

APPLICATION FOR THE DISCHARGE OF AN APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE
 In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern Industrial District—In the matter of the Apprentices Act 1948; and in the matter of an application by the Auckland Master Printers and Allied Trades Industrial Union of Employers for the discharge of the Northern Industrial District (except Gisborne) Printing Trades Local Apprenticeship Committee.

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT DELIVERED BY TYNDALL, J.

THE Court has before it an application for the discharge of the Northern Industrial District (except Gisborne) Printing Trades Local Apprenticeship Committee. The application is made by the Auckland Master Printers and Allied Trades Industrial Union of Employers pursuant to subsection 11 of section 8 of the Apprentices Act 1948.

The grounds for the application are stated as follows:

The union (of employers) considers that the area at present covered by the Committee would be better served by the formation of two committees. One of these, domiciled in Auckland, would be responsible for matters in the area north of Pukekohe (but including that town). The second would operate from Hamilton and would be responsible for the remainder of the province (excluding Gisborne). Members of our union in the South Auckland area have been advised of these proposals. There has been no dissent from them. Rather, a number have written offering their enthusiastic support.

The Auckland branch of the New Zealand Printing and Related Trades Industrial Union of Workers opposes the granting of the application.

In view of the opposition the Court deemed it advisable to give the interested parties an opportunity of a public hearing and this took place at Auckland on 9 March 1964.

In support of the application the Union of Employers called two witnesses with considerable experience in the industry and in the administration of the apprenticeship system.

The Auckland branch of the Workers' Union submitted that the *status quo* should be retained on the following grounds, but did not call any evidence in support:

- (a) The setting up of a separate committee for the South Auckland area would serve only a relatively small proportion of the whole industry in the Auckland Province and would not afford any appreciable relief to the present committee.
- (b) For many years the present committee has operated satisfactorily and while some delays have occurred in the past, the setting up of two committees would not in the opinion of the union eliminate those delays.
- (c) The Auckland branch of the union would suffer some inconvenience and embarrassment in its domestic administration if the area of jurisdiction of the local apprenticeship committee did not coincide with that of the branch.

The Court has considered the submissions and evidence and has decided that the application for discharge of the existing committee should be granted so that steps can be taken to have two separate committees appointed. In order to maintain continuity in the operations of the existing committee the Court will withhold making any formal order of discharge until the documents necessary as a preliminary to the registration of two committees are completed, or until a period of three months has expired, whichever occurs earlier.

Dated this 24th day of March 1964.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.