

VETERANS URGE DEPORTATION OF ALL BOLSHEVIKI

War Heroes Would Expel "Reds," No Matter What Their Nationality

Deportation of all men of Bolshevist ideals "whether English, Irish, Scotch or any other nationality" was demanded by Winnipeg Great War Veterans at a mass meeting in the Board of Trade building Tuesday evening.

Segregation of unnaturalized citizens into "desirable" and "undesirable" classes was recommended. Desirable foreigners should be required to assume full responsibility of Canadian citizenship, including military service. Undesirables should be returned immediately to their home countries, according to the resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

Copies of the resolution were sent to the Dominion executive for transmission to the acting premier, Winnipeg representatives in the federal house and the minister of immigration. Other provincial commands were asked to fall in line.

Veterans returned Robert Maxwell to the presidency, and J. O. Newton as first vice-president. Comrades Samson, Combe, Neilson, Bathie, Brown, Weir, Dent, Northmore and Walters were elected to the executive committee.

Comrades Wheatley, Martinson, Ward and Smith will represent the Winnipeg unit at the provincial convention April 16-17.

Here Is Resolution

Following is the text of the alien resolution:

"Whereas during the past five years the Dominion of Canada, particularly the Western Provinces, has been brought face to face with the problem of dealing with undesirable aliens of all classes who have been admitted into this country under past and existing legislation; and

"Whereas it has been demonstrated conclusively that unrestricted immigration, instead of being of benefit, has proved a serious menace to this country; and

"Whereas it has further been demonstrated that there are in Canada at the present time thousands of undesirable aliens of enemy origin to whom can be traced most of the unrest at present existing in this country, and whose presence is an insult to the men who have fought in defense of the Empire, who are obliged to come into daily contact with them; and

"Whereas there are also very large numbers of aliens in Canada who have become good Canadian citizens, and others who are anxious to become true British subjects against whom it would be unfair to discriminate; and

"Whereas this association has noted with pleasure the action of the C.P.R. in dismissing all aliens employed on road work on the Brandon division, thereby demonstrating that alien enemy labor is no longer a necessity; and

Demand Prompt Action

"Whereas continuous resolutions have been forwarded to the honorable minister of immigration and to the government at Ottawa by this and other public bodies, indicating a general public demand for prompt action on the part of the federal government in spite of which thousands of immigrants are at the present time coming to this country from the United States, a large number of whom are undesirable.

"Therefore be it resolved that this branch of the G.W.V.A. respectfully request His Majesty's government of Canada to enact immediately legislation as follows:

"First—That all unnaturalized citizens be examined before a properly constituted court which shall determine whether or not they are desirable citizens. If in the opinion of said court they are undesirable, they should be deported to whatever country they rightfully belong. If they are considered as desirable, they should be required to give a written statement to the effect that they are prepared to assume the full responsibility of Canadian citizenship, including military service if necessary, and the education of their children in English according to Canadian law. Any refusing to sign this obligation should also be deported.

"Second—That with the desirable aliens determined by the above court immediate and more aggressive steps should be taken to assimilate these citizens as Canadians, by nationwide education in English, confining the franchise to those who can read and write in English by propaganda, etc.

Advocate Deportation

"Third—That a close censorship on all immigration be kept and that no further concessions be made to various religious sects, etc., and further that all immigrants, before being admitted to Canada, be obliged to sign the obligation as described above, and that during the period between the entry of said immigrants and the time of their becoming naturalized they should be kept under observation, and if, in the opinion of the above constituted court, they fail to conform to the laws governing all citizens of Canada, they shall be immediately liable to deportation; and further, this branch of the G.W.V.A. requests that the recent order-in-council prohibiting the entry into Canada of subjects of any enemy country remain in force.

"Fourth—That preferential treatment or assistance be given to men and women from the United Kingdom wishing to immigrate to Canada.

"Fifth—That it is not the intention of this meeting that the present laws governing the period of residence in Canada prior to obtaining naturalization should be interfered with.

"Further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Dominion executive of the G.W.V.A. for transmission to the honorable, the acting prime minister, the honorable minister of immigration, Major G. W. Andrews, D.S.O., M.P., and Mr. G. W. Allen, M.P.

"Further resolved that all branches in Manitoba and all provincial commands be requested to endorse this resolution.

"And further be it resolved that this meeting is of the opinion that all men of Bolshevist ideals, whether English, Irish, Scotch or any other nationality, should also be deported."