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## UNEMPLOYED CITIZENS' LEAGUE

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

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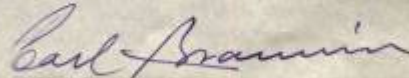
City Council,  
City County Bldg.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Sirs:.

The following resolution presented by Olympic Heights Local was adopted by the Central Federation of the Unemployed Citizens League on May 25th and is brought to your attention as a situation requiring prompt attention.

Please give this matter prompt and favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,



CB:NB

Executive Sec'y

### RESOLUTION

The undersigned citizens and taxpayers in the Southwest district of Seattle wish to enter a protest against the present system of hiring labor for street work in this section of the city. The system now prevailing results in one racial group getting all of these jobs, most of the men being foreign born and non-citizens. In other words, the contractor hires men of his own nationality, and native Americans are discriminated against. A case in point is all municipal works.

We do not wish to be understood as expressing prejudice against the foreign born element in the population, but at this time when the distress from unemployment is so great it is not right that Americans should be placed at a disadvantage in obtaining work. Furthermore when one group is favored the work is not distributed as widely as it should be.

The remedy we urge is that the Board of Public works should

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hire this labor directly and spread it over as many workers as possible.

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