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### **FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.**

On the motion of A. Heron, seconded by M. Connor, William O'Brien took the Chair.

On the Roll of Delegates being called, the following answered their names:—

Messrs. P. Kelly and F. McGrath, Belfast; Thomas Cosgrave, Tullow; Michael Glynn, Ennis; P. Barry, R. Day, T. Harrington, J. Hickey, J. Murphy, J. O'Callaghan and D. O'Sullivan, Cork; Sean O'Connor, Cobh; P. J. Mullane, Mallow; T. O'Quill, Macroom; T. Jones, Bandon; P. Byrne, M. Carroll, P. Doran, M. Murphy, J. E. Nolan, J. O'Neill, P. Osborne, M. Ryan, L. Murphy, M. Usher, R. Maher, P. Byrne and P. McCarthy, Dublin; G. O'Driscoll, Blanchardstown; P. J. Curran, Balbriggan; P. Mulvaney, Deansgrange; T. Kelly, Dun Loaghaire; J. Foley, Athy; M. MacGabhann, Droichead Nua; J. Lawlor, Bennettsbridge; J. Daly, Rathdowney; P. Horgan, M. Doyle, D. Clohesy, Limerick; J. Murphy, Tralee; P. Lynch, Fedamore; J. Larkin, Newcastle-West; M. Connor, Drogheda; P. Rooney, Drogheda; C. Mathews, Trim; S. Walsh, Navan; L. Smyth, Nobber; J. Gill, Edenderry; D. Morrissey, Nenagh; M. Lennon, Clonmel; P. Keating, Fedamore; T. McCarthy, Dungarvan; P. Walsh, Clonea; C. Duffy, Mullingar; M. Murray, Ballymahon; M. Kehoe, Enniscorthy; R. Corish, Wexford; C. Gaul, Arklow; J. Dunne, Bray; William O'Brien, C. O'Shannon, A. Heron, Dublin; John Breen, Tipperary; D. Clancy, Limerick; M. Duffy, Dunshaughlin; M. Hill, Cork; T. Ryan, Waterford.

The following nominations for Tellers were made:—

- (1) M. Glynn—Proposed by P. Horgan, seconded by P. Lynch, Fedamore.
- (2) M. Lennon—Proposed by D. Morrissey, seconded by M. Glynn.
- (3) T. Harrington—Proposed by J. Hickey, seconded by P. Osborne.
- (4) J. E. Nolan—Proposed by P. Doran, seconded by T. Ryan.

Messrs. T. Ryan and G. O'Driscoll were appointed temporary Tellers, and, on a vote being taken by Roll Call, Messrs. Harrington and Lennon were declared elected as Tellers, the following being the figures:—Glynn, 10; Harrington, 46; Lennon, 40; Nolan, 34.

The following nominations were made for five members of Standing Orders Committee:—

- (1) R. Corish—Proposed by Dunne, seconded by Kehoe.
- (2) M. Connor—Proposed by Mathews, seconded by Ryan.
- (3) J. F. Gill—Proposed by O'Driscoll, seconded by Mulvaney.
- (4) M. Glynn—Proposed by Horgan, seconded by Lynch.
- (5) J. Hickey—Proposed by Curran, seconded by Kelly.
- (6) D. Morrissey—Proposed by Glynn, seconded by Doyle.
- (7) P. Osborne—Proposed by Clohesy, seconded by Duffy.
- (8) M. Usher—Proposed by Barry, seconded by J. Murphy.

On a vote being taken by Roll Call, the following was the result:—

Connor	...	...	...	31
Corish	...	...	...	61
Gill	...	...	...	32
Glynn	...	...	...	16
Hickey	...	...	...	60
Morrissey	...	...	...	64
Osborne	...	...	...	31
Usher	...	...	...	30

Messrs. Morrissey, Corish, Hickey and Gill were declared elected. Messrs. Connor and Osborne having tied for 5th place, a further vote was taken by show of hands, and Connor was declared elected by 38 votes to 23.

The Standing Orders Committee were requested to report immediately as to the credentials of the three substitute Delegates appointed to the Conference, and on the question of the attendance as visitors of members of the Union present.

After a brief interval the Chairman of Standing Orders Committee (D. Morrissey, T.D.) reported that the credentials of the three substitute Delegates were in order, and that the Committee recommended that the visitors be allowed to remain.

On the motion of G. O'Driscoll, seconded by P. Doran, the report was adopted.

The Conference then proceeded to discuss the proposed amendments to Rules (item 4 on the Agenda).

- (1) Amendment to Rule 3—submitted by N.E.C.

Transpose Sub-section (g) to place of (b), and alter lettering of Sub-sections accordingly.

Proposed by A. Heron, seconded by M. Lennon, and passed unanimously.

- (2) Amendment to Rule 3—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch.

The objects of the Union shall be the establishment and maintenance of a Workers' Republic; in general the organisation of the working people, etc., as in rule.

Delete (c).

There being no member of Ballyteskin Branch present as a Delegate, it was agreed, on the motion of D. O'Sullivan, seconded by M. Glynn, "That any Delegate present be free to move any amendment appearing on the agenda, and in the event of any amendment failing to be moved and seconded it fall through."

The amendment was then proposed by O'Connor, Cobh, and seconded by Glynn, Ennis.

After considerable discussion, in which the majority of the Delegates speaking were of opinion that the amendment was unnecessary, being covered by the first paragraph of Rule 3, and that the second portion of the amendment, if passed, would defeat the object proposed in the first part, the mover and seconder of the resolution asked leave to withdraw same. This course was agreed to, and the motion accordingly fell through.

The Chairman of Standing Orders Committee reported that the Committee recommended that Amendments 10 and 11 (to Rule 11) and 42 and 43 (to Rule 69) be taken together.

The report was adopted, on the motion of M. Lennon, seconded by P. Horgan.

(3) Amendment to Rule 4—submitted by N.E.C. at request of National Health Insurance Commissioners:—

Add the following:—

(1) Insured members shall be all insured persons who are members of the Union for the purposes of the National Health Insurance Acts.

(2) Private members shall be all persons contributing for, or entitled to, benefits from the Union otherwise than under the said Acts.

(3) Honorary members shall be members of the Union, not being insured persons, or persons contributing for, or entitled to, benefits from the Union under the said Acts or otherwise, and may be elected by the Union in general meeting or by the National Executive Council.

Proposed by A. Heron, seconded by P. Doran.

After some discussion it was agreed that all the amendments submitted at the request of the Insurance Commissioners should be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for report.

The Chairman of Standing Orders Committee reported that the Committee recommended that Amendments 5 and 32 (transfer of members) be taken together.

The report was unanimously adopted.

(4) Amendment to Rule 4—submitted by No. 4 Branch:—

Line 3, after "than," "Sixteen" be deleted, and "Fourteen" be substituted.

Proposed by L. Murphy, seconded by M. Usher. On a vote being taken the amendment was declared carried by 34 votes to 13.

(6) Amendment after Rule 10—submitted by N.E.C.:

Add the following:—

(b) "A member must belong to the Branch which includes the members with whom he works in his employment, or, where this is not possible, to the Branch nearest his place of employment."

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by M. Glynn, and passed unanimously.

(7) Amendment to Rule 10—submitted by N.E.C.:—

Add the following:—

(c) "A charge brought by any member against another must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Branch to which the accused member belongs. The charge shall be heard by the Branch Committee, which shall, after giving the accused member an opportunity of being heard, decide the question, and may fine such member, or suspend, or expel from membership. The accused may appeal from such decision to the National Executive Council, whose decision shall be final."

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by P. Doran, and passed unanimously.

(8) Amendment after Rule 10—submitted by Clonegal Branch:—

Add the following:—

8. (1) That no Section official should be allowed to issue cards without first submitting the intended member's name, reason, etc., to the Branch Secretary for leaving his own Branch.

(2) And that where a Branch exists, it is illegal for a man to go outside his own area.

This amendment was ruled out of order by the Chairman.

The Chairman of Standing Orders Committee reported that the Committee recommended (1) that all the amendments submitted at the request of the Insurance Commissioners should be considered together, and (2) that amendments 5 and 32 (transfer of members) be withdrawn and the following substituted therefor:—

"A member of a Branch may, with the consent of the Committee of that Branch, transfer to another Branch. The transfer shall not take effect until the member has paid all contributions, levies, and special levies due to the Branch, upon which the Secretary of the Branch shall forward to the Secretary of the Branch to which the member wishes to transfer a Clearance Note in a form prescribed by the N.E.C."

On the motion of P. J. Curran, seconded by T. Kelly, the report was adopted.

## (9) Amendment to Rule 11—submitted by Carlow Branch:—

Line 1—After “ A member who ” add “ through his own fault.”

Line 7—Delete all after “ Committee ” and substitute: “ provided that any member hitherto in good standing who has fallen into arrears in consequence of sickness or unemployment may make application to his Branch Committee to have his contributions remitted during such period of sickness or unemployment. Should the Branch Committee decide that the application is genuine, such member’s card shall be forwarded to Head Office not later than three weeks after the beginning of the period of sickness or unemployment, and, if approved by the National Executive Council, such remission of contributions shall be endorsed on the member’s current card, and shall take effect accordingly (the member meanwhile being retained in benefit), but shall cease immediately upon the expiration of the period of sickness or unemployment. Provided that contributions may not be remitted in this way for a longer consecutive period than twenty-six weeks. At the end of a period of twenty-six weeks a new application shall be made to the National Executive Council, who may sanction an extension or may direct the contributions to be remitted from the Local Fund of the Branch of the applicant, having regard to the strength of such Local Fund at the time of application.”

Proposed by T. Cosgrave. Failing to get a seconder. the amendment fell through.

## (5 and 32)—Amendment to Rule 10.

The amended resolution set out above as proposed by the Standing Orders Committee was proposed by A. Heron, seconded by M. Duffy, and passed unanimously.

## (10 and 11)—Amendment to Rule 11:

Substitute “ four weeks ” for “ two weeks,” on line 15.

Submitted by Cork Branch.

That words “ two weeks ” be deleted, and “ four weeks ” substituted instead.

Submitted by Dublin No. 1 Branch.

Proposed by D. O’Sullivan, seconded by J. E. Nolan, and passed unanimously.

## (12) Amendment to Rule 11—submitted by Navan Branch:—

Add after the word “ accordingly,” line 18, “ such extension shall not entitle a member to the right of any financial benefit.”

Proposed S. Walsh, but, after some discussion, withdrawn.

## (13) Amendment to Rule 12—submitted by Dublin No. 1 Branch:

After the word "final" the following to be added: "In case of a member being expelled by the National Executive Council, such member to have the right of appeal to the Annual Delegate Conference."

Proposed by P. Doran, seconded by J. E. Nolan. After considerable discussion the mover expressed himself as satisfied with the views expressed, and the amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

## (14) Amendment to Rule 12—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:—

A member or officer against whom any charge is preferred shall be entitled to be represented (at the hearing of such charge at such court or committee of inquiry established to examine evidence) by solicitor, counsel, or friend, and, in the alternative, can be heard in person.

Proposed by C. Gaule, seconded by J. Dunne. The amendment was defeated.

## (15) Amendment to Rule 19—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)—"Provided always that the consent of a majority of the Branch or Section proposed to be converted has been obtained.

Proposed by C. Gaule, seconded by J. Dunne. The amendment was defeated.

## (16) Amendment to Rule 20—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:

Insert after the word "transferred," "and that the wishes of the majority of the members concerned have been complied with, and that at least one month's notice in writing has been given to the Secretary of the Branch."

Proposed by C. Gaule, seconded by J. Dunne. The amendment was defeated.

## (17) Amendment to Rule 22—submitted by N.E.C.:

Number the two paragraphs on page 10, and insert the following new Rule:—

(a) "The National Executive Council may at any time suspend a Branch, or any section of a Branch, by serving notice of such suspension on the Branch Secretary, and such suspension shall remain in operation until cancelled by the National Executive Council."

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by M. Hill. After some discussion the amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

(18) Amendment after Rule 22—submitted by N.E.C.:

Insert the following new Rule:—

(b) “The National Executive Council shall have power to cancel the membership of any member which has been obtained by fraud or misrepresentation, and to return the whole or part of the contributions paid by such member.”

Proposed by W. O’Brien, seconded by R. Corish, and passed unanimously.

(20) Amendment to Rule 23—submitted N.E.C.:

After the word “Branch,” on line 2, insert the word “Committee.”

Proposed by W. O’Brien, seconded by P. Doran, and passed unanimously.

(21) Amendment to Rule 27—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:—

No Branch Officer or member of a Branch Committee may be appointed to, or continue to hold, office if he is eight weeks or more in wilful arrears—every consideration will be made for such officer or member who is in arrear through unemployment, victimisation, or other cause.

Proposed by C. Gaule, seconded by J. Dunne. The amendment was defeated.

(22) Amendment to Rule 31—submitted by Navan Branch:—

Add after the word “Branch” on line 2, “where in the opinion of Branch Chairman and Management Committee same is necessary.”

Proposed by S. Walsh, seconded by C. Mathews. On a vote being taken the amendment was declared lost by 39 votes to 22.

(23) Amendment to Rule 31—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:—

That Rule 31 be deleted, and that:—“A Branch Secretary shall be appointed by the ballot of the members of his Branch when, in accordance with the Rules, such vacancy occurs.”

Proposed by C. Gaule, seconded by J. Dunne. On a vote being taken the amendment was declared lost by 48 votes to 6.

(24) Amendment to Rule 32—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:—

That the second sentence in this Rule be deleted.

Proposed by C. Gaule, seconded by J. Dunne. On a vote being taken the amendment was declared lost by 57 votes to 1.

(25) Amendment to Rule 33—submitted by N.E.C.:—

Line 1—Delete “ Officers ” and insert “ Council.”

Line 2—After word “ Officer ” insert “ Trustee.”

Line 6—Delete all after word “ interval.”

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by C. O'Shannon, and passed unanimously.

(26) Amendment to Rule 33—submitted by Navan Branch:—

After the word “ be,” on line 9, delete the word “ final,” and add “ open to appeal to Annual Conference.”

Proposed by S. Walsh, seconded by C. Mathews. It was ruled that in consequence of passing of previous amendment this amendment was out of order, but permission was given to have same redrafted and submitted through Standing Orders Committee.

(27) Amendment to Rule 33—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:—

The wishes of the majority of the members of the Branch concerned shall always be complied with, and no officer or member shall be dismissed or removed from office or membership unless by request of the majority of the members of his Branch.

Ruled out of order.

(28) Amendment to Rule 35—submitted by N.E.C.:—

After the word “ responsible,” on third line, insert “ for all the contributions and funds of the Branch, and ”

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by R. Corish, and passed unanimously.

(29) Amendment to Rule 35—submitted by Clonegal Branch:—

(3) When Branch Secretary is resigning his position that an Organiser be sent to take his books and see that he has fulfilled his duties properly, and not be leaving his Branch in debt; also to see all his debts are paid and not left to his successor.

Proposed by T. Cosgrave, seconded by C. Gaule. The amendment was defeated.

(30) Amendment to Rule 45—Resolution submitted by Navan Branch:

That the scale of payment allowed by the National Executive Council to part-time Branch Secretaries at present in operation, viz., 10 per cent. on all monies collected, be revoked, and that same be increased to 15 per cent. on all monies collected.

The Chairman ruled that this was not in order as an amendment to Rules, and it was agreed that the matter be referred to Standing Orders Committee with a view to being submitted as a resolution.

(31) Amendment to Rule 40—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:—

Three clear days' notice will be given of such special section meeting. Notice in writing in a conspicuous place in the Section Rooms shall be deemed notice to members.

Proposed by C. Gaule, seconded by P. J. Curran, but withdrawn by consent after discussion.

(33) Amendment to Rule 51—submitted by Dublin No. 6 Branch:—

"That any member of the Union shall have the right of free transfer to any industrial section."

Proposed by P. McCarthy, seconded by P. J. Curran. After considerable discussion S. O'Connor, Cobh, moved "next business," seconded by D. Morrissey, and on a vote being taken on this motion 32 voted for and 23 against.

(34) Amendment to Rule 56—submitted by N.E.C.:—

Line 7—Delete "Officers" and insert "Council."

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by T. Ryan, and passed unanimously. It was agreed that the amendment carried a consequential amendment of same nature in same Rule.

(35) Amendment to Rule 56—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:—

See amendment to Rule 33.

Ruled out of order.

(36) Amendment to Rule 65—submitted by N.E.C.:—

After the word "established" insert the words, "on the preceding 31st December."

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by P. J. Doran, and passed unanimously.

(37) Amendment to Rule 65—submitted by Carlow Branch:—

Page 23, line 3:—

After "year" add: "The Annual Conference shall be the final authority of the Union, and the final authority as to the interpretation of the Rules."

Proposed by T. Cosgrave, seconded by C. Mathews. After discussion it was agreed that this resolution be submitted to Standing Orders Committee.

(38) Amendment to Rule 66—submitted by N.E.C.:—

Delete the word "such" on sixth line.

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by T. Ryan, and passed unanimously.

(39) Amendment to Rule 67—submitted by Carlow Branch:—

Add a further clause (d) as follows:—

“ The Conference to elect delegates to attend an Annual Conference shall be empowered to also select a substitute delegate for each delegate to be elected. If any delegate is unable to attend an Annual Conference, the person elected as his substitute shall attend and shall have the full powers of a delegate.”

Proposed by T. Cosgrave, seconded by G. Gaule. After discussion it was agreed to submit this together with amendments 47, 48, and 49.

(40) Amendment to Rule 68—submitted by N.E.C.:—

Insert the word “ financial ” before the word “ year ” on the fifth line.

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by P. Doran, and passed unanimously.

(41) Amendment to Rule 68—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:—

Members unemployed or otherwise unable to contribute to the funds of a Branch shall be deemed to have paid their contributions for the purposes of this Rule.

Ruled out of order.

(42 and 43) Amendment to Rule 69—submitted by Carlow and Cork Branches:—

After the word “ than ” add “ an organiser.”

Submitted by Carlow Branch.

After “ than,” on line 2, insert “ an organiser.”

Submitted by Cork Branch.

Proposed by T. Cosgrave, seconded by J. Larkin. On a vote being taken 13 voted for and 42 against, and the amendment was declared lost.

(44) Amendment to Rule 69—submitted by Ballyteskin Branch:—

That the portions of this Rule relating to the National Executive Council be deleted.

Not moved.

(45) Amendment to Rule 70—submitted by N.E.C.:—

Add the following:—

“ On receipt of the resolutions a preliminary Agenda shall be prepared and circulated to the Branches notifying the latest date for receipt of amendments to such resolutions.”

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by C. O'Shannon, and passed unanimously:—

(50) Amendment to Rule 76—submitted by N.E.C.:—

Delete all words after the word "with," on second line, and substitute the following:—"the Standing Orders are set out in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules, which may be amended only by resolution of an Annual or Special Conference after due notice."

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by A. Heron, and passed unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT.

The Chairman of Standing Orders Committee reported that the Committee recommended that Standing Orders should be suspended and that the Conference sit until 7 p.m. and reassemble at 9.30 a.m. the following day.

The adoption of this report was moved by P. Doran, seconded by P. Horgan.

P. Osborne proposed, and P. J. Curran seconded, an amendment that Standing Orders be suspended and that the Conference adjourn at 6 and resume at 7 p.m.

On a vote being taken on the amendment it was declared lost by 36 votes to 24.

The report of the Standing Orders Committee was then put, the voting being 38 for and 18 against. As this, however, had not the three-fourths majority required by the Standing Orders the Chairman declared the Conference adjourned to following day.

## SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

(51) Amendment to Rule 77—submitted by County Dublin Council:—

"It shall be the duty of each National Executive Officer to visit at least twelve Branches during the year."

Proposed by P. J. Curran, seconded by P. Mulvanney. After discussion the amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

The Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee submitted the following report:—

1. That Navan Branch be allowed to move item (30) as a resolution when the other business was disposed of.

2. That Navan Branch be allowed to move an amendment to Rule 33 in substitution for amendment (26) as follows:—"but such person shall be allowed to appeal to the Annual Conference."

3. That permission be given to move amendment to Rule 56 consequent on passing of amendment to Rule 33—alter "Officers" on line 8 to "Council."

4. That amendment in lieu of amendments 39, 47, 48, and 49, be submitted after Rule 67 and that the second sentence of Rule 75 be deleted.

Paragraphs (1) and (2) of the report were adopted. Paragraph (3)—It was agreed that the amendment referred to be taken as passed. Paragraph (4) was adopted, it being agreed that the reference to substitute Delegates in the last sentence of Rule 75 be embodied in Rule 72. The following is the new Rule as adopted:—

After Rule 67 insert the following new Rule:

The body electing a Delegate or Delegates to the Annual Conference shall elect also a substitute Delegate, or if more than one Delegate is elected, such number of substitute Delegates as it may think necessary. The names of the substitute Delegates shall be notified to the General Secretary in accordance with Rule 72. In the event of a Delegate being unable to attend the Annual Conference the substitute Delegate or Delegates shall be entitled to attend in the order of priority determined by the votes cast for them at the election, and shall have all the rights and duties of Delegates.

(53) Amendment after Rule 79—submitted by N.E.C.:—

Insert the following new Rule:—

“ In the absence of the General President, all the powers and duties conferred on him by these Rules shall devolve on the Vice-President.”

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by A. Heron, and passed unanimously.

(54) Amendment to Rule 80—submitted by N.E.C.:—

Delete the word “ group,” on third line, and substitute the word “ number ” therefor.

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by A. Heron, and passed unanimously.

(55 and 56) Amendments to Rule 80:—

55. Line 5—Delete “ 5,000 ” and substitute “ 500.”

Line 10.—After word “ Council ” add “ or the Chairman and Secretaries of the Branches grouping themselves to make the nomination.

Submitted by Carlow Branch.

56. Rule 80—After the word “ than,” on line 5, delete the number “ 5,000 ” and substitute the number “ 2,000.”

Submitted by Navan Branch.

It was agreed to consider these amendments together. (55) was not moved. Amendment (56) was proposed by C. Mathews, seconded by S. Walsh, and unanimously adopted.

## (57) Amendment to Rule 81:—

This Rule to be retrospective.

Submitted by Ballyteskin Branch.

Not moved.

## (58) Amendment to Rule 83:—

Delete " Union," on line 3, and substitute " Conference."

Submitted by Cork Branch.

Proposed by T. Harrington, seconded by D. O'Sullivan. In the course of discussion it was agreed that the words " members of the Union " be altered to read " Delegates to the Conference," and with this alteration the amendment was carried unanimously.

## (59) Amendment to Rule 85:—

The Annual Conference shall determine the manner for filling vacancies caused by death, misconduct, retirement, or other cause for each ensuing year.

Submitted by Ballyteskin Branch.

Not moved.

## (60) Amendment to Rule 88:—

Delete the word " group," on second line, and substitute the word " number " therefor.

Submitted by National Executive Council.

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by A. Heron, and passed unanimously.

## (61) Amendment to Rule 88:—

Line 4—Delete " 1,000 " and substitute " 100."

Line 5—Delete " 5,000 " and substitute " 500."

Submitted by Carlow Branch.

Not moved.

## (62) Amendment to Rule 88:—

That a change should be made in the number of members required in a Branch or District Council to nominate a member for the Executive Council.

Submitted by Gorey Branch.

Ruled out of order.

The Chairman of Standing Orders Committee submitted a report recommending that amendment (63) as follows:—

After Rule 89—Add the following new Rule:—

" No member of the National Executive Council (other than a National Executive Officer) shall be appointed to any paid post,

either part-time or full-time, in the Approved Society of the Union, unless he first resigns his membership of the National Executive Council, and no person (other than as aforesaid) holding any such post shall be eligible for appointment as a member of the National Executive Council unless he first resigns such post,"

be altered by deletion of the words "other than National Executive Officers" and "other than as aforesaid" and "the approved society," and that the words "connection with the National Health Insurance work" be inserted after the word "in" on third line, and as so altered be considered with the other amendments submitted at request of the Insurance Commissioners.

Also that amendment (37) be considered as an amendment to Rule 73.

The report was adopted.

(64-37) As recommended by Standing Orders Committee:—

Rule 95:—

(64) Lines 7 and 8—Delete "It shall be the final authority as to the interpretation of the Rules."

Submitted by Carlow Branch.

(37) was not moved. Amendment (64) fell through as it was consequential on passing of (37).

(67) Amendment to Rule 97:—

That the proposed amendment to Rule 27 apply to this Rule.

Submitted by Ballyteskin Branch.

Ruled out of order, as proposed amendment to Rule 27 was defeated.

(70) Amendment to Rule 100:—

To delete the last three words in Rule 100, namely, "National Executive Council," and substitute therefor "Annual Delegate Conference."

Submitted by Dublin No. 1 Branch.

Proposed by P. Doran, seconded by P. Mulvanny. After discussion the amendment was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

(71) Amendment to Rule 100:—

The remuneration of the National Executive Officers shall be determined annually by the Annual Conference. The Conference will take judicial notice of the rates of remuneration current among its members, the numbers employed, and general conditions affecting all members.

Submitted by Ballyteskin Branch.

Not moved.

## (72) Amendment to Rule 102:—

After the word "and," on the fourth line, insert the words  
"a day and"

Submitted by National Executive Council.

The Chairman in moving the resolution stated that even with the amendment the rule did not quite cover what was intended. It was agreed to substitute the word "subsistence" for "night" and "time during" for "each night on," and as so altered the amendment was seconded by A. Heron and passed unanimously.

## (73) Amendment to Rule 103:—

After "Branch Officers," on line 7, insert "and Branch Committee."

Submitted by Cork Branch.

Proposed by J. Murphy (Cork), seconded by P. Barry. The Chairman pointed out that the second portion of this Rule was inoperative, as the First Schedule laid down the scale. The amendment was passed on the understanding that the Rule as amended applies only to a question as between Scales C and D.

## (74) Amendment to Rule 104:—

That these monies and all other monies of the Union be annually audited.

Submitted by Ballyteskin Branch.

Ruled out of order.

## (75) Amendment to Rule 105:—

Delete this Rule, and substitute the following:—

"Contributions shall become payable on Monday in each week, quarterly levies at the end of each quarter, and the annual levy at the end of December in each year."

Submitted by National Executive Council.

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by A. Heron, and passed unanimously.

## (76) Amendment to Rule 112:—

Page 37, line 2, *et seq.*:—

Delete "may institute" . . . to "thereof," and substitute "may sanction the institution or defending of any legal proceedings upon application being made by any Branch concerned, and upon such sanction being given shall defray the cost of such proceedings from the General Fund."

Submitted by Carlow Branch.

Not moved.

## (77) Amendment to Rule 112:—

Add: "or in respect of any litigation in which a member is involved."

Submitted by Ballyteskin Branch.

Not moved.

## (78) Amendment to Rule 122:—

To add after the word "thereafter," on last line:—

"A member of the Union for a period of two years shall not be disqualified under this Rule if he has fallen into arrears through sickness or unemployment."

Submitted by Droichead Nua Branch.

Proposed by T. Ryan, seconded by M. Duffy. On a vote being taken the amendment was declared lost.

The Chairman of Standing Orders Committee submitted a report recommending that Amendment 81 be taken after 78, and that No. 80 be taken prior to 79.

The report was adopted.

## (81) Amendment to Rule 122:—

No member shall be debarred from legal or other benefit of the Union through his failure to make contribution through no fault of his own.

Submitted by Ballyteskin Branch.

Ruled out of order.

## (82) After Rule 122:—

"That an amendment be provided in the Rules whereby a member who is unable to pay contributions through sickness or unemployment be allowed to clear his cards for such time at a rate of 3d. per week, and thereby remain a benefit member."

Submitted by Ballinalee Branch.

Ruled out of order.

The Chairman of Standing Orders Committee reported that the Committee recommended that Nos. 85, 86, 88, 89, 90 and 92 be taken together.

The report was adopted.

## (80) Amendment to Rule 122:—

After "limit," on line 6, insert a full stop, and delete the remaining portion of the Rule.

Submitted by Cork Branch.

Proposed by P. Barry, seconded by J. Murphy, Cork. After some discussion T. Jones moved, and P. J. Curran seconded, "That the

question be now put." This motion on being put was declared lost by 38 votes to 16. Subsequently the amendment was put to a vote and was declared carried by 37 votes to 21.

(79) Amendment to Rule 122:—

Lines 6 and 7—Delete " four weeks " and substitute " seven clear days."

Line 8—Delete " sixteen weeks " and substitute " twenty-six weeks."

Lines 11 and 12—Delete " eight weeks thereafter " and substitute " four weeks thereafter."

Submitted by Carlow Branch.

Ruled that this fell through in consequence of passing of No. 80.

(83) Amendment to Rule 125:—

Delete paragraph (a) and re-letter the remaining paragraphs (a) and (b).

Paragraph (b)—Delete the words " coming into operation of these Rules," and substitute therefor " 2nd day of June, 1923."

Paragraph (c)—Delete this paragraph and substitute the following:—" The member was on the day of death, or at any time during any portion of seven days preceding the day of death, in arrear to the extent of having failed to pay the contributions, levies, fines, and special levies (if any) due in respect of more than eight weeks."

Submitted by National Executive.

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by A. Heron, and passed unanimously.

(84) Rule 125 (c), page 42—To add after the words " eight weeks," on last line:—

" A member of the Union for a period of two years shall not be disqualified under this Rule if he has fallen into arrears through sickness or unemployment."

Submitted by Droichead Nua Branch.

Proposed by M. MacGabhann, but after discussion withdrawn.

(85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 92) Amendments to Rule 125:—

(85) Delete clause (b) of this Rule.

Submitted by Carlow Branch.

(86) That paragraph (a) be deleted, and that the figure " 50 " in paragraph (b) be changed to " 60." That the initial fee for such members be 1s. 9d., and that their weekly contributions be 4d.

Submitted by Fermoy Branch.

(88) Mortality Benefit to be paid in all cases, where—

- (a) The member joined the Union, and at the time of joining was not more than 60 years of age.
- (b) The member was 13 weeks in arrears, if such arrears were due owing to his illness.

Submitted by Ballincollig Branch.

(89) That paragraph (a) be deleted, and that the figures " 50 " in paragraph (b) be changed to " 60."

Submitted by Arklow Branch.

(90) On line 1, paragraph (a), after the word " after," delete the words " 1st August, 1919," and substitute the words " the coming into operation of those Rules."

Paragraph (b)—On line 3, after the word " over," delete the figure " 50 " and substitute the figure " 60."

Submitted by Navan Branch.

(92) That Clauses (a) and (b) of the said Rule be completely withdrawn, and that Clause (c) be amended a further eight weeks, making a total of sixteen weeks.

Submitted by Aghada Branch.

Nos. 85, 86, and 88 were not moved. No. 89 was moved by J. Dunne, seconded by M. Kehoe, and after discussion withdrawn.

No. 90—Ruled that it was covered by previous decisions.

No. 92—Moved by O'Connor, Cobh, but not seconded.

The Chairman of Standing Orders Committee submitted a report recommending that:

1. All amendments submitted at the request of the Insurance Commissioners be put without discussion.
2. That the Rules for ballot with reference to Political Fund be also put without discussion.

On a vote being taken the report was adopted.

A report of the Standing Orders Committee recommending that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the business to be finished without adjournment and that a time limit of three minutes be put on all speeches was also adopted.

(87) Rule 125—(a) Substitute " 65 " years for " 60."

(b) Substitute " 60 " years for " 50."

(c) To read:

A member complying with the provisions of (a) and (b) of this Rule, and a clear benefit member, who falls sick or disabled, to render him incapable of work, on reporting to his Branch

Committee and submitting a medical certificate, shall be excused payment of weekly contributions, and considered a full benefit member in the event of death of himself or his wife, as such case may occur, without prejudice as to period of sickness or disablement.

Submitted by Deansgrange Branch.

Proposed by P. Mulvanny. Not seconded.

(91) Amendment to Rule 125:—

That the Committee recommend to the Special Delegate Conference that the Rule debarring a member over 60 years joining the Union now from Mortality Benefit be changed, and a sliding scale of Mortality Benefit be allowed to such member.

Submitted by Gorey Branch.

Ruled out of order as an amendment.

(93) Amendment to Rule 130:—

After the word "to," on line 2, delete the words "one quarter" on line 1 of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and substitute the words "one-third."

Submitted by Navan Branch.

Proposed by S. Walsh, but after discussion withdrawn.

(94) After Rule 130—Insert the following new Rule:—

"All revenues of the Branch under the preceding Rule shall remain the property of the Union, and the Branch Local Fund shall be applied towards payment of the wages of the Branch Secretary and other Branch employees, and towards such other local purposes as may be sanctioned by the National Executive Council."

Submitted by National Executive Council

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by C. O'Shannon, and passed unanimously

(95) After Rule 137—Insert the following new Rule:—

"The National Executive Council shall have power to give subsidies, grants, or loans out of the General Funds of the Union to Branches as they may consider necessary or desirable."

Submitted by National Executive Council.

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by C. O'Shannon, and passed unanimously.

(98) Rule 151—Delete this Rule.

Submitted by National Executive Council.

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by C. O'Shannon, and passed unanimously.

(99) Amendment to First Schedule:—

Delete in this Schedule " and 6d. annual levy " in all places where it occurs.

Submitted by Carlow Branch.

Not moved.

(100) First Schedule:—

" That it be optional for members in rural areas to pay a weekly contribution of 4d. (fourpence); benefits to be in accordance with Class B, Second and Third Schedules, and that Rule 103 be so changed as to make this provision."

Submitted by Drogheda Branch.

Proposed by M. Connor, seconded by T. O'Quill. On a vote being taken the amendment was declared lost by 44 votes to 10.

(101) First Schedule—Contributions:—

Class C—For all men of eighteen years and upwards, and whose weekly earnings are over 30s. per week:—

(1) 28s. per year, payable 6d. per week; 6d. quarterly levy.

(2) 18s. 8d. per year payable at 4d. per week and 4d. quarterly levy in the case of all men whose weekly earnings are not over 30s. per week; a higher rate to be paid if the member so decide.

Submitted by Ballincollig Branch.

Not moved.

(102) Amendment to Third Schedule:—

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Substitute " three-quarters " for " half " on the line, " half above rates on death of member's wife."

Submitted by Droichead Nua Branch.

Withdrawn.

(103) Amendment to insert Fifth Schedule:—

Fifth Schedule—Insert the attached as a Fifth Schedule to the Rules:—

## **IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.**

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### **STANDING ORDERS**

**FOR**

**ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CONFERENCES.**

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#### **Hours of Meeting.**

1. The Conference shall assemble at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 1.30 p.m. Re-assemble at 3 p.m. and adjourn for the day at 6 p.m.

#### **Tellers.**

2. Two delegates, or such other number as may be agreed upon at the time of election, shall be elected by Roll Call to act as Tellers, whose duty shall be to count and record the votes on every occasion on which a division is taken. Their decision as to the numbers recorded on any vote shall be final. In cases where the Tellers disagree, the Chairman shall order a recount.

#### **Standing Orders Committee.**

3. A Standing Orders Committee of five members shall be elected by Roll Call on the first day of the Conference from the delegates present, and their duties shall be to:—

- (a) Verify and report upon the credentials of the delegates, and to examine the qualifications of candidates for election as National Executive Officers and Council.
- (b) Co-operate with the movers of resolutions and amendments in order that composite resolutions may be obtained whenever possible.
- (c) Submit to the Chairman of Conference a programme of all propositions and amendments approved by them as being in accordance with Standing Orders, together with any suggestions for the proper conduct of the business of the Conference.
- (d) Control the distribution of all literature.
- (e) Transact any other special business not provided for in the Standing Orders.

They shall meet not later than half-an-hour prior to each sitting of Conference, for the purpose of arranging the despatch of business and carrying through the Agenda. They shall report to Conference any violation of the Standing Orders that may be brought to their notice, together with any recommendations agreed upon.

### Scrutineers.

4. Three Scrutineers shall be elected by Roll Call who shall be responsible for the arrangements in connection with the election by ballot of the National Executive Officers and Council.

### Limitation of Speeches.

5. Each speaker shall be allowed ten minutes. A delegate shall not speak more than once on the same question, but the mover of a resolution shall be allowed to reply to the discussion.

In the event of a proposal to take "the previous question," or "to proceed to the next business," being moved and seconded, it shall, after the proposer of the resolution in question has been heard, be put to the vote, and if the proposal is carried, the resolution under discussion shall be deemed to be disposed of, and Conference will proceed to the next item on the Agenda.

### Suspension of Standing Orders.

6. Business which is not on the Agenda can only be introduced by suspending the Standing Orders.

A motion to suspend the Standing Orders must first be submitted to the Standing Orders Committee, and be adopted by a three-fourths majority of the delegates present and voting.

Submitted by National Executive Council.

Proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by A. Heron, and passed unanimously.

(26) Amendment to Rule 33:—

S. Walsh proposed, and C. Mathews seconded, amendment as re-drafted and approved by Standing Orders Committee as follows:—

"Insert after the word 'interval' the words 'but such person shall have the right to appeal to the Annual Conference.'"

Passed.

In accordance with the report of Standing Orders Committee adopted by the Conference the following amendments submitted at the request of the Insurance Commissioners were proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by C. O'Shannon, and on being put to the meeting were declared carried by 43 votes to 14.

Rule 4—Add the following:—

(3)—(1) Insured members shall be all insured persons who are members of the Union for the purposes of the National Health Insurance Acts.

(2) Private members shall be all persons contributing for, or entitled to, benefits from the Union otherwise than under the said Acts.

(3) Honorary members shall be members of the Union, not being insured persons, or persons contributing for, or entitled to, benefits from the Union under the said Acts or otherwise, and may be elected by the Union in general meeting or by the National Executive Council.

Rule 22—Add to the end of Rule the following words:—

“An insured member, who is not also a private member of the Union, shall, for voting purposes, be attached to a Branch of the Union reasonably convenient to him.”

Rule 70—Add the following words:—

“The Union shall comply with any regulation of the Commission as to meeting places.”

After Rule 78—Add the following new Rule:—

“The General Secretary shall, in the execution of his office, act under the superintendence, control, and directions of the National Executive Council, and shall be responsible under the National Executive Council for the general administration of the Union, and in particular for the arrangements with regard to the receipt and payment of claims for benefit, for the issue to members of all documents required to be issued to them by the Union, for the proper keeping of the accounts of the Union, for the custody of all books, documents, and papers of the Union, other than those required to be held by the Trustees or by the Treasurer, and for the preparation of all returns and other documents required by the National Health Insurance Acts or by the Trade Union Acts or the regulations thereunder, or by the Commission, or by the Registrar. He shall summon and attend all meetings of the Union and of the National Executive Council; he shall record correctly the names of the officers and members present at the meetings of the National Executive Council, and shall write up the Minute Book. He shall lay before the National Executive Council all letters and communications received from the Commission and the Government Auditor with reference to the accounts or the general administration of the Union relating to National Health Insurance business, and from the Auditor with reference to the accounts of the Union relating to private business, and shall carefully preserve the same.”

After Rule 89—Add the following new Rule:—

“No member of the National Executive Council shall be appointed to any paid post, either part-time or full-time, in connection with the National Health Insurance work of the Union, unless he first resigns his membership of the National Executive Council, and no person holding any such post shall be eligible for appointment as a member of the National Executive Council unless he first resigns such post.”

After Rule 95—Add the following new Rule:—

“ The National Executive Council shall, subject to these Rules and to any exceptions or conditions laid down by resolutions of a general meeting of the Union, superintend and conduct the business of the Union, and shall comply with all regulations and instructions of the Commission relating to the business of the Union under the National Health Insurance Acts, or cause such regulations and instructions to be complied with. Except as may be otherwise provided by the National Health Insurance Acts, or in these Rules, the National Executive Council shall in all things act for and in the name of the Union; and all acts and orders under the powers delegated to them shall have the like force and effect as the acts and orders of the Union at any general meeting. It shall be the duty of the National Executive Council to keep themselves informed as to the general administration of the Union; to exercise a general supervision over the keeping of the accounts, and to verify from time to time any cash balances in the hands of the General Secretary and other officers.”

After Rule 95—Add the following new Rule:—

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE.

“ The National Executive Council may employ and remunerate as they think fit such persons, other than officers, as are necessary for the carrying on of the business of the Union, and shall have power to incur expenditure on administration, due regard being had at all times to the amount available to meet such expenditure. All authorisations of administration expenditure shall be recorded in the Minute Book. Before the end of each year the National Executive Council shall cause to be prepared, and shall take into consideration, an estimate of the income and expenditure of the Union in respect of administration during the next year.”

After Rule 99—Add the following new Rule:—

“ The same person shall not be a Trustee and also Treasurer or Secretary of the Union. No member of the National Executive Council or officer of the Union shall be under the age of 21 years.”

After Rule 99—Add following new Rule:—

“ No officer or member of the National Executive Council shall be entitled to take part in any discussion or to vote on any matter in which he is personally interested otherwise than as a member of the Union.”

Rule 143—Add the following words:—

“The Trustees shall produce all deeds, documents of title, and securities for money of the Union relating to the business of the Union under the National Health Insurance Acts, and not in the possession of the Commission, when required by the Government Auditors, or by any authorised officer of the Commission.”

After Rule 145—Add the following new Rule:—

“Every resolution appointing a Trustee shall be entered on the minutes of the meeting at which he is appointed, and a copy shall be sent to the Commission and to the Registrar within 14 days.”

## PART II.

“That the word ‘Ministry’ be deleted wherever appearing in Part II. of the Rules, and the word ‘Commission’ substituted therefor.”

Rule 4 (1):—

“That the words from ‘including’ to ‘1911’ inclusive be deleted.”

Rule 7 (4) (i) (b):—

“That the words from ‘6 p.m.’ to ‘September’ inclusive be deleted, and the following substituted therefor:—‘7 p.m. to 8 a.m. during the period from 1st October to 31st March, and from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. during the period from 1st April to 30th September.’”

Rule 11 (11):—

“On last line delete ‘(7)’ and substitute ‘(8).’”

Rule 24 (2):—

Delete this paragraph and substitute the following:—“The expression ‘Commission’ means the ‘Irish Insurance Commissioners.’”

Rule 24 (3):—

Delete this paragraph and substitute the following: “The expression ‘Registrar’ means the ‘Registrar of Friendly Societies for Saorstát Éireann.’”

“That the form of application for Insured membership set out on pages 80 and 81 (Part II.) of Rules be deleted, and the form at present in use be substituted therefor.”

The following resolution was proposed by W. O'Brien, seconded by C. O'Shannon:—

### TRADE UNION ACT, 1913.

It is hereby resolved:—

1. That the Rules of the Union be altered by the addition of the Rules for ballot under the Trade Union Act, 1913, to be approved by the Registrar of Friendly Societies; and that a ballot be taken in accordance with such Rules on a resolution approving the furtherance of political objects within the meaning of the said Act as an object of the Union.
2. That, if a majority of the members of the Union voting on such ballot pass such resolution, the Rules of the Union be further altered by adding the Rules for the Political Fund of the Union, to be approved by the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

The Chairman explained that the Rules for ballot had been in the hands of the Delegates, and were model Rules drafted to meet the requirements of the Act of 1913. On a vote being taken, the resolution was passed by 44 votes to 8.

The Chair having been taken by A. Heron:

S. Walsh, Navan, proposed and D. Morrissey seconded item (30) as a resolution, as follows:—

That the scale of payment allowed by the National Executive Council to part-time Branch Secretaries at present in operation, viz., 10 per cent. on all monies collected, be revoked, and that same be increased to 15 per cent. on all monies collected.

Submitted by Navan Branch.

After the discussion the resolution was withdrawn on the undertaking of the Chairman that the matter would have the consideration of the N.E.C.

The following resolution was proposed by C. O'Shannon, seconded by M. Glynn, and passed by 43 votes to 10:—

“That this Special Delegate Conference of the I. T. and G. W. U. hereby adopts the Rules registered on the 2nd June, 1923, as amended by this Conference, as the Rules of the Union, and empowers the National Executive Council to make such consequential amendments as may be required by the passing of any of the New Rules or Amendments by this Conference, or such drafting amendments as may be required by the Registrar or by the National Health Insurance Commission.”

The proceedings then concluded.