

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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Del. Gardiner (Victoria)—I would like to offer a motion:.. That the nominees be asked to take the floor for two or three minutes and state what particular position they take.

Del. Ainger (Vancouver)—Seconded.

By the Chairman—It has been moved and seconded the candidates be asked to state their position in respect to policy outlined by this convention.

Del. Miller (Winnipeg, Plasterers)—I don't see why we should go wrong. We say we are electors as I see it of this Industrial Unionism resolution. Yesterday I looked around to see if there were any hands against the motion, so why waste time after the conference was unanimous?

Del. Gardiner (Victoria)—Mr. Chairman, as mover of the motion, I had a reason for moving it or I wouldn't have done so. As I went to lunch I happened to run into a little group of men on the street corner, and by the talk I heard I found this fact: Although the resolution passed unanimously there are certain individuals, the number I do not know or the particular individuals I do not know, but there is a certain section in this convention that intend to go back and buck this proposition as soon as they go away from here, but they didn't have the guts to preach it on the floor of this convention. (Applause).

The motion, to permit candidates to state their position in respect to policy of the organization, on a vote was carried.

By the Chairman—We will ask the nominees to make themselves known to this convention.

Secretary Midgley—Pritchard, Vancouver.

Del. Pritchard (Vancouver)—Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates—

Voices—Platform, platform.

Del. Pritchard—They can hear me from here. Personally I think it is a lot of tripe to ask for this when they know perfectly well where I stand as the mover of the bombshell that was thrown in the early stages of the B. C. Federation convention. They know what Pritchard stands for, and those people from B. C. have known where Pritchard and what he stood for some time ago... There is no use in my making a speech, and telling you THAT I AM RUNNING AS A CANDIDATE AGAINST THE LATE LAMENTED MR. CHRIST. (Applause and laughter).

Secretary Midgley—Knight, Edmonton)—Mr. Chairman, I don't think it is necessary to state my position. I think the convention knows by my actions here. ((Applause).

Secretary Midgley—Johns, Winnipeg.

Del. Johns, Winnipeg—Mr. Chairman, I stated my position before as a supporter of the resolution. (Applause).