

East Kildonan Trustees And Petitioners Debate Case at Board Meeting

At a stormy session, East Kildonan school board unanimously rejected the demand of petitioners that Miss Ida M. Cook, suspended principal of Polson school, be re-engaged as an assistant teacher, when the board met in Lord Wolseley school, Wednesday night.

Mrs. J. C. Ivison, spokesman for the petitioners, said "This, has gone on long enough. We are here to ask whether the board will act on our petition or not. We want yes or no and don't care if we have to wait here till two o'clock in the morning."

J. A. Treger, school trustee: "You must remember that Miss Cook asked this board to put ten teachers in the very same predicament that she is in now."

Ask Consideration

W. Beveridge, a petitioner: "We don't ask that she be reinstated as principal. All we ask is that, in consideration of her 21 years' faithful service to East Kildonan children, you give her a job as a teacher. Her bread and butter depend on it. For goodness' sake let bygones be bygones and be human."

Edward Boyd, school trustee, began, "We didn't put Miss Cook out. She put herself out." There were loud shouts of "No" and order had to be restored before, Mr. Boyd could continue. "Miss Cook threw a board of reference in our faces," he said. "We spent 18 months trying to dissuade her but she insisted on a board of reference. She knew perfectly well that if she lost out before the referees, she would be through," he concluded.

Thomas Corder, a petitioner, said he was not satisfied with the discipline in East Kildonan schools, maintaining that, if there were more discipline, there would be less juvenile delinquency. Miss Cook, he declared, was a splendid disciplinarian.

Arthur Allardyce, school trustee, replied, "Miss Cook is not being suspended for lack of discipline or of teaching ability, but because she could not co-operate with her staff. When she first came to me, I was convinced she was right. But Miss Cook knows herself that she didn't tell me all the truth at that time and it was her own conduct that forced me to change my opinion."

Alastair Fraser, school trustee: "Miss Cook demands discipline from those under her but recognizes no authority from those over her."

Reviews Case

A. E. Ford, chairman of the education committee, was subjected to constant interruption, while giving

MISS COOK

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Spain Trouble Spot

By GRANT DEXTER

London, Aug. 27. (Special Cable)—While the fighting in Shanghai is relegating the Spanish war to the inside pages it is believed here the chief danger of an incident which present European statesmanship might be unable to localize still lies in the Mediterranean.

Sinking of neutral shipping as far east as the Dardanelles, branded by The Times as plain piracy, is regarded as extremely dangerous. The predominant feeling is one of acute anxiety and uncertainty from one day to the next.

Reasons behind the Mediterranean sinkings are plainly evident. Franco is mopping up northern Spain, Santander, has followed Bilbao, but Madrid proved too hard a nut to be cracked by a frontal attack.

The quickest and easiest way of defeating the Spanish government would be by flank movement, and the Mediterranean is the only flank exposed.

Had Franco succeeded in obtaining belligerent rights from Britain and France, a blockade of Spanish government ports would be a simple matter and it would have quickly yielded a victory for the rebels.

Failing these rights, it is evident that Franco and Mussolini decided to create a reign of terror in Mediterranean waters and thus endeavor to achieve the benefits of an actual blockade.

The fact that they are willing in doing so to run the chances of incidents with the great powers like Great Britain is regarded as proof of their desperate desire to bring the Spanish war to a successful conclusion.