

# SLAVS FAVOR ALLIES

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## Those in Vancouver Declare Their Attitude in Lengthy Statement.

With the object of removing misconceptions regarding their attitude, the Slavs of Vancouver have prepared a lengthy statement in which they declare that they are opposed to the Austrians and are in favor of the Allies.

"We believe," they state, "that the success of the Allies will mean the freeing of our native countries from the domination of the Austrians with its consequent burdens and impoverishment."

At a mass meeting of Slavs held in this city on September 27, a lengthy resolution was adopted and forwarded to the Premier of the Dominion and the Premier of British Columbia. This recited their opposition to the Austrians, declared that the majority of those attending the meeting had been absent from their native countries for many years and that all had been compelled to leave Austria-Hungary in search of liberty and justice and to escape military despotism, and had no desire to return.

They added that some of their countrymen had been arrested on the ground that they were reservists of the Austrian army. This they denied, declaring that those who were arrested in their endeavor to cross to the United States were going there in search of work.

The resolution respectfully requested the authorities to "permit our fellow-countrymen, now in jail, to have their liberty on parole, as even our enemies, the Germans and Austrians, have been paroled, and that employers of labor be requested to reconsider their attitude toward us."