

Veterans Will Deal With Undesirable Aliens Later

WINNIPEG, May 16.—At a mass meeting of the G. W. V. A., Army and Navy Veterans and Imperial Veterans of Canada associations, when between 4000 and 5000 were present, including all men of the military and naval services, a resolution was passed to the effect that every legitimate means would be used to preserve law and order; and providing further that when the present trouble has been adjusted the returned veterans and labor representatives will discuss the deportation of the undesirable enemy aliens.

The resolution was passed in preference to another presented on behalf of the executives of the three veterans' associations. This resolution, in addition to calling upon the veterans to do their utmost to preserve law and order during the strike, condemned what is described as the insidious campaign inaugurated among certain sections of labor for the purpose of spreading Bolsheviki and revolutionary propaganda and demanded that the Dominion government take immediate steps to dispose of undesirable enemy aliens and other agitators and act promptly in the matter of reducing the high cost of living.

It was claimed by opponents of this resolution that it raised too many issues to be disposed of properly at the present time.

Condemn Bolsheviki.

The meeting was extremely lively at times. Association of the Bolsheviki with the labor unions by some of the speakers was resented by veterans in different parts of the hall, and they were not slow to express their resentment with interruptions more or less pointed.

The resolution passed was proposed by R. A. Rigg, ex-M. L. A., and a derman and a former secretary of the Trades and Labor Council.

G. P. Weir, president of the Manitoba command of the G. W. V. A., in opening the meeting, said it was being held while most usual conditions existed in the city. Developments had made the executives of the three veterans' organization in the city come to the conclusion that it was of vital importance that the returned soldiers should declare definitely to the public their policy in regard to strikes, riots, Bolshevism and other matters which they had to deal with at the present time. It spoke well for the unity of the returned men that the policy declared by the executive of the three veterans' associations was identical. The policy, briefly stated, was that there could not be anything neutral in connection with strikes, but as soldiers they had to perform their duty that devolved upon them of protecting property and preserving law and order.

In Sympathy With Labor

The meeting had been called to endorse the stand taken by the executive and to co-operate and assist in carrying it out, he said. Their attitude was not to antagonize labor. They were, as a matter of fact, bound to be in sympathy with labor because 75 per cent. of the returned soldiers were men of the class known as that which works for its living.

They did not intend to act as strike-breakers, but that did not mean that they were going to let a bunch of Bolshevists take advantage of the strike to cause disorders and disturbances.