

Be it resolved by the Common Council
of the City of Portland that the em-
ployment of Chinese labor upon work
done by contract with said City of
Portland is hereby condemned as opposed
to the wishes of the Common Council
of said City:— And the several com-
mittees having power to let such
contracts are hereby instructed
to make it a condition in all
contracts hereafter let by them
that no Chinese labor be
employed thereon

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To the Hon. the Common Council
Your committee to whom was referred
the resolution relative to the employment
of Chinese labor upon contract work let
by the City have had the same under
consideration and respectfully report
as follows

That in the opinion of your com-
mittee the Common Council has no
authority under the City charter to make
it a condition in contracts let by the
City to perform labor that the contractor
shall not employ Chinese to perform
such labor

That the Common Council has no
authority except such as is given to
it by the City charter which fully
specifies and defines its duties. That
it is not among the duties so specified
that the Common Council shall give ex-
pression to its moral, religious, social or
political opinions.

That it is useless and can be of no
benefit to ^{the people of} the City of Portland for the
Common Council to adopt resolutions
or enact ordinances which it has no au-
thority to enforce and concerning matters
over which it has no control

(over)

Your committee recommend that
the resolution be indefinitely post-
poned

John C. Lattin
E. J. W. Symms
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Justice in China

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W. S. C. Andrews
Auditor & Clerk