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## Resolution on the Russian Blockade of the American Labor Alliance for Trade Relations for Russia

Adopted at Conference representing organized labor of Greater New York, held Sunday, November 21, 1920.  
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**Whereas**, the people of Russia have for the past three years been subjected to untold misery and privation because of an economic blockade maintained by the Allied Powers with the aim of forcing the Russian people to abandon a system of government which it saw fit to establish and continue to support, and which the avowed principle of self-determination declared by our Government guarantees them, and

**Whereas**, this inhuman blockade to which the American Government has given its approval and support is hindering the Russian people from organizing their industrial life in order to relieve the political conditions created by six years of continued war, and

**Whereas**, in common with the Allies the United States Government has been participating in open warfare or the support of invasions and internal assaults upon the sovereignty of the Russian Republic, although no war has been constitutionally declared by this country against Russia, and

**Whereas**, public opinion in the United States has been aroused against this monstrous murder of an innocent people so that the State Department announced on July 7, 1920, the nominal lifting of the blockade, without, however, permitting the execution of commercial transaction between this country and Russia, and

**Whereas**, growing unemployment in this country could be materially relieve if Russia were permitted to make purchases of clothing, tools, machinery, and various other supplies which are needed by the Russian people in large quantities, and this country could secure raw materials which Russia can supply, be it therefore

**Resolved** that this conference of authorized delegates of labor unions of Greater New York assembled on Sunday, November 21st, in Headgear Workers' Lyceum, representing six hundred thousand organized workers, protest against the further participation of the American Government in the various plots against Soviet Russia and demand that all military material, financial, and moral support be withdrawn forthwith from all those elements engaged in direct or indirect war upon Russia, and be it further

**Resolved** that we demand that the State Department take immediate steps to remove all obstacles to trade with Russia, to establish communication by post, cable, and wireless, to restore the right to travel between the United States and Soviet Russia, and to permit the transfer of funds from Russia to be used in the purchase of American goods, to allow authorized representatives of the Soviet Government to act in its behalf regarding all commercial transactions, and otherwise establish complete and unrestricted relations with Russia, and be it further

**Resolved** that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the State Department and be given wide publicity.

Timothy Healy, *Chairman*  
Alex. Trachtenberg, *Secretary*

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