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Executive Council Meetings

AND

Annual General Meetings

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PREFACE.

Historians will undoubtedly regard the year 1926 as one of the most disappointing and disastrous in the history of Trade Unionism. The year was marked by the consequences of the departure from sound Trade Union principles, and the substitution by most leaders of political propaganda for tenets which sincere Trade Union leaders of the past struggled so hard to inculcate in the minds of working men.

The culminating point was reached when the General Strike became a fiasco, the boomerang effect of which brought privation to thousands of workers, and incidentally struck a damaging blow to many Trade Unions.

The lessons and mistakes of 1926 will reverberate through the years to come, and only by dauntless courage will the sound Trade Union principles, which were espoused by leaders before the intrusion of "Political Adventurers" with anti-British ideas and doctrines, be again firmly established to the betterment of the toiling millions whose main desire, as it is everyone's, is to achieve by mutual service the maximum of happiness and well-being in this world.

Therefore it has been deemed wise to put on record, for the guidance of present and future officials and members of the National Union of Seamen, the deliberations of the Executive Council and Annual Meetings of this body during the year 1926, in the hope that these pages, which are a correct copy of the shorthand notes, will be a guidance to those who may be destined to take part in the control of the policy of the National Union of Seamen and the conditions of work and welfare of the seamen and their families.

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The Executive Council Meetings were held at St. George's Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London, S.E.1, on Monday, July 19th, Tuesday, July 20th, and Wednesday, July 21st, 1926, Mr. J. Havelock Wilson, C.H., C.B.E., in the chair.

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