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Mr. Simons. I could not swear to it myself, but I believe sometimes they influence boys not to take part in it.

Representative Carter. But your testimony only goes to certain employes? You do not think the entire force of employes, every one of them, have that feeling?

Mr. Simons. No, sir; I don't think everyone of them, but a few.

The Chairman. Did any one tell you that it would be best not to testify here?

Mr. Simons. Yes, sir; Hill, the boy that just left.

The Chairman. Did he say who told him to say that? Whom did he speak for?

Mr. Simons. You see, he recommended me, but he did not know I was taking part in this, and he said to me, "I know well you are not taking part in this." I suppose he had not attended these meetings, and I did not tell him I was. That is the only reason, if he had asked me I should tell him.

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TESTIMONY OF MONTREVILLE YUDA.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman. Where is your home?

Mr. Yuda. I live near Syracuse, New York.

The Chairman. What business are you in?

Mr. Yuda. I have a restaurant and delicatessen store.

The Chairman. Where is it?

Mr. Yuda. On the other side of the railroad tracks.

The Chairman. Near here?

Mr. Yuda. Within half a mile.

The Chairman. Were you formerly a student here?

Mr. Yuda. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How long were you a student?

Mr. Yuda. I was here a little over five years. I just left in May after graduating last year.

The Chairman. How did you come to leave?

Mr. Yuda. Well, it is because I took the initiative steps in behalf of better conditions on the part of the students in general. The whole trouble has been that the Superintendent had suspected me of being on the inside ---

Representative Carter. On the inside of what?

Mr. Yuda. Of conditions.

Senator Lane. Of the good conditions?

Mr. Yuda. Of the bad conditions. And he thought that such influences as mine was a detriment to the Institution. I went along, drifting, not saying much, but keeping my eyes open. Charges were gotten up against me and they were circulated, and through some friends of mine they put me next to what was going on.

Representative Carter. Who were the friends that put you next?

Mr. Yuda. I would like to withhold that.

Representative Carter. All right.

Mr. Yuda. I was told about this, that it had been conversed in the office what was going on. Immediately on finding that out I appeared before the Disciplinarian, stating I did not think it was right for them to go behind my back and try to bring up anything against me, that I was here, and that they should bring it before my face.

On finding those things were said about me, I went up to

the Superintendent and told him the state of my condition. He said, "Well, I believe those things are so." I said, "Mr. Friedman, will you allow them to prove it? Give me a trial." "No, I do not think it is necessary." "Well, will you allow me to prove them?" "Well, no." "Well", I said "Will you let them stand?" "Yes, I am going to support my disciplinarians in whatever they do, whether they are right or wrong." I said, "Take my name off that roll. I won't have it any longer in an administration where you abridge the right of a fellow having justice."

The Chairman. What were you charged with?

Mr. Yuda. He charged me with never sleeping on the grounds, that I was in hotels every night. I defied him---

The Chairman. What were the facts about that?

Mr. Yuda. There was no facts about it. That is what they could not prove.

The Chairman. I do not care about what they could not prove. As a matter of fact, did you sleep away from the school frequently?

Mr. Yuda. Never slept away from the school, only on occasions I left the city with the people I was working with, making ice cream, never have I slept away from this institution. I had the night watchman, I had the inspectors, I had my room mates, I had all the boys at my table in the mess ---

The Chairman. You were prepared to prove that the charge was untrue?

Mr. Yuda. Untrue, and he would not prove them, so I was willing to prove them. I told him to take my name off, and he said, "I will consider that." In the meantime, Gus Welch and several boys had gotten together. I said, "Boys,

I am going to go to Washington. I said, "I am not going to see Mr. Abbott; it is useless for the students to write to Mr. Abbott. How many complaints have been sent in that he will not recognize and I am going to go above his head. I will see the Secretary of the Interior."

823 Well, this petition was gotten out, but nobody dared to sign his name to that. The moment you took the initiative step, out you went as an undesirable student from the Institution. I knew it was only a matter of a few days before I would get my pink slip, and while I was here I was going to do what I could to better conditions, if I was to be a martyr. I appealed to Congressman Rupley in Washington, and received a card from him which I presented before the First Assistant of Secretary Lane -- Mr. Myer, I think.

He made arrangements for me to see the Secretary, and at that time this land proposition, concerning Japan and California, was before the Cabinet, and it was an early meeting that morning of the Cabinet. The same morning I had a meeting with Secretary Lane at ten o'clock, and he went to the meeting to hear what Mr. Bryan had to say. I found I could not stay any longer, because my finances were going very low, and it would mean for me to stay over tomorrow, which I could not have done, so I brought the petition then before Mr. Myer and stated also about the strapping of the students here and the licking of the boys there who were placed in the guardhouse, by the employes.

Representative Carter. How often is that done?

Mr. Yuda. That is very seldom done here. I have never known that done before.

The Chairman. What incident do you refer to?

Representative Carter. When you say "strapping of the boys" what do you mean?

Mr. Yuda. You see, I had that in the petition. I brought it before Mr. Myer, and Mr. Myer looked that over. It also stated about opening the students' mail here. If mail would come here in the name of a boy, at the will of Mr. Friedman he would tear it open.

Representative Carter. How many times did he do that?

Mr. Yuda. A number of times.

Representative Carter. Give us the instances of it.

Mr. Yuda. If I could recall -- I never carry any notes or anything to place those things down. I can recall of an instance that he opened Grover Allen's letters on two occasions, taking out a check. I think they had notified the boy about it. I think the Indian agent from Oklahoma notified him. They have never sent him any of that money.

Representative Carter. Give us the other one.

Mr. Yuda. Edward Fox, and I have known of George Manawa.

Representative Carter. Were there any others?

Mr. Yuda. I would like to give them to you, but I cannot recollect. I have never thought of that before, but there is fully twenty or twenty-five, possibly thirty, that the students here can give you, of opening their mail. Now, it appeared here that some of these boys wrote to Washington, and the Postmaster General got after Mr. Friedman for this.

Now, I also stated about the bank books to Mr. Myer, to refer to Mr. Lane. Now, the idea of a student here -- go to any student around here, and say, "How much money have

you got in the bank?" He says, "I don't know." They don't know. Ask them what interest -- they know ^{what} interest they should get on the dollar, but the question is as to how much they get. They do not know. They have no way of keeping it. They have no bank book to keep track of their money.

Representative Carter. Did you have money when you were here?

Mr. Yuda. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Did you have it in the bank?

Mr. Yuda. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Did the bank pay interest on it?

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Mr. Yuda. That I don't know. I don't think I ever got a cent of interest.

Representative Carter. Did you take the pains to find out from Mr. Friedman?

Mr. Yuda. Oh, no. Mr. Friedman don't have anything to do with that.

Representative Carter. Who does?

Mr. Yuda. Mr. Miller, the banker.

Representative Carter. Did you try to find out from Mr. Miller?

Mr. Yuda. No, sir.

Representative Carter. Is Mr. Miller here?

Mr. Yuda. He does not stay on the grounds.

Representative Carter. He is a banker downtown?

Mr. Yuda. No, he is the banker here.

Representative Carter. Did you never try to find out from him how much money you had?

Mr. Yuda. No, sir. Oh, I would go up occasionally to find out how much I had.

Representative Carter. Well, would he refuse to tell you?

Mr. Yuda. No, I don't think he ever refused.

Representative Carter. He would always tell you how much money you had?

Mr. Yuda. Yes, he would show me.

Representative Carter. Then what is wrong about it?

Mr. Yuda. Here is the point. If a student has money down there in that bank he should certainly keep track of his own matters and not leave it to him.

Representative Carter. The student should keep track?

Mr. Yuda. Yes.

Representative Carter. Is the banker to blame because the student does not do that?

Mr. Yuda. Who is to blame?

Representative Carter. The student, I should think.

Mr. Yuda. Why not issue him a bank book?

Representative Carter. Did you ask for a bank book?

Mr. Yuda. What good would it do?

Representative Carter. How do you know what good it would do? Did you ask for a bank book?

Mr. Yuda. No, sir; I never asked for any.

Representative Carter. Now then, you are blaming somebody for not giving you a bank book when you did not ask for it.

Mr. Yuda. I think we had bank books once. We had bank books at one time here. They were withdrawn from the students, taken away from them.

Representative Carter. You have not any complaint to make about their being withdrawn unless you made some effort

to get them?

The Chairman. When were they withdrawn?

Mr. Yuda. They were withdrawn, I think, after two years' of Mr. Friedman's administration.

The Chairman. How were they withdrawn?

Mr. Yuda. Taken in.

Representative Stephens. They ceased issuing them?

Mr. Yuda. Ceased issuing them. That money for two or three years was kept by the banker. No doubt it was kept all right. But you ask any student how much interest money have they got, ask any of these. Nobody knows.

Representative Carter. Did you take any occasion to try to find out why the bank books were withdrawn?

Mr. Yuda. No, I never took that step. I was supposed to be on the inside of things, and if I took that step I would not be here today.

Representative Carter. Do you really think that if you went up and asked why they would have expelled you?

Mr. Yuda. It is hard to say. They have expelled fellows for less things than that.

Representative Carter. For what?

Mr. Yuda. Well, when they wrote.

Representative Carter. Of course, we do not approve of that, but there would be no man so foolish, I think, as to expel anybody, to take the chance of expelling a boy and losing his position for the simple reason that he asked why he did not give him a bank book.

Mr. Yuda. I give you an instance. Just two or three weeks ago a boy was expelled here. What was he expelled for?

"You are loafing". The true fact of it was the boy was absent half an hour.

The Chairman. Who was that?

Mr. Yuda. Louis Schweigman. The true fact is he was absent half an hour from his work.

Representative Carter. You cannot deny that loafing ought to be in violation of the rules. Now, you are coming to another point, the fact whether he loafed or not. The mere asking for a book, Mr. Yuda, would not cause a boy to be expelled, I do not think.

Mr. Yuda. No; I don't know whether it would or not, but I never took the chance.

The Chairman. After you left here what happened? You went away from here. Did you have any further transactions with Superintendent Friedman?

Mr. Yuda. Yes, sir; I did. I left Carlisle and I went home and stayed home a couple of days, and I came back. In the meantime I had a job working. Right after I graduated I stayed here at school with the intentions of Mr. Friedman — he had made several promises he would send me to Conway Hall, that he wanted me to become a lawyer, and he would do all these things for me. When the time came he did not do it.

So I went and got a position here, a place I had worked four years during my vacations. I had learned to make ice cream, and took charge of a plant. In the meantime, while I was expelled I was working there. I went home and came back to my job right away. I went to work. Mr. Friedman was wise that I was there. He drove down there in his team, and demanded that I should leave. He told my boss that I should be dis-

missed at once, that if he would hold me there he would dis-
continue the use of his ice cream on his grounds.

The Chairman. How do you know?

Mr. Yuda. I heard him. I heard the boss say it. Now, the boss told Mr. Friedman — I was within five or six yards from him listening. He said, "What is the matter with Yuda? We always found him to be a fine boy. I never could bring anything against him. He has worked here for me for four years." "Well, I tell you his influence in this town is a detriment to the institution." "In what way?" "Why, he has a tendency to have the boys rebel when they are enjoying fine privileges over there." "Well," he says, "You are the only one I ever heard speak of it. The other students don't say anything like that."

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Well, my boss told me this about the affair, and told me that I would have to go, but it was hard, and to stick around a while in the town and as soon as things quieted down I could come back and always find a job with him. Then I made a proposition with my boss that if I would use his ice cream wagon I would get customers. I would run a horse and buy the ice cream from him, and go and make a living for myself on my own hook.

This was accepted by my boss, and everything went along for three or four weeks, and there was no doubt that he had somebody about looking me up. He appeared there just when I was hitching my team to go out, and he drove there with his black team, and he got out, and he said, "Now, look here. I thought I told you about letting this young man go." "Well, he is not working for me now; he is working for himself." "Well, I don't want you to sell him any ice cream. That is

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just the same as you having him working here."

Now, mind you, sir, in this town I was a graduate of this institution. I had defied them to bring anything against me. I had tried to play the part of a man, and have kept my head above board, because right under the shadow of this institution as my guidance I want to be a credit to the institution and to the Indian, and there was nobody that could have turned me aside. But right in the town was boys that had been former students of this school three years ago that were in the lowest places of the town, drinking and carousing, and he knew that because the policemen came to him on occasions and appealed to him. Now, he came to me and kept me from my bread and butter, and he allowed such a fellow which was a disgrace to the institution to have the right under the shadow of the institution.

The Chairman. What is the name of your employer?

Mr. Yuda. B. W. Hostler.

Representative Stephens. What is the name of the Indian that was drunk?

Mr. Yuda. John McGinnis.

He discouraged me. He got me to a state that I did not know what to do. Whether he did it or not, this action of the disciplinarian --- I think it comes directly from him, because he would not take any such authority as to go around and get a policeman to watch me and have them try to lead me to things and get up a lot of stuff that is rotten and no truth to it whatever. And when I found out that they had such a thing as an affidavit, I knew my conscience was clear, and I said, "You have got an affidavit for me; arrest me." He said, "What affidavit have I got?" I said, "I know you have; arrest me." 112

He said, "Well, I have just a little stuff that the people have said." He knew it was so, but they refused to push it because they knew it was all false. If they had ever brought that up I do not think you gentlemen would have been here tonight, because I would have told the court.

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Now, while those things were against me I was brought to this judge, and the detective says, "Why, I have investigated the conditions of this young man, and found out they are not so as they have been stated to you." The detective told this to the judge. The judge saw me — Mr. Sadler. He said, "Young man, do you think it is very good for you to stand here and fight against the wishes of Mr. Friedman?" "Don't you think it is best for you to leave the community and go elsewhere and get a start?" I says, "Your honor, I think that while I am under the guidance of this institution, under the very door of it, if I should feel it would be there to guide me, that the influence of the faculty here would always keep my head up and above board." I says, "If I could not make a start here, why I could not make a start a thousand miles away from here." I said, "I was working for a man here four years, and I am still on the job, and he is a man that any amount of money has been left in my hands" —

The Chairman. What did they charge you with?

Mr. Yuda. They never pushed the charges.

The Chairman. How did they get you before the court?

Mr. Yuda. I appealed to the detective to arrest me and that he had a warrant. He denied having one. He said, "I will just take you up here, and we will talk to the judge." He was in his office at the time.

The Chairman. What court is he judge of?

Mr. Yuda. Cumberland County; the county court.

The Chairman. He advised you to leave?

Mr. Yuda. Yes.

Representative Stephens. What is the judge's name?

Mr. Yuda. Judge Sadler.

The Chairman. You did not leave?

Mr. Yuda. No, sir.

The Chairman. Was there any further effort to throw you out of employment?

Mr. Yuda. Yes, sir. He then told my boss that nobody in town would hire me. And it is true enough, for I never went around for it, but I left the town —

The Chairman. Where did you go?

Mr. Yuda. I went to Chambersburg, and took charge of a much larger ice cream plant.

The Chairman. How long did you stay there?

Mr. Yuda. I stayed there August and September.

The Chairman. You were not disturbed there?

Mr. Yuda. No, sir, and they did not know my whereabouts. Now, I was telling you what the judge told me.—

The Chairman. I think we have had enough of that.

Mr. Yuda. I want to tell you where they went to work and would not interfere with me. He said to me, "Young man,"— I told him, "Your honor, you will stand by your convictions when you know you are right." He says, "Yes." I said, "So will I. You don't know the conditions between Mr. Friedman and me." And I explained to him. He says, "Young man, you stay here in this town. I am through with you. You stay

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right here and make a man of yourself." And there has not been any trouble since that time.

Representative Carter. Had you been coming to the school or having any communication with the boys at the time Mr. Friedman went down to your boss and told him he must fire you?

Mr. Yuda. No, sir; that was only three days after I had arrived back.

Representative Carter. Had the boys been coming to you?

Mr. Yuda. None whatever.

Representative Carter. You had not been trying to incite any trouble with the boys?

Mr. Yuda. I kept myself clear of anybody from the school, because I did not want anybody know I was in the town.

Representative Carter. And you have not ever since you left the town taken part in any movement against the faculty?

Mr. Yuda. I have always stood for the right.

Representative Carter. But that does not answer the question. Have you ever since then taken any part in any movement against the faculty?

Mr. Yuda. Not directly.

Representative Carter. What do you mean?

Mr. Yuda. I mean I did not oppse them directly. When things were brought to me, when the boys would ask me something, I would say, "The best thing to do is to go to your superintendent." They say to me, "He won't reason with us." It is true; it is the same in my case.

Representative Carter. Have you in any way been a disturbing element in the school since you left it?

Mr. Yuda. No, sir.

Representative Carter. You do not have any malice in your breast for Mr. Friedman?

Mr. Yuda. No, sir; not since I left the school.

All the female witnesses present were duly sworn by the Chairman.

TESTIMONY OF MISS ROSE LYONS.

The Chairman. You are one of the committee representing the young lady students in Carlisle Institute who wish to present some matters to the Commission?

Miss Lyons. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Very well. You may proceed and make your statement.

Miss Lyons. I took up about expelling some of the girls. It has been this last year where there has been more girls expelled for less reason, and they have kept girls here that ought to have been sent away. Last spring there was a girl — she never did anything out of the way or anything, but she was full of mischief.

The Chairman. What is her name?

Miss Lyons. Minnie Bouncer. She was sent home.

Senator Lane. Where?

Miss Lyons. To her home in South Dakota.

Senator Lane. Where are you from?

Miss Lyons. Minnesota. The head ~~xxx~~ ^{matron} told her that she was going home, and perhaps in two or three months when she improved her conduct she could come back. She did not tell her that she was expelled. But the girl told her she would