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K. SHIREMAN, PRES.  
J. F. WHITNEY, PRES.  
P. ANDERSON, PRES.  
G. RIDGWAY, PRES.  
MEMBERS OF COMMERCE

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R E S O L U T I O N

"Canadian Foreign Policy"

WHEREAS: Canada must play her proper part in the post-war world to ensure continued peace and progress and that in order to do this Canada must have a foreign policy which is in complete tune with the agreements already made by Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin; and

WHEREAS: The Canadian Congress of Labour at its Fifth Annual Convention in Quebec City adopted a resolution on foreign policy which if adhered to by governments will enable Canada to play a progressive role in world affairs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Eighth Annual Convention of I.W.A. - C.I.O., B. C. District One, fully support the following as being a necessary foreign policy for Canada:

1. The first object of our foreign policy must be to win the war at the earliest time.
2. The future security of peace loving nations will depend upon the extent and effectiveness of International co-operation. There is no security in national isolation. Canada must play its part in promoting international co-operation among the peace loving nations, great and small.
3. The prosperity of all nations, as is their security, is indivisible. Economic isolation destroys economic security. Canada must play its part in promoting unrestricted trade and economic co-operation with other nations.
4. That Canada advance its good neighbour policy by joining the Pan American Union for closer relations with South American countries.
5. That Canada strengthen its relations with its great Northern neighbour, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and sign a pact similar to that in force now between Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

## RESOLUTION

### "Japanese Question"

- WHEREAS: The Japanese question has been used as a political football to obscure the larger issues facing us; and
- WHEREAS: Six years ago, when labour was demanding an embargo on shipment of war materials to Japan, and an investigation of Japanese fascist activities in Canada, these same individuals, almost without exception were strangely quiet; and
- WHEREAS: The future disposition of the Japanese is a problem that will only be solved in a democratic manner, to which those who endeavour to stir up racial prejudice contribute nothing but confusion which labour condemns; and
- WHEREAS: The Pacific and Atlantic coastal areas provide access for information of military value to our enemies, potential invaders; and
- WHEREAS: When we found ourselves at war, all political parties in Parliament agreed that the removal of these people was a necessary measure for Canada's national security;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eighth Annual Convention of the IWA-CIO, B. C. District Council, go on record endorsing the government's announced policy of returning to Japan those proven guilty of espionage or disloyalty; dispersal of others throughout the Dominion and disallowance of the practice of settling in colonies; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we urge the government to retain the coastal defence zone already established until the last threats of Japanese fascism and aggression have been completely eliminated; so as to make possible fulfilment of the government's policy of distribution of loyal and Canadian-born Japanese across the country; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we appeal to all political parties to stop kicking the Japanese question around for mere vote-catching purposes which is creating nothing but ill-will and hatred instead of tolerance and justice.