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BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

SPECIAL MEETING

(Thursday, February 7, 1946)

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was called by the President of the Board for further discussion concerning the maintenance of the NATTC in Norman. A delegation of a citizens' committee (Norman), had requested a hearing before the Board.

The Board met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 1946, in the office of the President of the University, with the following members present: Regent Hopper, president of the Board, presiding; Regents Wallace, Noble, Deacon, McBride, Shepler. Absent on account of illness, Regent Emery.

The delegation representing the citizens' committee, consisting of Jim Downing, Harold Cooksey, Ed Morton, and Ray Fisher were invited, Mr. Downing acting as spokesman for the delegation.

Mr. Downing expressed appreciation for the opportunity to appear before the Board, the calling of a special meeting, and for the time given by individual members in conferences while being visited by representatives in their home towns.

Mr. Downing made a statement setting forth what in the opinion of the citizens' committee were the advantages of retaining the NATTC. Other members of the committee gave their views. There was a general discussion, following which the delegation retired from the meeting. The delegates expressed appreciation for the cordial reception and hearing, and pledged their wholehearted support of the University in the future, regardless of the Board's decision in the matter.

After further discussion the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLUTION

The Board of Regents has heard numerous delegations and has received many communications from citizens of Norman and from alumni, parents and friends of the University with respect to continuance of the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) immediately adjoining the campus of the University of Oklahoma.

Recognizing the very great interest of business men and others of Norman in maintaining such installation, the Board has

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endeavored to analyze to the fullest extent the effect upon the University and its future.

After the most serious consideration and study, it is still the consensus of opinion of this Board that the maintenance of such close proximity to the campus, of this, or any similar large installation over which the University would have no control, might result in conflicts and grave administrative problems which would tend to hamper the growth and development of the University, in addition to aggravating the serious housing situation which has already necessitated the turning away of more than 750 returning service men.

The Board, therefore, desires to reiterate its position expressed at a previous meeting to the effect that continuance of the naval installation on a permanent basis is not in the best interests of the University of Oklahoma.

It was moved, and voted that the above resolution be adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.