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1 That many of the establishments now serving the people of Cambridge as restaurants are not fit to any longer serve in this capacity.

1 Because they have not the proper facilities to serve food.

2 Because sanitary conditions in many of the so-called restaurants are inadequate.

2. That either a police officer should be assigned to the license commission to assist in the supervision of restaurants and cafes or an additional inspector be appointed by the commission. The committee feels that a police officer would be the better solution of the problem.

3. The License Commission has taken away the right of certain restaurants to open on Sunday presumably because of the fact that they are restaurants in name only. In some cases the committee agrees with the commission but in other cases we find restaurants now closed who have better facilities for serving food than those who are now open on Sundays. We are of the opinion that some of these places may have changed conditions since the commission based their opinion on closing these establishments for Sunday business but we also feel that:

1 That the commission should reconsider all of these cases and judge them on their present status.

2 If such establishments are no longer to be considered as restaurants that they be obliged to apply for a tavern license which would cause them to close on Sundays and at eleven o'clock on week days.

4. That the members of the Board of Health who are charged with and responsible for the health and welfare of our citizens instruct their inspectors to make a thorough investigation of all restaurants so that conditions as they now exist and which are a detriment to our city may be changed to the benefit of our citizenry.

5. The committee also feels that the present set-up of the license commission is one that should be changed by an act of the Legislature.

No city or town in this Commonwealth or in any other for that matter is

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governed by such a commission as is set up in the City of Cambridge.

The Chief of the Fire Department is surely concerned with the protection of our citizens from fire hazards and should no longer be required to spend his time on a liquor commission.

The Chief of the Police Department is likewise concerned with his department and the committee further feels that he should not be required to sit in judgement on cases that officers under him are required to bring before the license commission for his decision.

We have nothing but the highest regards for the Chief of both the fire and police departments but suggest to the Mayor and City Solicitor that a bill be introduced in the Legislature setting up a three man commission in Cambridge to be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Council to have charge of licenses in the City of Cambridge.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 15 members

Frederick H. Burke
City Clerk

For the Committee.

Chester Q. Swenson

City of Cambridge

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The Special Committee appointed to investigate
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This committee after conference with the City Solicitor realizes that its power to investigate conditions as they exist is limited.

However, as members of the City Council, we feel that it is our duty to represent our constituents in any complaint that they make to us as their representative in the city government. Among the most numerous complaints that we have as representatives in the city government is in regard to conditions as they exist in the liquor establishments in our city. The committee, appointed by the President has made a thorough survey of restaurants, cafes and taverns in the city of Cambridge and after three months of almost continuous work wishes to make the following report.

Inasmuch as there are but few taverns in Cambridge, our report effects those establishments now doing business as restaurants or cafes. We of the committee have come to the following conclusions:-

REPORT

Special Committee on to investigate gambling
liquor and club conditions.

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