

Any legislation to strike down the claims of these Indians, some of which have been reduced to judgment, under the original Indian Claims Commission bill would in effect be destroying vested rights already established by and granted to such tribes. We believe that it is not the intention of any of the national legislators to undertake to legislate so as to destroy vested rights now existing in any claimant against the government.

This group also recommended that the conference go on record asking that a separate state board of Indian Affairs be created by the state legislature for the purpose of coordinating all Indian activities within the State of Oklahoma. After some discussion on the above report, it was moved that it be approved and the conference passed the resolutions as presented by the economical and social welfare group.

REPORT OF THE GROUP ON EDUCATION

The discussion was opened by Dr. M. L. Wardell, of the University of Oklahoma. The discussion leaders were W. Keith Kelley, of Chilocco, presiding as chairman, with the assistance of Acee Blue Eagle, of Okmulgee. Mrs. Frances Oneta Barnes, of Norman, was selected as recorder and Mrs. Marie Hayes, of Muskogee, as reporter. The group discussed the original seven aims presented by Dr. Wardell at the opening of the meeting and made the following resolutions:

1. That a general scholarship for Indian students be established for the State of Oklahoma from federal funds or from individual tribal funds, such as some of the tribes in Oklahoma and other states have already done. This scholarship is to be available to any qualified Indian to attend any school or college of his choice. It was pointed out that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is de-emphasizing loans and are stressing scholarships and