:

Section 3 of Article 4 changed to read as follows:

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Council. A delegate to be eligible for office shall have at least 12 months' previous experience and have attended at least 6 meetings in the year prior to nomination.

Section 4 Article 4 to be amended by changing the word "July" to "January" where it appears in this Section.

Recommendation from the Committee that the first election be held in January 1946.

Section 5 of Article 5 to read as follows:

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New Paragraph under Section 3 Article 5

The secretary will report twice yearly to the Local Unions the number of delegates attending.

The president pointed out that in accordance with the Bylaws these amendments shall lie on the table till the next meeting when they shall be voted on. If a majority of members be in favor they shall again lie over until the next regular meeting when they shall again be voted upon and if 2/3 of the members present are in favor of the amendments they shall be declared adopted.

Secretary Gerwin reported he had been asked by the National Council of Canadian-Soviet Friendship to make the following announcement: On Thursday, August 17th at 8 p.m. that organization will show a Soviet Film entitled "Pathway to the Future" as well as another yet to be selected at the Medical Dental Auditorium. Lt. Pavlov of the Russian Navy will address the meeting.

Secretary reported taking up with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board the matter of an adjustment in prices for the manufacture of soil pipe and fittings by the Miller Foundry. These prices have been adjusted as from July 31st and it is understood that the Foundry will be in operation just as soon as a crew can be secured.

Secretary reported attending the Washington State Federation of Labor Convention in Whatchee on July 20th. There were about 450 delegates attending this Convention. The main discussions were on post-war planning and one of the items that came up under this heading was the six-hour day. Labor in Washington is very serious on this question and the general expression of opinion was that this six-hour day must be inaugurated immediately following cessation of hostilities. Extended fraternal greetings on behalf of the Council.

Secretary reported having been successful in organizing a large number of Radio Artists employed in the radio stations in the City. A charter has been applied for to the American Federation of Labor and we expect to have this group 100% organized in the near future.

Secretary reported in the six months ending June 30th this year, there were nine new affiliations with a membership of approximately 1748. Total number of affiliated unions stand at 90.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:-- Engineers Local 115, delegate Smith reported that his Union at their last meeting adopted the committee's report on the 6 hour day.

Painters Local 138, delegate Eaves reported his Union had been advised by the International Office that in future there will be no initiation fee for members coming into the organization within 6 months of leaving the armed forces.

Civic Employees 25, delegate Rees reported his organization has commenced negotiations and are seriously setting out to obtain a 6 hour day.

Fire Fighters 256, delegate Wisheart reported his organization is wholeheartedly behind a shorter working week and is endeavoring to obtain a shorter working week for their own members.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate Mathieson reported his organization received correspondence from employers stating they must lay off 20% of the employees. Feels that action should be taken immediately for a shorter working day in an endeavor to offset unemployment.

Hotel and Res. Employees Local 28, delegate May Ansell reported her union has been successful in signing an agreement covering the canteens in the North Burrard Shipyard. Requests assistance from members of the Unions in their endeavor to have non union waitresses become members who are employed in houses in which there is a union card. Suggests that the members ask the waitresses to show their union buttons.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:-- Under this heading the Executive recommended the following on the question of a shorter work day and a shorter work week:

1. That a resolution be placed before the next Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress urging that body to make representation to the Federal Government seeking legislation which will make a shorter work day and work week compulsory throughout Canada without reduction in pay.
2. That the special committee's recommendation "that unions opening scale negotiations include in their proposals a provision for a shorter work day and work week" be given serious consideration by affiliated Locals.
3. That a copy of these proposals be sent to all affiliated Trades Councils throughout Canada requesting their support.

Considerable discussion followed the introduction of the recommendations. Delegate Shearer pointed out there should be no reduction in wages. Delegate Rees explained that we do not want to go back to the conditions experienced prior to the war but that we must plan on something better. Delegate Parking suggested the following proposals on behalf of his Local 756:--1. Present wage standards to be maintained. 2. Compulsory education to the age of 18. 3. Compulsory retirement at the age of 60 or 65. 4. Campaign to be waged simultaneously in U.S.A. and Canada. 5. Statistics to be compiled to determine where the six hour day has been used effectively in the past, its effect on production, health and morale. 6. Determine the effect on eastern industry where the 48 hour week has only recently been put into effect. 7. Provincial and Federal M.P.s and M.L.A.s to be urged to support the campaign as an essential part of any program for full employment. Other delegates expressed the opinion that at least a 6 hour day should be included in any post war planning.

NEW BUSINESS:-- It was moved, seconded and carried that the Council take up with the proper authorities the matter of providing sufficient hospital accommodation for all cases of returning members of the armed forces.

Moved, seconded and carried that a resolution be sent to the Trades and Labor Congress Convention endorsing Old Age Pensions at 55 without debarring property owners from such pension.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:-- Delegate Cormack requested information on what constituted a Canadian Individualist and how a trade unionist could be in an organization with such people. Delegate Gerrard replied that he had attended some meetings in an endeavor to obtain information as to what the organization was for. He pointed out he had only the interest of the labor movement at heart and would continue to protect the interests of the workers whenever possible. Delegate Shearer enquired as to where these people obtained the names and addresses of the secretaries of Trade Unions. The president replied that there were many sources where this information could be obtained; such as, the Labor Statesman and the Provincial Government Annual Report of Unions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, September 5, 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.

Delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--A. F. Chandler, Gas Workers 376; W. Head, Machinists 131; W. Alsbury, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association.

The Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: Showler, Neelands, Irving, Herrett, Holmes, Stevenson, McDonald, Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Division 101 enclosing two resolutions requesting endorsement. Therefore Be It Resolved that this 60th Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada go on record as favoring amendments to the legislation governing the control and procedure of Regional War Labor Boards and demand that the hearing of disputes be open to the public and that Labor representatives be responsible only to those whose interests they are appointed to protect.
"On motion resolution endorsed."

Therefore Be It Resolved that the 60th Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada go on record and urge the Canadian Government to carry these sentiments into life and fight for their realization, and further urge the Government to follow the example of Great Britain and sign a 20-year Pact with our powerful ally and neighbour the U.S.S.R. as a major contribution from our country to a world of lasting peace, security and prosperity for all.
The Executive recommended concurrence. Recommendation of the Executive was adopted.

(2) Local 151 Taxi Drivers requesting endorsement of the following resolution:

Whereas the Taxicab Industry is placed on a non-essential basis by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board; and,
Whereas, the Industry is considered essential by other allied countries, we feel the restrictions on gasoline is effecting a hardship on members of this Local and the industry as a whole, as it reduces the earning capacity of drivers, because they cannot operate on a full time basis.
"On motion resolution endorsed and forwarded to Congress."

(3) Division 134, enclosing following resolution:
Resolved that the age limit under the Family Allowance Bill be increased from 16 years of age to 18, with an allowance of \$10 per month as long as the child is attending school.
Executive recommended the resolution be received and noted. "On motion the executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) Local 226, Typographical Local enclosing the following resolution:
Resolved that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada be asked to include in its next submission to the Federal Government a request that the pension plans of Trade Unions be approved for the purposes of the Income War Tax Act, and that the amount paid as union dues by members of Trade Unions be allowed as a deduction against income in determining the net taxable income.
The Executive recommended concurrence. "On motion recommendation of the Executive adopted."

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

(6) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Call to the Diamond Jubilee Convention to be held October 23rd until Business is completed, if necessary to November 1st, at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario. Resolutions must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Trades and Labor Congress at Ottawa, September 18th. Local Unions are requested to send as many delegates as possible.

The executive recommended that delegate Percy R. Bengough be re-credentialled from this Council and that two delegates be elected from this meeting. The recommendation of the Executive was adopted.

(7) Copy of a letter from President Birt Showler to the Vice President George Gerrard, suggesting that he disassociate himself from the Association of Canadian Individualists, was read; also, copy of a letter from delegate Gerrard to the Secretary of the Association of Canadian Individualists, in which he requests that his name be removed from the Interim Committee as he had never applied for membership in the association. There was also a letter from A. Sprange, Acting Secretary of the Association replying that delegate Gerrard's request would be granted and the name no longer published. "On motion communications received, noted and filed for reference."
On motion executive's report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, secretary Gervin reported credential received from L.M. Zacharias, 630 Railway and Steamship Clerks. The committee recommended that the delegate be seated. "On motion committee's report adopted."

Secretary reported that he had enquired regarding a committee of Trade Unionists meeting returned members of the armed forces. It was pointed out that this is taken care of by the Red Cross, Canadian Legion, and the Women's Auxiliary Services. Refreshments are served and at present there is difficulty in keeping too many people from meeting these men which causes confusion. It would be a rare thing to find a man coming into Vancouver who has not a relative or a close friend to meet him. A great many are now returning to their former positions and it is felt that a committee from Trade Unions to which these men belong or which have jurisdiction over the industry in which these men work could have a committee welcome them at that time. The actual welcome at the station is not so important as the welcome a man receives by the community when he endeavors to reestablish himself. "On motion report adopted and a letter received from Local 69, Printing Pressmen requesting the setting up of such a committee be received and filed."

Secretary made the following report on picnic and sports at Stanley Park, Labor Day, September 4, 1944:

It is difficult to estimate the number of people attending the picnic but there was in attendance approximately 2500 people at the Sports held at the Brocton Point Oval in the afternoon. A very successful sports program was run off. Events for young and old were on the program, highlights of the day being high jumping by members of the R.C.A.F. from Boundary Bay Station.

We would like to acknowledge donations of ice cream from the following:
Richmond Dairy Glenburn Dairy Twigg Island
Crystal Dairy Hazelwood Jersey Farms
Melrose Arctic Ice
and milk from the following:
Empress Turners Dairyland

Milk, ice cream, candy and oranges were provided free to the children. On the whole we feel the picnic was a very successful event and would like particularly to thank Brother Wear for his work in organizing and carrying out a very successful sports program. I would like to report the valuable assistance of delegate R. McCulloch, Chairman of the Refreshment Committee who spent considerable time and effort in obtaining the ice cream and milk from the union dairies.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee's report be adopted and committee thanked and dismissed.

Secretary reported that the secretary of the Embalmers Local 23374 had been dismissed from his employment after 13 1/2 years service, shortly after he had been appointed secretary of the Union. The secretary had carried on negotiations over a period on behalf of the employees who were working under slave conditions and very poor wages. Some of these injustices have been remedied but it appears in so doing that the secretary's livelihood has been cut off by the employers. The matter is being taken before a court of referees. "On motion report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported progress being made with the laundry workers, building service employees, automotive maintenance workers and paper converters and paper bag makers. Organizational work being followed up and committee requests anyone desirous of organizing to contact the organizing committee or the officers of the Council. "On motion report adopted."

Press Committee, J.H. Irving, Chairman reported as follows:

Your press committee have had two meetings in the past month and recommend the following:

1. That the heading of the Labor Statesman be rearranged in modern style and color, bringing the heading up to date.
2. That the press committee approach the Unions not already subscribing with the request that they subscribe to the Labor Statesman and those already subscribing to increase their subscriptions.
3. The members of the press committee will in future endeavor to write an article for each edition.
4. It is recommended that each union appoint a correspondent who will be responsible for sending local news to the Statesman.

Your committee is of the opinion that the paper can be improved from time to time starting with the above recommendations. Changes may be necessary in the set up of the paper.

We are of the opinion that the number of papers circulated at present, which is 2300, is very small and that a greater circulation can be achieved by placing the matter before the Local Unions. We believe the circulation could be doubled.

We will endeavor from time to time to improve the paper and would welcome suggestions from the delegates and members of the Local Unions. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate Cormack reported that he attended a celebration in Westminster on Labor Day which the unions put on in that City. Consequently, he was unable to attend the picnic in Stanley Park.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Building Laborers Local 602, delegate James reported his Union had bargaining certification for employees at Forest Lawn Cemetery but due to a technicality was forced to reapply. Have been waiting considerable length of time for certification but the patience of the members is very near exhausted. Conditions under which these employees work in some respects are very bad. His union will take action Friday.

Milkmen Local 464, delegate McCulloch reported his Union is making good progress in Victoria. Finds the Amalgamated Unions of Canada interfering with organization in attempting to stop in and call meetings of employees in the process of organizing. They have attempted to get into the dairies in Victoria and call meetings for these workers but no one turned up. This group becoming a menace to organized labor and are growing. It is reported that they are holding a Convention in September.

Machinists Local 692, delegate Osman reported OIO had been granted bargaining rights in Vivian Engineering Works, Plant 3. Pointed out that in some cases there had been duplicate authorization slips signed by employees. In view of this the Minister has given permission to dispute the vote and a ballot will be held within 5 days in this plant.

Engineers 963, Delegate Berger reported his Union had applied for a signed agreement in June. The committee was told that they would be notified in due course. Last Thursday they were informed that there would be no change made in the existing agreement although the present agreement is only a memorandum of the minutes of the Board. The Union has applied for conciliation.

St. Railwaymen Division 101, delegate Stewart reported that his organization had concluded agreements with the B.C. Coach Lines covering wages and conditions. Are in the process of negotiating for the B.C. Greyhound Lines, The Pacific Stages Lines and the employees of the B.C. Motor Transportation. Have organized bus drivers operating out of Chilliwack and will be seeking an agreement soon. Organized the Neville Coach Lines operating in North Burnaby and since these men joined the Union two have been dismissed. On this particular operation men are working as much as 19 hours to get in a days work. Last September the B. C. Electric was notified that the agreement covering the three divisions would be opened. This matter has been negotiated with the Company and before the Regional War Labor Board which award was not satisfactory. The Board gave an adjustment of 4¢ for all employees covered by the agreement. One bus line in Victoria which replaced a car line was ordered a reduction in wages by the Board. This change a menace to all workers. Patience of the men is very short as negotiations have been proceeding over

a long period. The advisory Board has recommended that the award of the Board be turned down and an appeal made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:--Delegate Bartlett reported for the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Committee recommended the following changes: Section 3 of Article 4 changed to read as follows:

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Council. A delegate to be eligible for office shall have at least 12 months' previous experience and have attended at least six (6) meetings in the year prior to nomination.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this section be amended to read "50% of the meetings". "On motion committees recommendation adopted as amended."

Section 4 Article 4 to be amended by changing the word "July" to "January" where it appears in this Section.

Recommendation from the Committee that the first election be held in January 1946.

It was moved and seconded that the committees recommendation be amended to read "January, 1945", 35 voting for the amendment and 75 against. The committees recommendation was adopted.

Section 5 of Article 5 to read as follows:

The Statistician shall keep the roll call of delegates and make a report to the secretary's office following each meeting. The Statistician's report shall be kept on file for the information of the Local Unions.

Carried.

Amendment to Section 7 of Article 6, Page 12 by adding the words:

"All committees shall meet at least once monthly, committed reports to be made in writing".

Carried.

Section 3 of Article 8 changed to read as follows:

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Carried.

New Paragraph under Section 3 Article 5

The secretary shall report twice yearly to the Local Unions the number of delegates attending.

Carried.

Nominations for delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress Convention, McCulloch, 464 Milkmen; Carlisle, Plumbers 170; Cormack, Division 134, St. Railwaymen; Irving, Machinists 692; Gorvin, Division 101, St. Railwaymen; Showler, Milkmen 464; Warde, Railway Carmen 58; Delegates, Gorvin, Showler and Warde declined. On the first ballot delegate McCulloch was elected with 64 votes. On the second ballot delegate Carlisle 17 - Cormack 52, Irving 40. The president declared another ballot necessary as no candidate had a majority of votes cast. Delegate Carlisle being the lowest man was dropped. On the third ballot delegate Cormack received 59 - delegate Irving 49. Delegate Cormack declared elected.

The President introduced brother James Duncan, Int. Representative Assoc. of Machinists. Brother Duncan brought greetings from Seattle and wished the Council success, hoping for a greater degree of unity among trade unionists. Pointed out that it was not necessary to compromise with dual organizations. Brother Duncan was thanked by the President.

Moved and seconded that we strongly protest to the provincial Department of Labor the anti-union activities and intimidation practiced by the management of the News-Herald in calling individual employees before them and forcing them to sign a statement opposing the closed shop agreement. An amendment that this matter be referred to the Executive. Amendment carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate Barton Local 170 Plumbers asked when the Political Action Committee would meet. Chairman pointed out that this committee would meet in the near future.

GOOD AND WELFARE:--Delegate Gower drew attention of the Council to the press report of the death of Mrs. Murphy, wife of Brig. Murphy and moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the Brig.

R. N. Heald
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

Acting

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

- Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, September 19, 1944.
- Meeting opened at 8 p.m. Delegate Neelands Chairman pro tem.
- Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.
- The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--F. Alty, J. Pringle, Gas Workers 376; L. M. Zacharias, Railway Clerks Local 630; Wm. Neely, Machinists Local 131;
- The Council stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect for the late Don Maxwell who was killed in action in Italy.
- The executive reported on the meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: Neelands, Irving, Holmes, Stevenson, Herrett, Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Kenora Trades and Labor Council requesting endorsement of a resolution to be placed before the Prime Minister and the Post Master General urging a sufficient increase in the rate of pay for Grade 23 Postal Clerks to guarantee those workers a decent standard of living. "On motion the resolution was endorsed."
- (2) Embalmers and Undertakers Assistants requesting that the firm of Center and Hanna be placed on the non-patronage list of this Council. On recommendation of the executive referred to the Grievance Committee. Recommendation adopted.
- (3) Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Association enclosing a resolution requesting that the 60th Convention of the Congress instruct the executive to set up a permanent committee on education to integrate and promote the interests of this body in the field of public education. "On recommendation of the executive the resolution endorsed. Recommendation adopted."
- (4) Minister of Railways reply to a request that the Government bring legislation requiring that operators of passenger vehicles have a color vision to the right, stating that this matter is being gone into in an endeavor to carry out the terms of the resolution. On recommendation of the executive the communication received and noted. Recommendation adopted.
- (5) B. C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines informing the Council that a mining school will be held in King Edward High School commencing Thursday, November 2nd. The executive recommended that the delegates take note. Recommendation adopted.
- (6) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."
- (7) City Clerk informing the Council that the resolution requesting the amendment to the City Bylaw whereby licenses issued to persons doing inferior work or using poor grade material may be cancelled, on recommendation of the Building Department was laid on the table until the next meeting. "On motion received and noted."
- (8) United Garment Workers of America informing the Council that the Dubbell-Wear does not use the union label and requesting that they be removed from the list of firms appearing in the Labor Temple who are fair.
- (9) R. J. Scott requesting the Council to urge Local Unions affiliated to their regular meetings at their earliest convenience. A telegram was received from Drummond Wren in this connection, pointing out that the project had been endorsed by President Bengough. The executive recommended that the delegates be asked to take note. "On motion recommendation concurred in."
- (10) Local 18177 Stenographers, Typists, Bookkeepers and Assistants requesting that the matter of unwrapped bread and unhealthy practice of handling bread in grocery stores be taken up with the City Council. The executive recommended endorsement. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."
- The executive reported dealing with the following motion referred from the last regular meeting: "That we protest to the Provincial Department of Labor the anti-union activities and intimidation practised by the management of the News Herald in calling individual employees before them to sign a statement opposing the closed shop." The executive recommended that in view of the fact there has been no request from the Union concerned which is not affiliated and as the matter is presently before an arbitration board no action be taken. On motion recommendation of the executive adopted.
- On motion the report of the executive as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, Secretary Gerwin reported the committee had considered the following credentials and recommended that the applicants be accepted and seated:--R. M. Dooley, Joseph O. St. Angelo, Gene Markey, Denis McKeown, E. C. Seaman's Union; David P. Clark, Donald Neilson, Mailers Local 70; Helen Corbin, Gladys Brown, Garment Workers 232; John Brown, Engineers Local 96; Paul Anderson, Sheet Metal Workers 280; Lionel Warwick, Milksalesmen 464. Committee's recommendation adopted.

Secretary Gerwin reported having discussed deceased Workmen's Wage Act with official administrator and copy of same is on file in the Council file for the information of delegates.

Also reported having received amendment to Section 15 and Section 16 of Order-in-Council 1003 which are on file in the Council office.

Drew attention to the fact that new charters had been issued by the Trades and Labor Congress for the Council and were now hanging in Hall 1.

The case of J. A. Dougill, secretary of the Embalmers Union was not dealt with by the Court of Referees, as that body had not jurisdiction over the case.

Visited Local 136 Brick and Clay Workers at Kilgard. These workers had been organized since 1938. Have had a long hard grind to bring the workers under their jurisdiction up to a reasonable standard. Have been unable to get an agreement but have now been certified and are making good progress.

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported assisting Laundry Workers to negotiate agreements with three firms. Appeared before the building committee of the City with the Fishermen's Coop in their endeavors to obtain a permit for the erection of a new processing plant on Burrard Inlet. Assisting the Sulphite Converters Local to organize Bartram Paper Bag Workers.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Milksalesmen Local 464, delegate McCulloch reported his union had signed a closed shop agreement with Crenland Dairy. Dairies in Vancouver now 95% organized and points out that if anyone wants to purchase non-union milk they will have to search for a dairy from which to buy it. Extended thanks to the Business Agent of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees for assistance in organizing the Crenland.

Fishermen Local 44, delegate Wm. Rigby reports that the possibilities of the Fishermen's Coop obtaining a permit for their plant look brighter. Thanked the officers of the Council for assistance. Pointed out that Congress had agreed to the amalgamation of Local 44 United Fishermen's Local and Local 89 Fish Cannery and Reduction Plant Workers.

Plumbers Local 170, reported attending W. E. A. Summer School at Ocean Park. Approximately 60 people there. Spirit of good fellowship prevailed. Felt that it was too bad that so few trade unionists participated.

Machinists Lodge 692, reported by McMillan that charter has been issued to Automotive Mechanics in Vancouver. His Local has spent considerable time organizing these workers and thanked the secretary and organizers for assistance. Charter will be installed in the near future.

Aeronautical Employees 756, delegate Parkin reported his Local has been certified as bargaining agents for the Aircraft Plants at Chilliwack, Nelson, Victoria and Vancouver. Will negotiate agreements in the near future. Local 756 handling the Welfare Drive in the Aircraft Plants setting an objective of \$10,000, at 2 p.m. Tuesday \$8,000 had been collected.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees 28, delegate May Ansell reported in process of organizing Shelly Coffee Shop. Has received reasonable cooperation from the employers but finds that some of the union people patronizing this shop object to the increase in price that is necessary to obtain an increase to the union scale. Asks for cooperation of Union members.

Unfinished Business, delegate Bartlett reported for the Committee on Bylaws. It was moved, seconded and carried that the amendments to the bylaws be considered seriatim.

Committee recommended changing Section 3 of Article 4 as follows: The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Council. A delegate to be eligible for office shall have at least 12 months' previous experience and have attended at least 50% of the meetings in the year prior to nomination. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Section 4 Article 4 to be amended by changing the word "July" to "January" where it appears in this Section.

Considerable discussion took place on this amendment and a standing vote was called for, the vote being 76 for and 31 against.

Section 5 of Article 5 to read as follows: The Statistician shall keep the Roll call of delegates and make a report to the secretary's office following each meeting. The Statistician's report shall be kept on file for the information of the Local Unions. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted" Amendment to Section 7 of Article 6, Page 12 by adding the words:--"All committees shall meet at least once monthly, committee reports to be made in writing". "On motion committee's recommendation adopted." Section 3 of Article 8 changed to read as follows:--Election shall be by ballot. Names to be placed on blackboard in alphabetical order. Three tellers shall be appointed to collect and count the ballots, in the presence of the delegates assembled. The results of the vote shall be made known to the presiding officer for announcement. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to secure election. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted." New Paragraph under Section 3 Article 5:--The secretary shall report twice yearly to the Local Unions the number of delegates attending. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that a letter of condolence be sent from this Council to the Widow of the late Don Maxwell.

Moved, seconded and carried that the executive take under advisement the possibility of changing the wording on the Council's crest.

Moved, seconded and carried that the secretary read the names of all members of the Executive present at the meeting prior to giving the executive report.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Council take up with the City the question of better housing accommodation for nurses pointing out that the very best obtainable should be used in constructing nurses homes.

The Chairman introduced Brother Ernie Ingles, Vice President International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers who spoke at some length on post war plans particularly in connection with the construction industry. Brother Ingles' address was well received and speaker was thanked by the chairman for his generosity in reporting to the meeting on this vital subject.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Birt Showler
Chairman

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, October 3rd, 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 received were obligated and seated:--D. Clark, D. Neilson, Mailers Local 70; F. Johnston, Painters Local 138; Mrs. Brown, Garment Workers Local 232; E. Markey, D. McCowm, R. N. Dooley, B. O. Semmen; P. O. Anderson, Sheet Metal Local 280; L. Warwick, Milkmen 464; John Brown, Engineers Local 963.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. The delegates present: Showler, Neelands, Irving, Holmes, Herrett, Stevenson, Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) International Labor Press congratulating the Council on the publication of the "Labor Statesman" and wishing them success. Also inviting the Council to send a delegate to the Convention of that body in New Orleans. "On motion the communication received and noted."

(2) City Clerk, notifying the Council of the following recommendation adopted by the Civic Planning, Building and Parks Committee: "That the communications from the Trades and Labor Council and the Building Trades Council suggesting the cancellation of licenses to persons using poor grade materials or doing inferior work be laid on the table". "On motion received and noted."

(3) Local 42 Jewelry Workers drawing attention to the fact that it has been reported that city license tags and Red Cross Blood Donors Buttons are being made by non-union firms. Motion adopted that this matter be investigated and taken up with the proper authorities.

(4) Inland Boatmen's Union drawing attention to the fact that the announcement appearing in the "Canadian Seaman" to the effect that the Inland Boatmen's Union was affiliated with this Council was a premature release. Regret was expressed and it was hoped that no inconsequence had been caused to the members or officials of the Council. "On motion communication received and noted."

(5) Vancouver Traffic and Safety Council enclosing a copy of a letter to the Hon. R. L. Matland, Attorney General, regarding the placement of stickers on motor vehicle wind shields. "On motion received and endorsed."

(6) Aircraft Lodge 1749 enclosing the copy of a telegram sent the Rt. Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King protesting the action of the Government in cutting off the contracts at the New Westminster Plant of the Canadian Pacific Air Lines. Also requesting immediate action by the Council. The letter was received and noted. The secretary read a telegram sent to the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King on behalf of the Council protesting the cutting off of such contracts. "On motion action of the secretary endorsed."

(7) Gas Workers Local 376 enclosing a resolution resolving to set up a blood bank for the use of trade union members in this Province. "On motion received and the delegates asked to take note."

(8) W. E. A. informing the Council that preparation is now under way for a fall and winter program of classes for trade unionists and requesting that the names of members of the Council who are prepared to lead a class be forwarded. The Executive recommended that any delegate willing to act in this capacity be requested to leave his name with the secretary. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(9) Office of the Prime Minister acknowledging receipt of a resolution regarding the employment of postal clerks in Grade 2B post offices. "On motion received and noted."

(10) Provincial Minister of Labor informing the Council that the Civil Services Commissioner has been instructed to make arrangements where tradesmen employed casually by the Provincial Government will continue their unemployment insurance during the period they are employed by the Government. "On motion received with thanks."

(11) Alderman Greyall requesting the Council appoint 2 delegates to sit on a committee on Air Transportation which meets October 13th at the City Hall. "On motion left with the Secretary."

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

Report from delegates J. McMillan and G. M. Stewart and S. Smylie on a meeting held with the Royal Air Forces Association of the Empire on rehabilitation problems confronting ex-servicemen. Association had no definite proposals to submit but have many worthy objects. It was pointed out that they could be of benefit to organized labor by urging veterans to join the union of their craft thus preventing a breakdown of the conditions established. The report was received with thanks as progress.

The Executive recommended that due to the fact that many delegates will be absent from the City attending the Congress Convention that the next regular meeting of the Council be cancelled. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

The Executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credentia Committee, delegate Gorvin reported for the Credentia committee recommending that the following delegates be accepted and seated:--Fred Gust, E. R. Fitzpatrick, Barbers Local 120; William Reid, Engineers 963; Earl Turnbull, Fire Fighters Local 256. "On motion recommendation of the Committee adopted."

Organization Committee, delegate Herrett reported an application for affiliation had been received from the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Local 167. The committee recommended that the application be accepted and credentials forwarded. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted." Delegate Herrett further reported that a list of Unions eligible for affiliation had been made 5 months ago and all but four of these unions were now affiliated. The Organizing Committee are assisting in organizing new plants. Also negotiating for the Building Service Employees and the Laundry Workers.

Grievance Committee, delegate Holmes reported progress on the matter in dispute between Center and Hanna and the Embalmers Union which was referred to that committee with the request that they be placed on the non-patronage list.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

B. O. Seamen, delegate Scotland reported that the B. O. Seamen now lining up well, only matter of time until all seamen will be in the organization. Reported that the B. O. Seamen were the first to have a union agreement covering unlicensed personnel with the C.N.R.

National Association of Marine Engineers, reported his organization has had an agreement for 20 years with the C.N.R.

Bakers Local 468, delegate Kemmis reported his organization in process of negotiating changes in the agreement. Minor changes only such as compensation for night work, two weeks' holidays with pay after 1 year's service. The Association are difficult people to meet but they now have had several meetings and at one time agreed to one week's holiday after one year's service and two weeks' after two years' service. Union now going to Board alone on this matter.

Hotel and Res. Empl. 28, delegate Mrs. Ansell reported signing an agreement tomorrow with Burrard South covering the canteen workers. Today signed an agreement with the Shelly Coffee Shop. Pointed out that the owner was very cooperative in negotiating the agreement. Thanked the Council for assistance. Further reported that her local had made application for intervention by the Department of Labor in a dispute between the Local and the Fish and Oyster Bar on Granville Street. The manager recently took over this establishment and has endeavored to displace the union people. The Union has organized the new employees and have recently been certified by the Provincial Government as being the bargaining agents for the newly formed Limited Company.

Garment Workers 232, delegate H. Osofsky reported that after lengthy negotiations an agreement has been reached with the employer granting a substantial adjustment. This Local is now the highest paid in the trade in Canada and work the shortest hours. Thanked the officers of the Council for the assistance given during negotiations.

Milksalesmen Local 464, delegate McCulloch again drew the attention of the delegates to the fact that Frasco Farms Dairy is a non-union dairy. This dairy attempted to serve milk to the construction workers on the new hospital. The shop steward immediately asked for the driver's button which the driver could not produce and informed him that they would not have any milk. A Union firm is now supplying milk to these workers.

NEW BUSINESS:--Delegate Parkin introduced the following resolution: Whereas, layoffs are becoming increasingly prevalent in the industries engaged in the production of war material; and, Whereas, to this date very little has been done towards a planned program of conversion and/or rehabilitation of war workers.

Therefore Be It Resolved that this Trades and Labor Council write to the Minister of Munitions and Supply and urge that a Ministry of Reconstruction be established at once with a Minister in charge who would be in a position to give his undivided attention to the tasks facing such a body.

And Be It Further Resolved that regional committees be set up in each Province to study the problems from a local view point and recommend to the parent body.

And Be It Further Resolved that both the National and Provincial Boards be broadly representative of organized labor.

The resolution having been regularly moved and seconded was adopted.

Mrs. Ansell of Local 28, Hotel and Restaurant Employees introduced the following resolution with the request that it be endorsed by this Council and forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to be placed before the forthcoming Convention. The delegate pointed out that the reason this resolution was not in previously was because it deals with a matter which has only recently come to the attention of the Local through negotiations with a firm in the City.

Therefore Be It Resolved that this 60th Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada hereby instructs the Executive Council to urge the Government to make Section 15 of Order in Council P. C. 1003 continue to be applicable to employers who subsequent to signing a collective agreement, change the status of their firm to that of a limited company, or that sell to new owners.

The resolution having been properly moved and seconded was endorsed and ordered forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate Barton, Local 170 Plumbers and Steamfitters asked if the Building Committee had taken any action on a recent motion requesting better seating facilities in Hall 1. Also pointed out that the acoustics in Hall 1 were terrible and requested that the Building Management take under consideration the correction of this condition. Delegate Neelands rose at this time to point out that his Local met in that Hall and he at no time experienced any difficulty in hearing what was going on providing the delegates and members kept proper order.

Delegate Mathieson Local 170 requested information as to why there were no American Federation of Labor speakers attending the W. E. A. Summer School. The secretary pointed out that to the best of his knowledge only one such speaker had been invited and it so happened that he was at that time representing an affiliated union during Arbitration Proceedings.

Delegate Cormack, Division 134, requested information as to whether or not any rehabilitation committee had been set up by the Government in this City. The chairman replied that there was no such organization that he knew of.

A delegate requested information as to what action had been taken by the Political Action Committee. Considerable discussion followed on the activities of the Political Action Committee during which time it was moved by delegate Wybourn that the Political Action Committee be instructed to meet within two weeks or be asked to resign. Delegate Irving pointed out that such a motion should not be put in that manner. Delegate Gregory 101 pointed out that this should not be put at this time in fairness to the Chairman who was absent. The secretary pointed out that the motion should not be carried as the chairman was not present and that if there was any matter which the delegates felt should be dealt with by this committee which should be placed before the Council and the Committee would deal with the matter without delay. Delegate Wybourn rose to withdraw his motion.

A motion was duly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Delegate Cormack rose at this time and requested that he be heard under Good and Welfare. It was moved and seconded that Brother Cormack be given the floor. Delegate Cormack stated that the Government had set up a rehabilitation Committee in New Westminster. There was a definite move on foot to use returned soldiers to split unions. Pointed out the necessity of cooperation

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of all bodies and committees to meet the problems confronting the workers and returned soldiers in the post war period.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

R. H. Neelands
acting - President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 7th, 1944.
Meeting opened at 8 p.m. H. Neelands chairman pro tem.
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: Helen Corbin, Local 232 Garment Workers.

The Executive reported on the meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:—H. Neelands, J. H. Irving, J. Stevenson, E. Holmes, R.K. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Tobacco Workers International Union 176 notification that after 10 years struggle the Legate Myers Tobacco Co. are now 100% organized and Chesterfield Cigarettes carry the Union Label. "On motion received and noted."
- (2) O. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply replying to a telegram from this Council urging release of contracts or the conversion of the O.P.A.L. Plant at New Westminster to maintain employment for the workers in this plant. The Minister pointed out there is no longer need for such overhaul plants and suggest workers seek employment in other lines. "On motion received and noted."
- (3) Local 692 I. A. of M. enclosing a resolution requesting the Council to oppose the Fascist Menace of Technocracy Incorporated as the Constitution of this Body requires the abolition of Trade Unions. "On motion communication received and left with the secretary for investigation."
- (4) P. Mullock, Postmaster General replying to communication from this Council requesting adjustment in salaries of Grade 2B and Grade 20 postal employees. "On motion received and noted."
- (5) City Clerk informing the Council that the matter of the manufacture of license tags for the use of the city bearing the union label has been referred to License and Claims Committee. "On motion received and noted."
- (6) Secretary to Senator Bouchard expressing appreciation for the support of this Council and the hope that he will have the opportunity of meeting the members here in the near future. "On motion received and noted."
- (7) Brigadier W. Murphy thanking the members for the expression of sympathy during his recent bereavement. "On motion received and noted."
- (8) Lathers International Union 207 informing the Council that a recent award of the Regional War Labor Board carried an upward adjustment of 6¢ an hour in the rate for lathers. "On motion received and noted."
- (9) Union Label Trades Department, A. F. of L., informing the delegates of a Broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System November 11th at 7:45. "On motion received and the delegates asked to take note."
- (10) Halifax Trades and Labor Council enclosing a resolution urging the Government to place Canadian Fire Fighters who have had overseas service in the same category as those mentioned who come under the Gratuity Act. "On motion received and the resolution endorsed and forwarded."
- (11) Secretary of Sports Committee enclosing copy of the Minutes of meeting October 20th and requesting assistance of the Secretary to obtain the meeting dates of various affiliated Locals. "On motion received and referred to the Secretary."
- (12) Local 131 I. A. of M. requesting that the Council endorse that Local's protest against the garbled report of the Heaps Bond Drive in the Vancouver Daily Sun; the refusal to publish or acknowledge the correction of this report as submitted by the Local and the low caliber of the Bond Show brought to the Heaps Plant on the Tuesday, October 24th. "Motion adopted that the refusal of the Sun to publish a correction be taken up with the publishers and the question of the show be taken up with the War Loan Committee."
- (13) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."
- (14) The Union Label League of Toronto enclosing the following pledge with the request that secretaries read same to all delegates: "I promise to patronize only firms that display the union label, shop card or service button. I further pledge to urge the members of my family and friends to buy only union label goods and to use only union service." On Motion received and noted."

Secretary reported that a representative of the Labor Arts Guild had called at the office and requested permission for a speaker to address the Council meeting. The executive recommended that a speaker be given 5 minutes. At the time of adjournment the speaker had not arrived. A lengthy communication was read on the administration and activity of the Labor Arts Guild. "On motion the executive report as a whole was adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, secretary Gerwin reported the following credentials received and the committee found them in order and recommended that the delegates be seated:--Wilmer A. Bell, Bakers Local 468; K. M. Portsmouth, L. M. Coade, C. A. Yolland, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association. "On motion recommendation of the committee adopted."

Secretary requested unions to report the purchase of bonds by Unions in the 7th Victory Loan.

Secretary pointed out that many of the officers and Chairman of committees had not yet returned from the Trades and Labor Congress Convention and consequently there would be no report from these committees at this meeting.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--B. C. Seamen, delegate Scotland reported organizational work among the seamen on this Coast progressing favorably. The seamen have purchased \$2500 in Bonds in the 7th Victory Loan Drive.

St. Railwaymen Division 101, delegate Gregory reported the Local had a quota of \$94,000 in the 7th Victory Loan Drive and have now passed the \$74,000 mark.

Civic Employees 28, delegate Rees rose to point out Civic Employees are not as yet receiving the full cost of living bonus.

Railway Carmen 58, delegate Warde reported his local had a quota of \$39,000 in the 7th Victory Loan Drive and they are now substantially over the quota and have received a banner. Reported that they saw a very good show in his Department which was sent there by the Victory Loan Headquarters.

B. C. Seamen, delegate Markey reported Park Steamships being organized by the seamen. Good progress being made in spite of the severe opposition from other unions in the field. Ballot now being taken for bargaining rights. Thirty-two (32) ships have balloted with good results for this Local. Reported that some men going from the shipyards are not coming into the A. F. of L. Union. Suggested that delegates inform anyone they know who might be going to sea that they should take out a card in the A. F. of L. union. Delegate Markey pointed out that the seamen do not carry a card because they must have it to get into a yard to go to work. There union must fight, have always fought and will continue in their endeavors to obtain better conditions for the seamen. Delegate asked support and publicity where possible for the organization.

Truck Drivers 31, delegate Atkinson reported his Local had organized McIlwaine Brothers Transfer and McDonald's Consolidated in Victoria. Agreements have been signed and approved by the Regional War Labor Board. This local has also organized Vanderspek's and Western Cartage. The local has also purchased \$2,000 in Victory Bonds in the 7th Victory Loan.

Painters Local 138, delegate Eaves reported his union had purchased \$1000 Victory Bonds in the 7th Victory Loan.

Aeronautical Lodge 756, delegate Parkin reported his organization over the top in the 7th Victory Loan Drive. This local is now negotiating for a new agreement with the lower hours better wages and conditions including a closed shop.

Sheet Metal Local 280, delegate Macaulay reported his organization had purchased \$4000 in Bonds in the 7th Victory Loan.

Machinists 131, delegate Head reported his union had put the Victory Loan over the top in their plant. There is no agreement in this plant as yet but the Local had picked a committee to conduct the campaign and this committee was endorsed by the Company. \$11,000 in Bonds had been purchased which put that plant over the top. This was the most successful drive every conducted in that shop.

Hotel and Res. Employees Local 28, delegate May Ansell reported no quota had been set for the members of this Union but members making good showing in the purchase of Bonds. Further reported that this Local is putting on a dance at the Hastings Auditorium November 17th at 9 p.m., tickets 50¢. All delegates welcome to attend.

NEW BUSINESS--It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council endorse the demands of the Civic Employees for the inclusion of the full cost of living bonus in their basic wage and that the city council be so notified.

Moved, seconded and carried that we reiterate our previous position on the World Labor Congress to be held in London and the American Federation of Labor notified.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary of this Council be instructed to immediately demand that the President of the American Federation of Labor exercise his prerogative and enforce Section 5 of Article 4 of the Constitution. An amendment was moved and seconded that this Matter be referred to W. D. Wilson, A. F. of L. organizer, and the secretary of the Council for investigation and report to the Executive of the Council. The amendment carried.

Barbara Bainbride announced that the W. E. A. is holding two conferences the first on November 19th at 2:30 p.m.; the 2nd on December 10th, with a full day conference on reconstruction and conversion will be held and the guest speaker will be Brother R. Haddow of Montreal.

Delegate Wear of Local 170 pointed out that there were three delegates from this Council appointed to attend the Sports Committee and would suggest that these delegates be asked to attend or new delegates appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

B. K. Gerwin
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 held on Tuesday, November 21, 1944.
Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.
Minutes of the regular meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated
Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were
obligated and seated:--J. E. Turnbull, Firefighters Local 256; E. R.
Fitzpatrick, F. Gust, Barbers Local 120; W. A. Bell, Bakers Local 468;
L. Coade, K. M. Portsmouth, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Assoc.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:
B. Showler, H. Neelands, J. H. Irving, E. Holmes, J. Stevenson, R.
K. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Delegate R. McDonald, Ironworkers 97 pointing out that through
circumstances which prohibit his regular attendance as a member of the
Executive he finds he must submit his resignation. The executive re-
commended that the resignation be received with regret. "On motion ex-
ecutives' recommendation adopted."

(2) J. N. Ross, Local 213 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers enclosing
the following resolution and requesting endorsement:

Therefore be it Resolved, that we the members of Local Union B213,
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, strongly pro-
test the decision of the International Executive Council of the
American Federation of Labor not to send delegates to the World
Trade Union Conference. Two of the main reasons being that the
O.I.O. and the Soviet Trade Union Movement having delegates there.

The executive recommended that the resolution be endorsed subject to in-
vestigation as to the accuracy of the resolve. "On motion recommendation
adopted."

(3) W. E. A. call to a conference on rehabilitation and conversion
on Sunday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the Normal School, 12th Avenue
and Cambie St. The executive recommended that the communication be re-
ceived and noted. An amendment was moved that the Council send 2 delegates.
The amendment carried.

Secretary reported that there was a communication from the Deep Sea
and Inland Boatmen's Union Pacific Coast District of Canadian Seamen's
Union and 2 resolutions from the B. O. Seamen's Union dealing with a
jurisdictional matter between the two unions. The executive having con-
sidered this correspondence ruled that the whole matter was outside the
jurisdiction of this Council.

(4) The Vancouver Labor Council enclosing a resolution on housing.
The executive recommended that this matter be referred to the Building
Trades Council with the request that they study same and refer back to
this Council. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(5) Department of National War Service informing the Council that
their communication requesting the coverage of the Corp of Canadian Fire
Fighters serving overseas by the Canadian War Service Gratuities Act
is being given consideration by the Minister. "On motion received and
noted."

(6) Canadian Corp Association in B. C. requesting support of
the Corp to help show Mr. King and the Cabinet members that the people of
Canada are determined to support the men on the battle fronts in the matter
of reinforcements from the Home Army. "On motion received and filed."

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

(8) Embalmers and Undertakers' Assistants Local 23374 requesting that
the previous application to have Center and Hanna Ltd. placed on the non-
patronage list of this Council be withdrawn. "On motion communication re-
ceived and noted."

(9) City Clerk informing the Council that the resolution dealing
with the inclusion of the cost of living bonus in the Civic Employees
basic wage rates be received and filed for reference. "On motion received
and noted."

(10) United Garment Workers of America requesting Trades and Labor
Councils throughout the Dominion to advertise the union label and pointing
out that some employers are marking goods "union made" on their brand
tickets without justification and further requesting Canadian workers to

take particular care that they obtain only goods with the genuine union
label of the United Garment Workers of America. "On motion communication
received and delegates asked to take note."

The executive recommended that nominations be opened for the office
of Statistician at this meeting, reopened at the next regular meeting
when election will be held. "On motion executive's recommendation
adopted."

The executive recommended that the secretary be instructed to commu-
nicate with delegate G. Gerrard, Vice President, asking if there is reason
for his continual absence from the Council meetings. "On motion executive's
recommendation adopted."

The executive's report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, secretary
Gerwin reported the following credentials received by the committee and
recommended that the delegates be seated and invited to attend the meetings:
David Joyce, Paul Dawedow, B. O. Seaman's Union; P. J. Doyle, George Ades,
Maintenance of Way 167; Douglas J. Dewar, Mrs. Alison Y. Loyd, New West-
minster Teachers' Assoc. "On motion committee's report adopted."

Press Committee, delegate Irving reported that the circulation of the
Labor Statesman has increased from 2300 to 2800. The committee had inter-
ded appearing before the affiliated unions with a view to increasing the
number of papers to those already subscribed and to encourage unions
who do not at present subscribe to taking out subscriptions. The policy
motto of the paper will in future appear on the Editorial Page and the
committee is of the opinion that the appearance of the paper would be im-
proved by having only one read line; namely, "supported by 94 unions".
A request was received from the Calgary Trades and Labor Council for 75
copies of the October Edition and 100 copies of the November edition.
That Council expected to set up a paper of their own and will use the
Statesman as a guide. Owing to pressure of business delegate J. S. Reid
of New Westminster Teachers' Assoc. has been unable to attend committee
meetings and it is with regret that we recommend his replacement. The
committee recommends delegate J. Walker Local 280 Sheet Metal Workers be
added to the Committee. The attendance at the committee meetings has not
been good and the chairman would like to impress upon all members the
necessity of regular attendance at this meetings. "On motion report
adopted."

Organizing Committee, R. Gerwin reported an application was received
from Local 23757 Radio Station Employees for affiliation. The committee
recommended that the application be accepted and the union requested to
appoint delegates. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

According to information received from brother H. L. Hansen, Interna-
tional Representative of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers an agreement
has been signed between that Union and the B. O. Pulp and Paper Co. cover-
ing all workers at Woodfibre. This is the same agreement as in effect
at Ocean Falls and Powell River. All three agreements will terminate at
the same time.

Secretary Gerwin reported on investigating the statement contained in
a letter from 692 Machinists Lodge to the effect that Technocracy Incor-
porated requires the abolition of Trade Unions it was found that this was
not correct nor is there anything in the constitution of that body that
requires the abolition of Trade Unions. It was moved, seconded and
carried that the communication from Local 692 be received and filed.
"On motion secretary's report adopted."

Secretary also reported that a charter had been installed by the
Radio Station Employees in Vancouver. This was a Federal Charter from the
A. F. of L. No. 23757. The local is making good progress and have applied
for certification of bargaining representatives.

Secretary reported attending a meeting at the City Hall of Veterans,
Labor, Manufacturers and N.S.S. on lay offs and reconversion. Considerable
discussion on this subject took place, all delegates giving their views and
a further meeting will be held in two (2) weeks' time when the chairman of
the Provincial Rehabilitation Committee will be in attendance.

Secretary reported that on numerous occasions letters have been re-
ceived from members of the armed forces overseas requesting information on
wages and conditions in certain trades in this locality with a view to
settling here after the war. Naturally these requests are replied to giving
all information possible.

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Reporting on the sports committee, secretary pointed out that the Council was two delegates short of their quota and recommended that volunteers be called for. There have been committees set up on golf, football, bowling and other sports. A golf Tournament will be held at Langara Course on January 16th and 17th commencing at 10 a.m. The committee have decided to send a letter to all locals asking financial support. The president called for volunteers to attend the sports committee on behalf of the Council. Delegates W. A. Bell, Local 468 Bakers and I. L. Cawker, Local 151 Taxi Drivers volunteered.

Report of delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress Convention, delegates McCulloch and Cormack reported on the Convention which was held in Toronto commencing October 23rd. Thanked the delegates for the opportunity afforded them in representing the Council at the Convention. The report of the delegates will be placed on file and printed in the Labor Statesman. The report was accepted with thanks.

President Showler reported that Brother Bengough will attend the Latin American Labor Conference and it is expected he will visit Vancouver before returning to Ottawa.

President further reported that Federal Minister of Labor, Humphrey Mitchell who was visiting this City and intended being at this meeting was called to Ottawa for a special session of Parliament.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--National Association of Marine Engineers, delegate Smith reported his union had made application for certification for the C. P. R., O. N. R. and Union Steamships. Only contested by the O.P.R. The hearing was held in Ottawa on November 7th. The union received a good hearing and they expect a decision within two weeks. Had very excellent assistance and cooperation from Brother Bengough at Ottawa.

Machinists Lodge 131, delegate Head reported further on the mis-statement that appeared in the daily press regarding the Victory Loan drive at the Heaps Engineering plant in New Westminster.

Machinists Lodge 692, delegate Irving reported his union had organized the employees of Underwood Elliott Fisher in December, 1943, and obtained an increase from \$5 to \$12 for all hands. These men prior to the adjustment were the lowest paid in the industry. An agreement was negotiated containing a maintenance of membership clause. The men refused to accept this and have dropped out of the organization.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees 28, delegate Ansell reported the dance put on by the Local was a huge success financially and the funds will be used for their organization campaign. This programme is progressing very favorably.

Printers Local 138, deleg to Eaves reported that his organization had been successful in obtaining a 10¢ an hour adjustment for all members in the Star Shipyard.

Milkmen 464, delegate McCulloch reported his Union had signed a closed shop agreement with the Balmoral Dairy.

Plumbers 170, delegate Mathieson reported his Union had purchased \$5000 in 7th Victory Loan Bonds, had donated \$100 to the Hockey Association and \$500 to the Children's Jubilee Summer Camp.

University Workers 116, delegate E. C. Jillings reported his union had purchased \$300 in 7th Victory Loan Bonds.

The chairman drew attention of the delegates to a motion on the books of April 4th, 1944 that requires this Council nominate 2 delegates, one for the Library Board and 1 for the Town Planning Commission in the first meeting in December. Chairman advised delegates to come to the next meeting prepared to nominate.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:--Nomination of delegates to W. E. A. Conference. Delegates Head, Machinists Lodge 131, Parkin, Aeronautical Lodge 756, and delegate Carlisle 170 Plumbers nominated. Delegate Carlisle declined. Delegates Head and Parkin elected by acclamation.

Nominations were now opened for the executive position of Statistician. The following delegates were nominated:--W.J. Bartlett, Blacksmiths 151; J. Barton, Plumbers Local 170; T. Parkin, Aeronautical Lodge 756; G. Gibson, Truck Drivers 31; Barbara Stewart, Hotel and Restaurant Employees.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved, seconded and carried that the executive take under advisement the question of holding a supper to hear Brother Percy Bengough. Moved, seconded and carried that this Council request the Metal Control Board and the Lumber Control Board to release sufficient material to complete the building of houses now under way in this City and that National Selective Service be asked to do all in their power to assist in this direction where man power is concerned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Burt Bowler
PRESIDENT

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, December 5th.

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 previously been accepted were obligated and seated:—David Joyce, B. G. Seaman; Mrs. A. G. Loyd, New Westminster Teachers' Association; G. Adams, P. O. Doyle, Maintenance of Way 167.

The Executive report on a meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: Showler, Neelands, Irving, Herrett, Holmes, Stevenson, Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) National Council on Canadian Soviet Friendship notification of a meeting to be held December 14th at 8 p.m. at 319 West Pender to hear Mr. Raymond Davies well known correspondent who will speak on Russia. "On motion received and delegates asked to take note."

(2) G. Gerrard, Vice President, explaining his absence from the Council meetings and tendering his resignation as Vice President. The executive recommended that the resignation be received with regret, that nominations be called at this meeting, reopened and election held next regular meeting. Recommendation was adopted.

(3) Lodge 58 Railway Carmen protesting action of the leaders of the A. F. of L. in refusing to attend the Congress of Trade Union to be held in Great Britain in the near future and pointing out that the A. F. of L. does not speak for Lodge 58. "On motion received and noted."

(4) Local 256 Fire Fighters Local strongly protesting the decision of the Executive of the A. F. of L. in refusing to send delegates to the World Trade Union Conference. "On motion received and noted."

(5) Division 134 Street Railwaymen enclosing three resolutions.

1. Pointing out that the action of the Executive of the A. F. L. in refusing to send delegates to the World Labor Conference is undemocratic and unchristian and not in the best interests of a permanent and lasting World Peace. "On motion received and noted."
2. Therefore be it resolved that this Trades and Labor Council go on record as being opposed to the exploitation of children through the lack of necessary clothing and

Be it further resolved that we deplore the unequal distribution of Children's clothing as between the East and West and that the officers of this Council be instructed to take this matter up immediately with the proper authorities. "On motion resolution received and noted."

3. Therefore Be It Resolved that this Trades and Labor Council go on record in requesting the Federal Government to remove the restrictions against workers going to the United States when there is an urgent need in that Country for their services which cannot be utilized in Canada. "On motion resolution endorsed."

(6) Chairman Vancouver Public Library requesting information regarding the attitude of the people towards a library commensurate at least with the present size of the City of Vancouver. The executive recommended that the action of the Library Board be endorsed and the information provided. "On motion recommendation endorsed."

(7) Welfare Council requesting financial assistance for their Christmas Cheer Committee. The executive recommended that \$10 be donated. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(8) Local 28 Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union suggesting that the time and place of meetings of all unions be included in the trade union directory of the Labor Statesman. "On motion referred to the Press Committee."

(9) Vancouver General Hospital statement of fact regarding the proposed building of a nurses home which is urgently needed at the Vancouver General Hospital. The executive recommended that the proposal be endorsed. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(10) Workmen's Compensation Board notification of revision of Accident Prevention Regulations and calling for suggestions from Local Unions. The executive recommended that delegates take note. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(11) Welfare Council notification of a meeting on housing to be held Friday, December 8th at 8 p.m. in the King Edward High School, 12th and Oak. The executive recommended that the delegates be asked to take note. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(12) City Clerk informing the Council that the matter of unwrapped bread being distributed throughout the City has been referred to a special committee for further report. "On motion received and noted."

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(15) Vancouver Labor Council requesting the setting up of a Joint Board to assist all Local Unions in drawing up agreements containing grievance procedure. The executive recommended that this communication be received and filed as all locals have their own procedure for grievances. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(16) Aeronautical Lodge 756 informing the Council of the major out backs through the country which are bringing serious problems to the Aircraft organizations also a list of the immediate projects for laying a sound basis for full employment. The executive recommended that this communication be referred to the Legislative Committee. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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The executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES—Credential Committee, secretary reported for the committee. The following credentials were received: David L. Bryce, St. Railwaymen Div. 134; Stanley Weir, B. G. Seaman's Union; J. Krimmer, J. Sayndak, Maintenance of Way 167. The credential committee recommended that the delegates be obligated and seated. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported receiving an application for affiliation from the Vancouver Auto Workers 1857. The committee recommended that the Local be accepted and that they be invited to elect delegates to the Council. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted." Also an application for affiliation from the Vancouver Hospital Employees Industrial Union 180. The committee recommended that this application be accepted and the Local asked to elect delegates. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Delegate also reported assisting Hotel and Restaurant employees who are contemplating a drive to organize the City. Contacted two other prospective trades to be organized. Agreements for the Laundry Workers are now in the hands of the Regional War Labor Board. An effort is now being made to organize dry cleaners in the Laundry Workers Local and are starting with Swan Bros. when a meeting will be held Friday evening.

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President appointed R. McCulloch, R. Stevenson, R. Pollack, W. Clarkson, Tellers.

The first ballot taken:

Cormack	37 votes
Smylie	56 "
Stewart	38 "

Delegate Cormack was dropped and the second ballot: Smylie, 70 votes; Stewart, 58 votes; Chairman declared delegate Smylie elected. Delegate Smylie was then obligated.

At this time the Chairman introduced Brother Percy Bengough, President, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Brother Bengough pointed out he was on a holiday but that he enjoyed attending the Trades and Labor Council. Pointed out that the Regional and National Boards were now having more cases than they could handle and that this matter should be remedied immediately and also in his opinion the Labor Relations Board was too cumbersome and should be reduced possibly to three members who could be moved about the country which would more speedily clear up labor disturbances. At present he feels it is not working to the advantage of our affiliated unions. Pointed out that when 1003 was printed it seemed to be a very fair piece of legislation but since the Board have had so many legal interpretations and while legal minds are permitted to tear it apart it is not working to the best interests of labor. Changes are necessary. Some confusion exists due to publicity of the two congresses coming together. Brother Bengough pointed out that the resolution adopted at the Convention stated that endeavors should be made to make one organization protecting the membership. Suggestions have been made but we must keep in mind one organization would be much stronger but we must guard against losing the strength of our Local unions in bringing about the one organization. While boring from within continues it is difficult to get together. Brother Bengough stated that he will soon leave for London where he will attend a meeting of the I.L.O., World Trade Union Congress and the International Federation of Trade Unions. At this point extended Season's Greetings to the delegates.

CORRESPONDENCE: (cont'd)

(11) Timber Controller informing the Council that the flow of lumber to Vancouver has been greatly increased and is in fact larger than any City in Canada. "On motion received and noted."

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(14) W. E. A. enclosing a list of the new year classes sponsored by that organization. Executive recommended that the delegates be asked to take note. Recommendation adopted.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Secretary reported on increase in the membership of affiliated unions due to the organizing efforts by Brother Herrett and Brother Wilson, pointing out there have been 4,503 new members organized in the past 12 months, 19 new affiliations, making a total number of 96. Also reported that a telegram had been sent to the Honorable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor, following the last meeting on the matter of Electrical Workers being sent to Burrard North Shipyards. Up to the present time no reply has been received to this wire.

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported an application for affiliation had been received from the Deepsea and Inland Boatmen's Union and the committee recommended that the application be accepted and delegates seated. Considerable discussion followed the recommendation of the committee. It was moved, seconded and carried that the recommendation of the committee be adopted.

Delegate Herrett reported good progress in organizing throughout the City placing special emphasis on the drive presently being carried on by the Hotel and Restaurant Workers and urging cooperation from other Unions.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Milkmen 464, delegate McCulloch reported his organization signed an agreement with the Northwest Creameries in Victoria including the check-off. Hopes to have another one signed this week.

St. Railwaymen Div. 101, delegate Stewart thanked delegates for support and pointed out that the onus for any action that may be taken by members of 101 must be placed squarely on the B. C. Electric as they are responsible inasmuch as they did not negotiate with the union in the true spirit of collective bargaining.

B. C. Seamen, delegate Scotland reported that after four years of fighting that the union had signed an agreement with the Union Steamship and the Canadian National. Conditions were deplorable but through continued efforts of the B. C. Seamen many of these have been remedied. The seamen will continue to fight regardless of opposition.

Delegate Markey reported that on the U.S.S. there was a ballot between his organization and the C.I.O. for bargaining representatives. Negotiations being carried on with the C.P.R. Feel that they have a large job in educating and organizing the workers without political ties. It is their aim to institute an International Union world wide.

Office Employees 18177, delegate Walker reported that their Local had signed an agreement with the I.W.A. in New Westminster and the Millmakers Local No. 1 in Vancouver, and stated that in her opinion this would show that work can be carried on with other unions. Thanked secretary Gerwin for assistance during negotiations.

Refrigeration Workers 510, delegate Campbell requested information on the prize that he understood was to be given to the Local who had the largest percentage of members who were regular blood donors and pointed out that his Local are 75% donors. President explained that the Minutes would be checked to find out if there was a prize in connection with the blood donors.

Bakers Local 468, delegate Jackson reported that his Local applied last May to the Master Bakers for 2 weeks' holiday and after 6 months' negotiations applied to the Regional War Labor Board, the Board disallowed this request. His Local has had a request from Victoria to go there and assist in organizing the Bakers.

Machinists Local 602, Irving reported his Local had been certified as bargaining agents for Tyce Machinery Company, Canadian Atlas Diesel and have applied for certification for the Sterling Shipyards.

NEW BUSINESS--A resolution was submitted by delegate Markey of the B.C. Seamen's Union condemning furtherance of unnecessary regimentation of Labor and calling upon Labor to fight against the continuance of National Selective Service. Considerable discussion followed the placing of this resolution which was moved, seconded and carried that the matter be referred to the executive.

Delegate Barton, Plumbers 170, moved that this Council request information from the City Council as to why there was no union label on the ballots for the Civic election. A delegate from the Typographical Local stated that the ballots were printed in a union shop. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Butler Howler
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