

CANADA POLES MAKE APPEAL

Urge Lloyd George to Recognize Poland's Right to Teschen

INCLUDING DANTZIG

Council Also Sends Message to President Wilson of Endorsation

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

St. Catharines, April 30.—The following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the directors of the Polish Council in Canada regarding the Polish claims respecting Dantzic and Teschen, to be forwarded to Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson:

Appeal to Lloyd George.

His Excellency Lloyd George, Prime Minister of Great Britain, Peace Conference, Paris:

At the plenary meeting of the Polish Council held at Hamilton on April 28, representing all Poles in Canada, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the Teschen district for centuries was Polish soil, and today, notwithstanding the efforts conducted the past centuries to Germanize and Bohemianize it, it is principally inhabited by Poles, and

Whereas Teschen is geographically a component part of Poland, forming an integral part of the Polish coal basin, and its non-allotment to Poland would entail a sanguinary war between two nations of the Entente which might change entirely the future political structure of the Central European powers, and

Whereas the neutralization of Dantzic would be a signal German victory, and

Whereas the control of the Germans over Dantzic would sever Poland from direct contact with so magnanimous a nation as Great Britain, with which the Polish nation is desirous of the closest political and economic relations, and,

Whereas, without Dantzic Poland cannot be the proper bulwark against Bolshevism and will be at the mercy of Germany, which will exploit this triumph for its own benefit and for Bolshevism, and

Whereas Dantzic did not become Germanized by the natural process of evolution, but through superior force and brutality, and on the basis of exceptional laws, which cannot be taken into consideration in determining national affiliations;

Therefore, we earnestly appeal to your Excellency, in the name of equity and justice, to recognize the full right of Poland to Teschen and Dantzic, and thus not only save the Polish people, who never violated their oaths of fidelity, but also save the principle of right before might, of which principle you are a great and exalted advocate.

POLISH COUNCIL IN CANADA.

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Endorses President Wilson's Stand.

His Excellency Woodrow Wilson,

President of United States, Paris.

Sir: The Polish Council in Canada, representing all Poles in Canada, firmly confident in your sense of justice, Mr. President, is keenly following the course of the Peace Conference. The Poles in Canada, always ready to concur in your disposition, as well as their brethren at Europe, are unshaken in their faith, that Poland, unhappy and exploited for over a century, thanks to your famous principles governing the Peace Conference, will become happy and secure, receiving, through your intercession, lands historically belonging to it, Teschen, West Prussia, including the port of Dantzic, as Poland's outlet to the sea.

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