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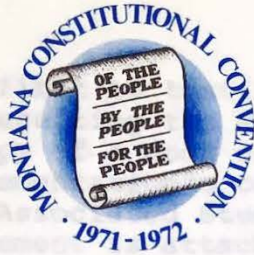
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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Convention Hall

Date Meeting Held: 2/4/72

Hour Meeting Held: 1:30 P.M.

Committee Chairman: Richard Champoux

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Students Concern in Education

Roll Call:

Richard Champoux	<u>Present</u>
Robert Noble	<u>Present</u>
Lloyd Barnard	<u>Present</u>
William Burkhardt	<u>Present</u>
Marjorie Cain	<u>Present</u>
Max Conover	<u>Present</u>
Carl Davis	<u>Present</u>
Gene Harbaugh	<u>Present</u>
Dan Harrington	<u>Present</u>
Robert Woodmansey	<u>Present</u>

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

Robert Jovick - Montana Student Presidents' Association
Frank Dudas - Associated Students - MSU
Wayne Gildroy - Montana Student Presidents' Association
John Christensen - Associated Students - U of M
Stan Juneau - Indian Club - EMC
Calvin Herrera - Indian Club - EMC
Clara Lee McMakin - Indian Club - EMC
Dale Kindness - Indian Club - EMC
Rayola Adele Eder - EMC
Frank LaMere - EMC
Leroy Berven - Associated Students of Montana
John Murphy - Student, U of M
Tom Daily - Student, U of M
Patricia Denny - Student, U of M

The first to testify was Robert Jovick, Frank Dudas, and Wayne Gildroy, representing the Montana Student Presidents' Association. They presented a copy of a book on "Recommendations for Constitutional Revision and Implementation" a copy of which is attached. Mr. Dudas, representing the Associated Students of M.S.U. also spoke for them. A copy of his statement is attached.

Next to speak was John Christensen representing the Associated Students of the U of M. He said there should be free public schools for everyone. Delete the restrictive age limits of 6 - 21. He felt it was unfair to send some children to kindergarden while other couldn't afford to go. He also felt there should be a student on the Board of Regents. The imput now is not serving the total purpose because the student does not have a vote. He said the number of ex-officios on the boards should not turn into a political hassel. The Board of Regents are very seldom on campus and they must get there more often.

Stan Juneau speaking for the Indian Club at Eastern Montana College felt there should be Indian people or Indian educators on advisory boards of Montana Education. He felt it should be mandatory that there be an orientation period for all educators and educational administrators for the prupose of orienting these people into the Indian community life.

Calvin Herrera also speaking for the Indian Club testified. He said they wanted a course in Indian Culture introduced into the Public School systems. Now it is taught that the Indians are only savages. He said the Indians have a beautiful culture which has been degraded by the public schools system.

Clara Lee McMakin from the Indian Club spoke next. She said the whites have a better chance of getting jobs even though an Indian as gone through school. She said give the Indians a chance to live and support themselves.

Dale Kindness from EMC speaking for the Indian Club said they wanted to see a section in the Constitution guaranteeing equal education opportunities. He felt there should be Indian members on the school boards according to the number of Indian students. This would give them a voice in their own education and future which at present is practically nil.

Rayola Adele Eder from E.M.C. spoke next. She talked about the social-economic issues. She said many Indian families don't have T.V.'s, radios, books, etc., so they be expected to keep up with what is happening. She said in many schools faculty-student relations aren't what they should be.

Frank LaMere from EMC testified next. He is a sophomore in pre-law. There are 185 Indians attending E,C and they are trying to get something going. He said one main problem was that most of them had attended religious schools and they felt they were in prison. The schools in Montana aren't involved with community happenings. Equality is being demanded in the constitution.

Leroy Berven representing the Association Students of University of Montana felt that the Superintendent of Public Instruction should be appointed by two boards. The board members to include a student member.

John Murphy a student from U of M spoke next. A copy of his statement is attached. The main two points stresses were a student on the Board of Regents with voting priveleges and two boards of education with complete atonomy.

Tom Daily also a student said that in addition to two boards and an appointed superintendent he felt higher education should be divided into trade type schools, teaching hard sciences, chemistry, etc leading to specific occupations and the liberal arts program.

Patricia Denny an elementary education student at the U of M spoke next. She said there is a necessity for the constitution to provide for two Boards. Not so that the Board can spend more than 95% of its time on higher education, but so that it can spend more than 5% of its time on public education.

This concluded the hearing.

The Committee then met for a few minuted to discuss the Romney Hearings. The reason for the hearings are: (1) to get a summary of the committees work (2) highlight certain issues (3) to get public reaction and (4) for publicity purposes.

Mrs. Cain volunteered to act as a liason between Local Governemnt and our committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Richard J. Amberg
Chairman

Lacey Watson
Secretary

...the present Constitution, ...
...Section 3, and Section 12, of the present Consti-
...tion provide for the investment of the public school fund and the funds
...of the Montana University System, respectively. It is the position of
...the Associated Students that, as much as these sections both specify that
...all such funds shall be "inviolable, and guaranteed by the state against
...loss or diversion," there is no significant reason to state, also, the
...method of their investment. Such Constitutional restrictions may unneces-
...sarily depress the earnings rate of such investments. We have found
...the following revision, proposed for Section 3 by the Legislative Council,
...to be satisfactory:

"The public school fund shall forever remain inviolable, guaran-
...teed by the state against loss or diversion, to be invested under
...restrictions provided by law."

We find that the parallel revision of Section 12, proposed by the Legis-