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It was moved by Pres. Cowling and seconded by Prof. McKinley that each Association be represented in the Council by one member, to be selected by the Association itself. The motion carried.

It was moved by Pres. McCracken and seconded by Pres. Main that it be the sense of the meeting that the Owen bill for the authorization of a Department of M ducation, with a Secretary having a seat in the President's Cabinet, be endorsed, with such modification of Section 5 as may enlarge the educational institutions included.

Moved by Monsighor Peterson, seconded by Dr. Burns, that the motion be laid on the table. The motion lost.

Moved by Pres. McCracken, seconded by Prof. McKinley, as a substitute for the motion to endorse the Owen bill, that those present visit, as a Committee of the whole, Senator Hoke Smith, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, to which Committee the bill has been referred, to ascertain more fully the nature of the bill and the chances of its passage.

Moved and carried that the meeting adjourn, to reconvene at 8:00 o'clock at the Cosmos Club.

Tuesday, January 29, 8:00 P. M. The meeting reconvened at the Cosmos Club at 8:00 o'clock, P.M., with Dr. Capen in the chair. Present: Ames, Judson, Myers, McKinley, Cowling, Main, McCracken, Foster, Crabtree, Mann, Tyler, Capen, Campbell, C laxton.

It was moved by Prof. McKinley and seconded by Secretary Crabtree, that a Committee of three be appointed to consider the terms of a bill to create a Department of Education in the National Government, and suggest arguments in support of such a bill. The motion carried. The Chair appointed Pres. Judson, Pres. McCracken, and Pres. Campbell as members of the Committee.

Moved and carried that when the meeting adjourn, the adjournment be to 2:00 o'clock, P. M., Wednesday, at the Cosmos Club.

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Moved and carried that the members of the Conference not already appointed on committees constitute a committee to formulate a plan of organization for the Emergency Council of the Education Associataions. The Chair amounced the following members of the Committee:

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After some discussion, the Committee was asked to reformulate its recommendations so that they should embody in their report suggest ed changes in the provisions of the Reserve Officers Training Corps and of the exemption from draft already made in certain departments of technical schools, of a nature to cover the needs under discussion

At this point Lt. Col. R. I. Rhees and Major Grenville Clark, of the United States Army, were introduced by the Chairman, Dr. Capen who explained that they were present at his request to give information in regard to important recent action taken by the army in the matter of the use of the schools and institutions of higher educatio for training purposes, and to answer such questions as the members of the Conference might desire to ask.

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It was moved and carried that this question be given consider ation at the evening meeting of the Conference.

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It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee be adopted.

It was moved and carried that the three following Associations be invited to become members of the Emergency Council:

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It was moved and carried that Dr. Myers be requested to extend the invitation in person to the Association of American Medical Colleges, at the approaching annual meeting of the Association.

It was moved and carried that a temporary Executive Committee consisting of five members be elected by the Conference to serve until the permanent organization of the Emergency Council be effected.

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It was moved and carried that the preparation of necessary memoran da for the War Department, and the support of desired legislation be assigned to the temporary Executive Committee.

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Owing to the unprecedented storm, other expected representatives did not arrive. There were unofficially present in the conference, in addition, however, representatives of an Urban University, of an Agricultural College and Experiment Station, of a School of Education, and of a City School System.

The subject chiefly discussed by the conference was a resolution which had just been adopted by the Association of American Colleges, meeting in Chicago, calling on the President of the United States to take steps looking toward the immediate comprehensive mobilization of the educational forces of the Nation for war purposes under centralized administration, which would coordinate effort and stimulate defensive activities. The Executive Committee of that Association is directed to convey the resolution to the President.

Representatives of the other Associations named were not authorized to act for their Associations upon this resolution. Individually, they were unanimously in favor of some such action, and were of the opinion that most, if not all, of the Colleges and Universities would share this view. The gentlemen who were especially interested in the Elementary and High Schools were of the opinion that the school men of the country generally will soon propose the same or similar action.

The things agreed to by all is that all existing educational agencies, including the Elementary and High Schools, the Colleges and Universities, and the various governmental and voluntary organizations engaged in educational work, should be at once brought together for a more effective practical cooperation for war purposes; and that this result can be secured only by the action of the President of the United States. It was taken for granted that this unifying Federal organization would assume no extra-legal coercive powers and would require no such powers to secure the desired result.

It was voted that a Committee wait on the President as soon as possible to present the outstanding war problems which are facing the educational forces of the country, and to learn his mind on the proposed method of providing for their solution.

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- 4. Courses of study and degrees.

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The Association of American Universities Philadelphia, Pa. Feb. 12, 1918 Dear Sir: I am enclosing herewith certain printed material in regard to a recent movement participated in by the representatives of several educational associations, for your information and for an expression of epinion upon two ef these matters on behalf of the University which you represent. As a result of an invitation extended by President Bryan on behalf of the Association of American Universities, the representatives of several educational associations met at Chicag on January 12-13. A printed statement in regard to this conference is encl-sed. A further informal meeting of representatives of educational associations was held in Washington on January 23 and 24. As a result of this meeting, representatives of the executive committees of the educational associations mentioned in the printed statement, entitled "The Emergency Council on Education," met in Washington, January 29-30. The Association of American Universities was represented by four out of the five Universities composing its Executive Committee. Conference gave its attention to three principal subjects: 1. The organization of an Emergency Council on Education. 2. The consideration of a possible amendment to the National Defense Act and the Selective Service Act. 3. The creation of a National Department of Education. The report of the Committee recommending the organization of a council on education, which was adopted by the Conference, is enclosed. A temperary organization was effected by the choice of the following persons to act as the Executive Committee: Pres. D. J. Cowling, of Carleton College, representing the Association of American Colleges. Pres. P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, representing the Mational Association of State Universities. Bishap T. J. Shahan, of the Catholic University of America, representing the Catholic Educational Association. Dean H. V. Ames, of the University of Pennsylvania, representing the Association of American Universities. Dr. T. E. Finegan, representing the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association. Lt. Col. R. I. Rhees and Major Grenville Clark, of the United States Army, met with the Conference and informed the same that the War Department had just approved of the organization of an Educational Roard to be composed of three officers and five civilians, which would have in charge all matters relating to the training of enlisted men. It would be the policy of the Beard to assign men directly to colleges, technical schools, and universities for the specific training which they might need, payment to be made to the institutions for the service rendered. Col. Rhees requested that the Conference suggest types of educational organizations which should be

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Owing to the unprecedented storm, other expected representatives did not arrive. There were unofficially present in the conference, in addition, however, representatives of an Urban University, of an Agricultural College and Experiment Station, of a School of Education, and of a City School System.

The subject chiefly discussed by the conference was a resolution which had just been adopted by the Association of American Colleges, meeting in Chicago, calling on the President of the United States to take steps looking toward the immediate comprehensive mobilization of the educational forces of the Nation for war purposes under centralized administration, which would coordinate effort and stimulate defensive activities. The Executive Committee of that Association is directed to convey the resolution to the President.

Representatives of the other Associations named were not authorized to act for their Associations upon this resolution. Individually, they were unanimously in favor of some such action, and were of the opinion that most, if not all, of the Colleges and Universities would share this view. The gentlemen who were especially interested in the Elementary and High Schools were of the opinion that the school men of the country generally will soon propose the same or similar action.

The things agreed to by all is that all existing educational agencies, including the Elementary and High Schools, the Colleges and Universities, and the various governmental and voluntary organizations engaged in educational work, should be at once brought together for a more effective practical cooperation for war purposes; and that this result can be secured only by the action of the President of the United States. It was taken for granted that this unifying Federal organization would assume no extra-legal coercive powers and would require no such powers to secure the desired result.

It was voted that a Committee wait on the President as soon as possible to present the outstanding war problems which are facing the educational forces of the country, and to learn his mind on the proposed method of providing for their solution.

Types of Educational Problems Arising Out of War Conditions

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The group of problems relating to the immediately increased efficiency of the schools toward winning the war:

- Coordination of work of schools and of various independent organizations and agencies.
- 2. Increased scientific research for war purposes.
- 3. Training of students for all types of war service.
- 4. Extension of educational work in military encampments.
- Educational propaganda—lectures, pamphlets, etc.—to make clear purposes of the war and maintain morale of people.

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The group of problems relating to the maintenance of the schools and schooling in all grades and stages, as essential to the national defense.

- Furlough of students making special preparation for war service.
- Rearrangement of schedules to provide for temporary release of students for industrial purposes.
- 3. Special equipment of schools for war training.
- Broadly organized utilization of schools by Governmental departments for purposes of special training.
- 5. Reeducation of the maimed.

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The group of problems relating to international educational relations:

- 1. International educational commissions.
- 2. Exchanges of faculty.
- 3. International scholarships.
- 4. Courses of study and degrees.

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The group of problems relating to the educational system after the war,

- Recasting of courses of study in light of lessons of the war.
- 2. Shortening period of education.
- 3. Appropriations and expenses of maintenance.
- 4. Relationship of schools to Federal Government.
- 5. Collection and preservation of war data.

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The following members of the Division were present:

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Charles S. Howe, Ph.D., president, Case School of Applied Science

Joseph A. Mulry, S. J., president, Fordham University John S. Mellen, LL.D., president, Lake Forest College. Winthrop E. Stone, LL.D., president, Purdue University. Frederick C. Ferry, LL.D., president, Hamilton College, secretary.

The secretary called the meeting to order and moved that President Goodnow be requested to take the chair. This motion was voted without dissent and President Goodnow took the chair for the conference. The minutes of the previous meeting having been distributed to the members in typewritten form, their reading was dispensed with.

The secretary reported the endorsement by the Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the College and University Division, of the following resolution at the meeting, October 5th, 1917:-

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My dear President Judson:

President Cowling has called a meeting for the permanent organization of the Emergency Council on Education, for Tuesday, the 26th of March, at two o'clock at the Willard Hotel. We are asking all who would be interested in the organization of the Council at this time to be present at this meeting. I sincerely hope that you may find it possible to attend. I expect President McCracken to be here, and if it were thought desirable, we could go over the outlines of the bill for the creation of the federal department of education at this time.

Eleven of the organizations originally interested in the formation of the Emergency Council have already voted to join in the permanent organization. I expect that several of the others will vote favorably within the next few days. With suitable headquarters here in Washington, the Council can be in position to do very important work. Its relationship with the War Committee on Education promises to be very intimate. A considerable amount of new legislation affecting education is already appearing in Congress, and no doubt more will present itself a little later on. It is unquestionably very important that the colleges and universities keep in very close contact with all of this general legislative program.

I should be greatly obliged if you will wire me, collect, as to the possibility of your being present on the 26th. I sincerely hope you may be able to come.

With highest personal regard,

Very sincerely yours,

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Chicago, March 25, 1918

My dear President Campbell:

Your favor of the 21st inst.

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Meanwhile I shall be glad to be informed of any progress made by members of the Committee in the east.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Universities occurs late in April, and not in March, as I had supposed. The Senate of the University of Chicago formally voted approval of the plan of the Emergency Council, and instructed our delegate at the Executive Committee meeting to vote accordingly. The Senate also unanimously approved the plan for a Department of Education.

With best wishes, I am,

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OF THE

Emergency Council on Education

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ON

March 26-27, 1918

For the Personal Use of Members of the Council

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PURPOSE

"To place the educational resources of the country more completely at the service of the National Government and its departments, to the end that through an understanding cooperation:

The patriotic services of the public schools, professional schools, the colleges and universities may be augmented;

A continuous supply of educated men may be maintained; and

Greater effectiveness in meeting the educational problems arising during and following the war may be secured."

Meeting of the

EMERGENCY COUNCIL ON EDUCATION NEW WILLARD HOTEL

March 26-27, 1918

Tuesday Afternoon Session

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p. m. by President Cowling, Chairman of the ad interim Executive Committee.

On motion, President Cowling was elected temporary Chairman of the meeting and President Campbell, temporary Secretary.

On calling the roll, it appeared that official representatives on the Council had been appointed as follows:

Association of American Universities
Dean Herman V. Ames
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

National Association of State Universities in the United States of America President P. L. Campbell University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon

> Association of American Colleges President Donald J. Cowling Carleton College Northfield, Minnesota

Association of Urban Universities President William T. Foster Reed College, Portland, Oregon

Catholic Educational Association Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan Rector Catholic University of America Washington, D. C.

American Association of University Professors Prof. H. W. Tyler Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, Mass. National Education Association Dean Lotus D. Coffman University of Minnesota Minneapolis, Minn.

N. E. A. Department of Superintendence Dr. Thomas E. Finegan Deputy Commissioner of Education Albany, N. Y.

N. E. A., National Council of Education Supt. James Y. Joyner Raleigh, N. C.

National Council of Normal School Presidents and Principals President Homer H. Seerley Iowa State Teachers College Cedar Falls, Iowa

Society for the Promotion of Engineering
Education
Dean F. L. Bishop
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Association of American Medical Colleges
Dr. Burton D. Myers
Indiana University, School of Medicine
Bloomington, Indiana

In the case of the Association of Urban Universities official action was taken by the Executive Committee, to be confirmed later by vote of the Association as a whole.

The following persons were unable to be present, but provided substitutes as indicated:

President William T. Foster, represented by Prof. Richard Cogg, Secretary of George Washington University.

Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, represented by Dr. Edward A. Pace of the Catholic University of America.

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Dean Lotus D. Coffman, represented by Prof. J. W. Searson of the Kansas State Agricultural College.

Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, represented by President John H. MacCracken of Lafayette College.

President Homer H. Seerley, represented by Secretary J. W. Crabtree of the N. E. A.

Prof. Cogg and Supt. Joyner were unable to be present. Motion by President Campbell prevailed:

Recognizing alternates as full members of the Council, with right to vote.

Dean Russell of the University of Wisconsin, unofficially present representing the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, stated that his association had not yet had opportunity to take official action with regard to accepting membership in the Emergency Council.

Major Leonard P. Ayres was present as alternate for Dr. B. R. Buckingham, President of the National Association of Directors of Educational Research, unofficially representing Section "L" of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS

President Campbell presented to the Council a statement indicating the progress which had been made since the last meeting of the Council, January 23-24, 1918.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

The matter of the permanent organization of the Council was then taken up: Motion by Dean Bishop prevailed:

That the Chairman of the Council be also Chairman of the Executive Committee and that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council be also the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

Motion prevailed that the official title of the organization be:

Emergency Council on Education.

Motion prevailed:

That the principle of alternates be extended so as to authorize any member of the Executive Committee to arrange for an alternate which he finds it impossible to attend a meeting of the Committee.

THE OUESTION OF HEADQUARTERS

Attention was called to the desirability of having headquarters in Washington to serve as a center for conducting the business of the Council and also as a place where members of the various cooperating associations may secure information regarding educational war matters and keep in touch more intimately with the work of the Council.

Authorizing the Executive Committee to rent such office rooms, to employ such office help and to make such other expenditures as may seem necessary for carrying out the purposes of the Council.

THE QUESTION OF FUNDS

How shall the Council secure adequate funds for carrying on its work?

It is obvious that two possible ways are open, namely, increasing the membership fee and securing voluntary gifts for this purpose. If all of the associations so far invited accept membership in the Council, this will provide an annual income of \$1,400, which is likely to be altogether inadequate to meet the necessary expenses.

Major Ayres: The Council will find that a great deal more money will be required than at first appears necessary. Some years ago I had part in a movement, backed by the Russell Sage Foundation, for the establishment of a Federal Department of Education. We spent about \$8,000 during the year. I believe that it would not be advisable for the Emergency Council to accept gifts at present from the General Education Board, the Rockefeller Foundation, or from the Carnegie or Russell Sage Foundations.

President Cowling: Would it be better for the members of the Council to hold themselves individually responsible for securing adequate funds, or should the cooperating associations be invited to furnish sufficient financial support to carry on our work?

President Campbell: Could not the whole matter rest as it is for the present? With the income already provided through the membership fee and a limited income in prospect from gifts from certain individuals already interested in our work, the way is open for a reasonable budget for the coming year.

By general consent, no formal action was taken with regard to the matter of runds.

COUNCIL BULLETIN

The question of issuing a bi-weekly or monthly bulletin was then discussed, but no formal action was taken.

· RELATIONS OF EMERGENCY COUNCIL

The question of the relation of the Emergency Council to various governmental and voluntary agencies dealing with educational war problems was then taken up:

(1) Relation to the "Joint Commission on the National Emergency in Education and the Program for Readjustment During and After the War" of the N. E. A. and its Department of Superintendence:

President Campbell: The most cordial relations must exist between the work of the Emergency Council and that of the Joint Commission. By cooperating from different points of view, more can be accomplished than if the work of the two bodies were merged into one. It is, of course, obvious that it would

be impossible for the other associations represented in the Emergency Council to assume a subordinate relationship to the N. E. A. or any of its commissions. The N. E. A. is largely representative of elementary and secondary school work. If these two bodies work together coordinately for a while, it might result in a comprehensive educational association for the whole country. Under one charter there might then be embraced all phases of education in this country and would establish intimate relations of sympathy between the elementary and higher branches.

President Cowling: If the Emergency Council is supposed to represent these fourteen organizations and if one or two of them should make a separate presentation of any important matter, such as thee stablishment of a Federal department of education, would it not weaken our whole position?

Major Ayres: It seems to me it would. I believe it is essential for all the organizations to work through the Emergency Council. The necessity for a unified presentation became perfectly clear to us in connection with our efforts for the establishment of a Federal department of education some years ago. There are many details involved in the working out of which there is sure to be confusion unless there is full cooperation on the part of all who are interested in the undertaking.

On motion of President Campbell:

It was voted as the sense of the meeting that the presentation of all matters approved by the Council to legislative committees or other Governmental agencies should be through the Emergency Council and not by separate action of component groups.

Motion prevailed:

To invite Dr. George D. Strayer of Columbia University, Chairman of the N. E. A. Joint Commission, to make a statement, at a later session of the Council, regarding the work of the Joint Commission.

(2) Relation to the War Department "Committee on Education and Special Training."

President Campbell explained that this Committee consisted of three men of military rank, namely,

Col. Hugh S. Johnson, Deputy Provost Marshal General Lt. Col. Robert I. Rees, General Staff Corps Maj. Grenville Clark, Adjutant General's Department

and in addition, an Advisory Board of five civilian members representing educational interests:

James R. Angell, representing colleges and universities
 Samuel P. Capen, representing the United States Bureau of Education
 J. W. Dietz, representing corporation schools
 Charles R. Mann, representing engineering schools
 James P. Munroe, representing Federal Board for Vocational Education.

President Campbell indicated that the War Department's Committee on Education might wish to recognize the Emergency Council as their medium of communication with the schools, colleges and universities of the country.

In view of this situation, the following motion was unanimously adopted:

That the Executive Committee be authorized to enter into such advisory relations as it may deem expedient with educational agencies in the various departments of the Government.

(3) Relation to the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

Major Ayres: Many unsuccessful efforts have been made in the past for the establishment of a Federal department of education. There are three or four sorts of educational efforts in the Government with which we must reckon. One is the Bureau of Education, an old established bureau with no association or organization behind it. Another is the Land Grant Schools, of which the same may be said. The third is the Federal Children's Bureau, not so directly and specifically educational, with the National Child Labor Committee behind it, which Committee was largely instrumental in bringing about its establishment through long and carefully conducted campaigns. The fourth, the youngest, the Federal Board for Vocational Education, which has a very strong and active propagandist association behind it. No Federal department of education can be established without taking all of these various agencies into careful consideration.

The Emergency Council should carefully study the Federal Board for Vocational Education which represents a powerful group which has confronted the legislators and, in a large measure, the country at large with its program and which has gotten through Congress very large and rapidly increasing appropriations. I should be inclined to favor inviting some organization which represents this group to membership in the Emergency Council.

The Executive Committee was authorized, without formal vote, to study the organization and purposes of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, with particular reference to its relationships to other Governmental agencies having to do with education, and also to state educational systems including public schools, colleges and universities.

(4) Relation to the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education.

Professor Tyler: Has the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education been invited?

President Cowling: With what groups does it articulate?

Major Ayres: Their work lies chiefly in the secondary school field and is on the edge of the engineering school field. They have a group dealing with older pupils and more advanced problems. They have no affiliation with the N. E. A., except that many of the members are prominent in both. Their affiliations with the corporation schools and the engineering schools are very close. I would be in favor of inviting them to membership in the Council.

President MacCracken: There are two courses we can take: One is to confine membership to organizations representing educational institutions, which,

in the main, is what we have done so far; the other is to go beyond this group and include organizations representing educational subjects, the professions, and educational propaganda.

On motion of President MacCracken:

It was voted that in general membership in the Emergency Council be limited to such organizations as represent educational institutions and that the Executive Committee be authorized to invite the cooperation of other organizations and to admit them to associate membership when deemed advisable.

On motion of Professor Tyler:

The Executive Committee was authorized to invite the cooperation of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education.

Members of the Council were not thoroughly informed as to the fields covered by the various organizations for vocational education.

The Executive Committee was instructed to secure information regarding the various vocational societies and to extend an invitation to membership in the Council to the national society which seems best qualified to all as the representative of schools for vocational education.

(5) Relation to the National Child Labor Committee.

It was explained that this committee represents a movement rather than an organization. It was therefore the opinion of those present that it would be more appropriate to establish cooperative relationship with the Child Labor Committee than to extend an invitation to membership in the Council.

President MacCracken: If we have in mind the development of the Emergency Council into a permanent organization, there might be some advantage in having certain propagandist societies as part of our membership.

No formal action was taken regarding President MacCracken's suggestion,

MEMBERSHIP EXTENDED

On motion of President Campbell:

It was voted to extend an invitation to membership in the Council to the Association of American Law Schools,

On motion of Dean Bishop:

It was voted to extend an invitation to membership in the Council to the National Association of Corporation Schools.

ELECTION OF PERMANENT OFFICERS

Voted on motion of Dean Bishop:

That the temporary organization of the Council be made permanent as follows:

Chairman,

Donald J. Cowling, President of the Association of American Colleges.

Secretary-Treasurer,

P. L. Campbell, Acting President of the National Association of State Universities.

Additional members of the Executive Committee:

Herman V. Ames, Secretary of the Association of American Universities.

Thomas E. Finegan, President (1917-18) N. E. A., Department of Superintendence.

Thomas J. Shahan, President Catholic Educational Association.

Voted on motion of Professor Tyler:

That all officers be elected for a period ending July 1.

The Committee on Organization stated that it would not be prepared to present its report until 8:30 p. m.

At 5:30 the Council adjourned until 8:30 p. m.

Tuesday Evening Session

The meeting was called to order by President Cowling at 8:30.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

Professor Tyler, Secretary of the Committee on Organization, presented a report which, including minor modifications, was adopted as follows:

- 1. The name of the organization shall be "Emergency Council on Education."
- The Council shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer; these officers and three other members elected by the Council shall constitute the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall report its actions monthly to the Council and the Council shall report to the several associations.

4. The annual meeting of the Council shall be held on the third Friday in May. All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and their terms of office shall begin July 1.

5. The Council and the Executive Committee may conduct business by mail.

6. The Council and the Executive Committee may appoint special committees.

7. In case of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the Committee shall arrange for filling the vacancy by calling a meeting of the Council, or by arranging for a letter ballot by the Council.

8. In case a member of the Executive Committee shall fail to attend (or to designate an alternate) at two meetings of the Executive Committee, he shall cease to be a member thereof.

Traveling expenses of the officers and the Executive Committee may be paid from the funds of the Council.

- 10. Bills exceeding ten dollars (\$10.00) shall require the approval of the Chairman.
- 11. The Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer shall arrange for such publicity as may be deemed expedient.

AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL

President Campbell: May I introduce a question? Is it correct to say that the associations which become members of the Council are not necessarily bound as individual associations by any action taken by the Council as a whole? For example, this matter of the Federal department of education might be one concerning which there would not be unanimous agreement among the various cooperating organizations.

President Cowling: I understand that the Council can exercise only such authority as is conferred upon it by the cooperating associations. The wording of the report of the Committee on Organization at our last meeting is explicit on this point: "The Council shall have power to act for the associations in matters of legislation and Governmental business on the basis of such authority as may be given it by the several associations."

Professor Tyler: It seems very important that the Emergency Council should not become identified in the public mind with a movement for the establishment of a Federal department of education.

Dean Ames: I am in accord with what has just been said. In the Association of American Universities we have a provision in the constitution that no vote of the Association binds any of its members. Any vote is merely a recommendation. Even if the Emergency Council should receive a majority vote on any question from the members of the Association of American Universities, that would not bind the minority to cooperate with the proposal, and I can conceive of a situation in which some of the universities connected with the Association might through their representatives appear in opposition to this or that measure.

EDUCATIONAL SURVEYS

On motion of President Campbell:

The Executive Committee was authorized to cooperate with the Joint Commission of the N. E. A. and its Department of Superintendence in making a survey of all the educational work carried on by the Government and by various voluntary cooperating agencies; and also of the work being done by the schools, colleges and universities of the country for the Government in connection with the war.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FRENCH WOMEN

President Cowling presented to the Council a plan for bringing at least one hundred French women to this country next fall to enter as under-graduate students various colleges and universities approved by the United States Bureau of Education. He intimated that the Association of American Colleges was prepared to undertake the securing of scholarships covering board, room, tuition and all fees for these young women and would assist in placing particular women in particular institutions. It is understood that the young

women will be selected by a committee to be appointed by the French Government—this phase of the matter to be handled through the United States Bureau of Education.

The following motion was unanimously adopted:

That the Council go on record as approving the movement to provide scholarships for at least one hundred French women to study in approved American colleges and that the Association of American Colleges be recognized as the agency in charge of this undertaking.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN EDUCATION

President Cowling then raised the question of the desirability of sending abroad this summer a commission of American educators to study educational conditions, particularly in England and France, looking forward to the establishment of better working relations between American colleges and universities and those of our allies.

It was stated that invitations had already been extended through Dr. Godfrey of the Council of National Defense, to the Governments of England, France and Italy, each to send an educational commission to this country.

On motion:

The Chairman of the Council was authorized to make inquiry concerning the results of these invitations to the Governments of our allies and to report by letter to the members of the Council.

President Campbell: You may remember the discussion at our Chicago meeting in January with regard to establishing more satisfactory relationships between the educational institutions of England, France and this Country. It would seem that the Emergency Council might have an important piece of work to do in promoting the whole matter of international relationships in education. International relationships of this sort would be established on a broader basis if undertaken by the Emergency Council representing all the educational interests of the country, than if undertaken by any agency not so related to educational institutions, as for example, the Y. M. G. A. or the American Union in Paris.

On motion by President Campbell:

It was voted that a committee of three "On International Relationships in Education," be appointed by the Chairman.

The Chairman appointed Dean Ames, Dean Wigmore and Professor Tyler as members of this committee.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

On motion by Dr. MacCracken:

The Council voted unanimously to support the Chamberlain bill.

After an informal discussion of the question of military training in schools, colleges and universities, including the furloughing of students and instructors of draft age, the Council adjourned at 10:30 p. m. to meet at 9 o'clock, March 27.

Wednesday Morning Session

The meeting was called to order by President Cowling at 9 a. m.,

Conference with Dr. Mann

Dr. C. R. Mann, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Education and Special Training of the War Department, was present on invitation of the Council and spoke on the matter of cooperation between the Council and his Committee.

Dr. Mann: We would like to have an organization to which we could appeal in connection with all questions relating to educational institutions. The organization on the military side is typical of the sort of thing that would work. We have in each division an officer who is detailed to furnish us with information concerning his division and to whom we go and through whom we receive anything that we want.

There is a group of staff officers who are officially subject to call from our committee. A similar thing would be desirable if there were a group to represent the different educational interests and classes of schools with which we are going to have to deal. We think it would be better to have such an organization established by the schools themselves rather than created by the War Department.

Dr. Mann then called attention to the desirability of having every type of educational institution represented in the Emergency Council. The Chairman thereupon read a list of the associations already invited to membership,

Dr. Mann suggested that the Council consider establishing cooperative relationships with the following additional groups;

- 1. Industrial schools
- 2. Labor interests
- 3. 'U. S. Chamber of Commerce,

Dr. Mann; We are going to train here skilled workmen. They are going into the army. When the war is over are these trained workers going to be regarded as "scabs," or will they be recognized by labor organizations? This is a sample of the sort of questions it is necessary to talk over with representatives of labor.

We are planning to add to the Advisory Board of our Committee some representative labor in whom the labor people have confidence and who will be able to guide our committee so that we shall not make mistakes in this direction.

President MacCracken: It would seem that the educational forces of the country are in the best position to mediate between the interests of capital and labor. The relationships of educational institutions include both groups,

Dr. Mann then spoke of a plan which his committee was recommending to the Secretary of War for the establishment of cadet reserve corps in educational institutions which are in a position to maintain under military instruction at least one hundred men between the ages of 18 and 21. Dr. Mann also stated that the cadet reserve corps, if established, would probably replace the reserve officers' training corps. It is expected that further announcement concerning this matter will be made in the near future. Dean Ames: I want to ask about the problem of furloughing teachers who are of draft age and who may be necessary for carrying on the work of a college or university.

Dr. Mann: We have agreed on a proposition that instructors of draft age who are engaged in war work, on the certification by their institution that they are essential to the carrying on of instruction relating to war work, may, with the approval of the military committee, be placed on the inactive list.

Dean Ames: The difficulty arises in determining what "war work" is. For example, would you regard instructing the proposed cadet corps as war work?

Dr. Mann: I should not

Dr. Myers: Would medical work be included?

Dr. Mann: I think that if a medical school should certify to the Surgeon General that certain instructors were essential for carrying on their work, the Surgeon General would undoubtedly take favorable action in such cases. You understand that the Engineer Enlisted Reserve Corps includes students who are candidates for higher degrees.

Then followed an informal discussion regarding the furloughing of students and faculty members after which Dr. Mann withdrew.

CADET RESERVE CORPS

On motion by Dr. Myers:

The Council unanimously approved of the preliminary proposal of the War Department Educational Committee's recommendation to establish a cadet reserve corps in colleges and universities.

THE QUESTION OF DRAFT AGE

There followed a general discussion of the question of the age for draft, but no formal action was taken.

CONFERENCE WITH DR. CAPEN

Dr. S. P. Capen, of the Bureau of Education, came in at this juncture.

President Campbell: We have been discussing the general problem of the draft age and have been wondering whether the educational committee of the War Department considers favorably, or unfavorably, the suggestion of reducing the draft age to 18 with the understanding that men under 21 would be given the option of continuing their education up to that age.

If the Council should approve of such a plan, with the understanding that these men from 18 to 21 would be given suitable military instruction, is it likely that the education committee of the War Department would support it?

Dr. Capen: The problem of keeping men under 21 at college is a difficult one. It is impossible to form any general regulations preventing men under 21 from enlisting for the reason that such an arrangement might conflict with the country's war needs.

It is the experience of Europe that the best aviators are under 21. Men of 19 should be encouraged to go in, rather than discouraged, up to the limit of the country's needs. Any regulation which would debar men from en-

listment for services where they could render the very best kind of service to the country would be ill-advised.

The Educational Committee of the War Department felt when we suggested this enlisted cadet service that there was one point that had not been fully recognized by the War Department, namely, that you have in college students a great reservoir of potential leaders for military service, as well as for other things; they have the adaptability to do things that other men cannot do. We ought very soon to establish a general policy which would turn over to the country the services of these men for the things they can do. If the War Department would frankly recognize the colleges as repositories of officer material, our Committee could readily recommend a workable plan for maintaining military instruction in the schools. It is hoped that the War Department will take favorable action regarding the Committee's recommendation in the near future.

Dr. Myers: Would that catch all men 18 years of age?

President Campbell: Would some of these men be left at their homes?

Dr. Capen: They might be sent to college or not, at their option, but it places them all under the direction of the Government.

Dr. Capen: There is a bill which I assisted in preparing for Representative Sears of Florida. This bill proposes the appropriating of enough money by the Government to state institutions to provide 200 scholarships each year of about \$200 each from the Federal Government, to be matched by an additional \$100, from the states, on condition that all students who benefit by this aid be placed under rigorous military training fitting them to become officers on their graduation. Mr. Sears regards it as a substitute for the Chamberlain universal military proposal. Before I attempted to put the gentleman's thoughts in bill form, I wrote a memorandum opposing the bill. My general position is that, in the first place, any such great volume of Federal aid is wholly unnecessary to get the thing that is wanted. You can get the training with one-fifth the sum or less. Second, it applies only to state institutions, and third, it has no provision for women. I do not believe the bill will get very far.

President MacCracken: May I raise the question we spoke of earlier in the meeting about getting Dr. Capen to help us in preparing a study showing the present educational activities of the Government?

President Cowling: We appointed a committee yesterday in cooperation with the N. E. A. Joint Commission to work with you, if you are willing, in preparing a survey of the present relationship between the various Governmental agencies and all sorts of educational institutions.

Dr. Capen: If you care to let your motion stand in the form of a request, I will keep in touch with it and see that somebody does it.

President MacCracken: I wish to ask whether there is any association in existence that represents the technical schools, like Pratt Institute, Armour Institute, etc., that are not in public school or college categories.

Dr. Capen: I do not know of any. We have a list of 81 private trade schools. There are about 125 corporation schools.

There followed an informal discussion of the agitation to abolish the study of German in our schools and colleges. No formal action was taken,

Dr. Capen was obliged to withdraw from the meeting at this point.

PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEES

The motion of Professor Tyler prevailed:

That Committee appointments be not restricted to members of the Council, but include, when desirable, any member of any institution associated with one of the organizations cooperating with the Emergency Council.

DIVISION OF COLLEGE YEAR

There followed a discussion of the tri-mester plan of dividing the college year, but no formal action was taken.

QUESTION OF SPRING MEETING OF EDUCATORS

Attention was called to the provision of our by-laws fixing the third Friday in May as the day for the annual meeting of the Council. This brings this meeting on the second day of the Convention of the League to Enforce Peace, to be held in Philadelphia on May 16-18, 1918.

There followed an informal discussion as to whether it would be wise to call a general meeting of college and university people this spring, either in connection with the meeting of the League to Enforce Peace, or independent of it.

The Council did not go on record as to whether or not it would be desirable to hold such a meeting of college and university representatives.

On motion of Professor Tyler:

It was agreed that in case such a meeting should be determined upon, it would be desirable "to reach an understanding with the League to Enforce Peace in connection with their program," but for the Council to hold an independent session.

The Chairman of the Council was instructed to take the matter up with the Secretary of the League to Enforce Peace and to refer the whole question in due time, by letter, to the members of the Council.

CONFERENCE WITH PROFESSOR STRAYER

Professor G. D. Strayer, Chairman of the N. E. A. Joint Commission, joined the Council at this point and made the following statement concerning the work of his Commission:

"So far as I am able to judge from the program you have proposed, there can be the very heartiest sort of cooperation betwen our groups. I feel perfectly certain that if we are to get the action we desire, every group should be able to agree on certain big, fundamental issues. At one of our sub-committee meetings last week we had the national representative of the National Child Labor group present. I have asked for the appointment of a committee by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. I am sure we shall want to be in contact with the labor people and with various other organizations—in order that we may come before the country and Congress with one program and not with five. There is no possibility

of either impressing the country with the validity of our programs or getting action in Congress except as we are able to stand together. If I am correctly informed, we have cross membership. We have representatives of this group on the joint commission and I think they will also be able to represent the point of view and findings and program which we are developing. I think it is particularly fortunate that this group is to have its representatives here in Washington, and that we will have our representatives here. I personally expect to be here one-half of the time indefinitely, the N. E. A. headquarters are here constantly.

There are four or five issues which seem to us to be very important and on which we are at work:

The first has to do with the training of teachers. We feel there is not much possibility of meeting the present emergency or providing anything like an adequate scheme of public education without attacking with a great deal more vigor the problem of the training of teachers. More than half the teachers in the United States are there by grace of having passed a certain examination without background in training or experience. We must wage a campaign that will last until we get established in the public mind the idea that all persons who come into the school room to teach should be trained.

Our second undertaking, and one that we feel is quite as important, is the problem that is sometimes spoken of as the problem of Americanism, the problem of seeing to it that every American boy and girl is taught in the English tongue, and that those who are unable to read English be taught to read. Immigrant education and illiterate adult education constitute distinct problems. I represent the group correctly when I say we will do everything in our power to place before the American people the danger that has become almost a catastrophe in allowing thousands of children to be taught in French, in Polish, in German, in all sorts of languages other than English. I do not believe that anywhere in the United States today there will be any very powerful resistence to the suggestion that we must have an American tongue if we would have an American citizenship. With that there is the problem of the adult illiterate, and that needs to be attacked. I have had the experience of going into army camps and seeing men who have been drafted unable to speak or understand commands in English. You can see what a big program there is before us. Now is the strategic time.

Third, there must be some action in the direction of very definite improvement of rural education in the United States. We know that the city schools of the United States have, on the whole, been better than our rural schools. We have assembled the taxables in our cities and having done that, we have proceeded to use that wealth for the sake of the children in the cities and denied the use of wealth to the children outside of our cities. In every reform that has been proposed in the past twenty-five years the cities have fought stubbornly to retain the wealth that they say belongs to them. It may be best attacked as a national problem. We can get a good bit of interest in Congress that rural education should and may be supported nationally. We should certainly work very diligently

first of all to discover some plan that would be sanctioned by those who are expert in the field of public finance and then stand back of it.

Fourth, we are interested in the development of a much more adequate program for the conservation of health and the provision for recreation for our people. We are satisfied that we now have the evidence of failure on the part of society to guard or to provide for what we might call the normal physical development of the youth of the land. It develops into the question of whether or not we cannot capitalize the interest and enthusiasm of the medical profession with their demand for a department of health, and bring together possibly these two lines of thought. We must develop a campaign for public recreation. It seems a most striking fact that in England, the continuation schools, as provided in the Fisher bill, develop the spirit of recreation, music, literature and art contributing to the welfare of the nation. This movement needs to be tied up with the question of public health, because there cannot be anything such as health conceived in the right spirit except as it is connected with the nobler sort of recreation.

Fifth, the problem of training for national service. You know that the Department of Superintendence of the N. E. A. a little over a year ago stood very solidly against the idea that training should begin during the high school period. A great majority of superintendents of schools are opposed to military training in high schools. On the other hand, we went on record in favor of universal training between 19 and 21.

We have a big contribution to make to the meaning of national service, whether repairing an aeroplane or doing any one of the thousand things we find men have to do. We are told that there are forty men behind each man who runs an aeroplane. It is just as important to train the forty as to train the one, and that is fundamentally what universal training involves.

In all of these cases we have set our sub-committees at work. We have asked that they bring into their committee work other committees, other individuals and other organizations wherever they are to be found, in order that we may have a program that represents public opinion and the best thinking. We do not think of ourselves as in any way representing the best thought or the last word or solution. We consider ourselves merely an agency that can operate and act as the clearing house where people can come and argue and upset our points of view because they have a better one, and we confidently believe that we will be able by means of the devotion of a large part of the time of the members of the Commission to this work, to develop possibly in twelve months or less, a program in these fields that I have briefly outlined, that we may put before the country for their consideration. This is the time to do it. Out of it all we believe should emerge action establishing a National Department of Education. We feel that many of the measures that are to be taken to give us a satisfactory scheme of education in this country can only be taken if we get the recognition and support of the national government, and we are quite in accord with the program which this Commission has proposed of going before Congress for the establishment of such a national department.

We have a draft of a bill tentatively drawn up now. It is only when representatives of all the organizations get behind one proposition that we can do the job we have to do. We want to get behind the thing that will have the cordial support of all the groups interested."

President Cowling: Dr. Strayer mentioned the matter of the approach of the Joint Commission to the Federal Department of Labor, the Chamber of Commerce, etc. I suppose there will be no occasion for confusion on the part of the Emergency Council and the Joint Commission in the matter of making separate approaches to various governmental and voluntary agencies.

Professor Strayer: I believe there will be no occasion for any misunderstanding. I have asked that the committees to be appointed by cooperating agencies bear titles quite similar to that of our Joint Commission. I think our title describes the thing I am anxious to have them think about. I think it is likely they will appoint such a committee. It would be well if your requests could be so presented to cooperating agencies that the interests of both the Council and the Joint Commission could be handled by one committee appointed by each of said agencies.

In getting in contact with the Child Labor people, we asked them to report to their trustees or executive committee and we have assurance that they are willing to cooperate, and especially willing to work on the problem of the creation of a Federal department of education, in which they have been interested for some time.

President Cowling: Don't you think it would be well for the Emergency Council to be informed regarding all the important problems undertaken by the Joint Commission in order that methods of practical procedure may be determined upon in joint conference before any movement is actually launched by the Joint Commission?

Professor Strayer: By all means. I am sure there will be no difficulty in our cooperating with the Emergency Council.

President MacCracken: Has your Commission outlined any plan for publicity for stirring up the country at large with regard to the matter of a Federal department of education?

Professor Strayer: We have a committee working on that, enlisting the teaching profession back of the whole movement. Our membership campaign has been launched with the idea of having a great body of people to support the measures advocated by the Joint Commission.

There followed a general discussion of the problems presented by Dr. Strayer, but no further formal action was taken.

PUBLICITY

Moved by President Campbell:

That the Chairman of the Commission and Professor Searson be authorized to give such publicity to the present meeting of the Emergency Council as may be deemed expedient.

MINUTES

President Campbell stated that it would be necessary for him to return to Oregon after the adjournment of the Council,

On motion of President Campbell:

The Chairman of the Council was authorized to put the minutes of the meeting in shape for distribution among the members of the Council, with the understanding that the minutes be officially approved at the next meeting.

The Council adjourned at 12:45 p. m.

DONALD J. COWLING, Chairman. P. L. CAMPBELL, Sec'y-Treas.