

aspects of Indian ability and talent.

The education report was approved by the conference.

REPORT OF THE GROUP ON THE PRESERVATION OF INDIAN CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

This report was made by Mrs. Eula Looney, of Oklahoma City, acting chairman and reporter of the group. There was considerable discussion by this group on what was meant by the customs and traditions of the American Indian that needed to be preserved. It was finally agreed that the culture of the Indian in his relation to the arts, language, literature, and music should be preserved and those parts of his culture which can and still do contribute a great deal to the culture of this country in general should be encouraged and expanded. This group is not interested in preserving the Indian way of life as it is related to his poor economic condition, his inadequate health facilities, and his poor housing. They want to bring the Indian out of the dugout and the tent and yet retain his wonderful contribution to art and literature, language, and handcraft. They also feel that the Indian should be as free as any other racial group in his use and interpretation of his own culture. A suggestion was made that as many as possible of the older Indians in the country be contacted concerning historical events that they knew during their lifetime in order that complete and correct information can be secured while these older citizens are still living.

The conference then approved the report of this group.

Mr. C. C. Victory, of Tulsa, and Judge N. B. Johnson, of Oklahoma City, gave reports on current legislation affecting the Indians in the United States. They pointed special attention to Resolution 108 concerning the withdrawal of the federal government in its supervision and participation in the welfare of the Indians in general and also to the danger involved in the closing of