

“Sixth, after the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny, they hope to see established a peace which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries, and which will afford assurance that all the men in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want :

“and

“Whereas the Constitution of the International Labour Organization proclaims that a lasting peace ‘can be established only if it is based on social justice’ ;

“The Conference of the International Labour Organization endorses the aforementioned principles of the Atlantic Charter, request that the fullest use be made of the machinery and experience of the International Labour Organization in giving effect to these principles, and pledges the full co-operation of the International Labour Organization in their implementation.”

“*General Resolution concerning Post-war Reconstruction.*”

“Whereas the victory of the free peoples in the war against totalitarian aggression is an indispensable condition of the attainment of the ideals of the International Labour Organization ; and

“Whereas the close of the war must be followed by immediate action, previously planned and arranged, for the feeding of peoples in need, for the reconstruction of the devastated countries, for the provision and transportation of raw materials and capital equipment necessary for the restoration of economic activity, for the reopening of trade outlets, for the resettlement of workers and their families under circumstances in which they can work in freedom and security and hope, for the changing over of industry to the needs of peace, for the maintenance of employment, and for the raising of standards of living throughout the world ; and

“Whereas the accomplishment of these purposes will require the ‘fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field’ ; and

“Whereas such collaboration will set tasks of organization and administration calling for the highest ability and for the most sympathetic understanding of the needs of peoples ; and

“Whereas the International Labour Organization, which possesses the confidence of the free peoples and includes in its structure the representatives of workers and employers, is for these reasons peculiarly fitted to take part in this work in such a way as to minimize misunderstanding and unrest and to promote a stable and enduring peace :

“The Conference of the International Labour Organization requests the Governing Body—

- “(a) To transmit this resolution forthwith to the Governments of all member States, to call their attention to the desirability of associating the International Labour Organization with the planning and application of measures of reconstruction, and to ask that the International Labour Organization be represented in any Peace or Reconstruction Conference following the war ;
- “(b) To suggest to the Governments of the member States that they should, if they have not already done so, set up representative agencies for the study of the social and economic needs of the post-war world and that such agencies should consult with the appropriate organs of the International Labour Organization ;
- “(c) To set up from its own membership a small tripartite committee, instructed to study and prepare (i) measures of reconstruction and (ii) emergency measures to deal with unemployment which should be empowered to enlist the assistance of technically qualified experts and authorized to co-operate with Governmental, inter-Governmental, and private agencies engaged in similar studies and with those agencies whose present activities in the social and economic field affect the conditions under which post-war programmes will be carried out ;
- “(d) To make full use of such existing organs of the International Labour Organization as the International Public Works Committee, the Permanent Agricultural Committee, the Permanent Committee on Migration for Settlement, and the Joint Maritime Commission, and from time to time to make such modifications in the composition of these agencies and to set up such new agencies as may be needed to meet the responsibilities implied in this resolution ;
- “(e) To direct the programme of work of the International Labour Office to fulfil the purposes of this resolution ; and
- “(f) To report on the subject-matter of this resolution to the next and subsequent meetings of the International Labour Conference so that the International Labour Organization shall be in a position to give authoritative expression to the social objectives confided to it, in the rebuilding of a peaceful world upon the basis of ‘improved labour standards, economic advancement, and social security’.”

An Emergency Committee was set up to meet in London to consider what effect is to be given to the resolutions on post-war reconstruction and other matters.

New Zealand was represented by a delegation of four comprised as follows :—

Delegates representing the Government—

The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

Mr. Henry Ernest Moston, C.B.E., Secretary, Department of Labour.

Delegate representing the workers of New Zealand—

The Hon. Richard Eddy, M.L.C., of Wellington, President of the New Zealand Workers' Industrial Union of Workers.

Delegate representing the employers of New Zealand—

Mr. Benjamin Sutherland, of Wellington, President of the New Zealand Employers' Federation.