

Mr. Broker. My estimation is they do not regard him very highly. They did when he first came here, and that was four years ago, last December, but from then on I have noticed that the discipline in general has been lowering gradually, and it was through all this, just what I have stated.

The Chairman. Have you talked with any one what your statement would be here? Have you talked with Mr. Linen?

Mr. Broker. No, sir; I never -- I did not speak to Mr. Linen.

TESTIMONY OF ZEPANIAH SIMONS.

The witness was reminded that he had been sworn.

Senator Lane. Where are you from?

Mr. Simons. Massachusetts.

Senator Lane. What do you represent?

Mr. Simons. I was supposed to take part in the discipline, with Mr. Broker.

Senator Lane. What have you to say in reference to that?

Mr. Simons. I think myself like this: I was supposed to take part in the discipline part of this question. At that time I was a student, but since then I have been made a kind of employe, and it kind of makes feeling -- makes the employes -- anyway, as Mr. Broker was on discipline he got into the matter, and I thought I would keep out of it myself, but as the boys liked for me to come up here ---

Senator Lane. Are you an employe?

Mr. Simons. I am supposed to be an employe.

Senator Lane. What are you doing?

Mr. Simons. I take care of athletic goods, and the quarters.

Senator Lane. You are not attending school any more?

Mr. Simons. Yes, sir, I am attending school, but I am supposed to be an employe. My time of schooling is not out. I have three more years to go to school here.

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The Chairman. How much compensation do you receive, and ^{who} ~~how~~ pays you?

Mr. Simons. I thought at first that the money that was paid for the one that took care of the athletic goods and quarters would come out of the athletic money, but I looked into the matter and found out the money comes really from the Government, and they pay \$25 a month for taking care of that place.

The Chairman. They pay a student then out of the Government funds \$25 a month for taking care of the athletic goods?

Mr. Simons. Athletic goods and the quarters the boys are in.

The Chairman. Have they been paying students heretofore for that work?

Mr. Simons. Why, you see, my time is really up at school and I can go outside if I wish. But first I would like to stay and finish my schooling, and I have not signed again for another term. I was here and had not signed, and so they wished me to take that place, and that is the way I happened to get it.

The Chairman. Tell us anything that you think we ought to be informed of.

Mr. Simons. In regard to discipline?

Senator Lane. Anything you please.

The Chairman. Athletics.

Mr. Simons. As I have stated before, I thought myself it was best to keep out of it.

Senator Lane. Best for whom?

Mr. Simons. Best for myself to keep out of it.

The Chairman. What facts do you know?

Mr. Simons. I could not say, really. I was put on discipline.

The Chairman. Is the discipline in the school satisfactory to you?

Mr. Simons. No, sir; the discipline is not satisfactory.

The Chairman. How long have you been studying in school?

Mr. Simons. Since October 15, 1908.

The Chairman. Is it as good now as when you came?

Mr. Simons. At that time the discipline was more military, you know.

The Chairman. Is it as good now as it was?

Mr. Simons. It is not near as good.

Senator Lane. How old are you?

Mr. Simons. Twenty-four years old.

The Chairman. In what respects is it worse now than when you first came here?

Mr. Simons. Well, at the time when I first came here it was military. What I mean to say is---they had officers, you know, and the disciplinarian himself was a military man. He was an Indian --- Mr. Venn. He understood the ways to arrange the officers and wherein to take care of the discipline, whereas today the discipline has fallen off on account of not handling the students right, I should think. Say, for instance, the officers held up the discipline at that time, and being dissatisfaction among the student

body and not getting justice by the head, it has formed doing discontent among the whole student body, and by this they have lost control of the officers of the school.

The Chairman. What evidence of disorder have you observed in the school recently?

Mr. Simons. I do not understand you.

The Chairman. What lack of discipline do you see?

Mr. Simons. Well, I see boys occasionally drink once in a while.

The Chairman. Is there more drunken ~~men~~^{men} now than there was when you first came here, Mr. Simons?

Mr. Simons. Oh, yes, a good bit more; I should think a good bit more than when I first came here. When I first came here the discipline was good. It seems like everybody had something to do, you know, to take up their time.

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The Chairman. Under the old system the students were relied upon, through the military organizations in the school, to help enforce order and preserve order? And that has been abandoned, has it?

Mr. Simons. It has not been abandoned.

The Chairman. But it has been relaxed?

Mr. Simons. Relaxed, I should think.

The Chairman. Now, have you seen the students display evidences of disrespect towards the Superintendent?

Mr. Simons. Well, I have been among the student body, but I could not say who it came from.

The Chairman. From the student body, if you want to term it that. Have you seen them show disrespect toward the Superintendent?

Mr. Simons. Yes, I have.

The Chairman. On many occasions?

Mr. Simons. Quite frequently.

The Chairman. Do you know whether it is ^e fact or not that the student body as a whole do disrespect the Superintendent?

Mr. Simons. Yes, the student body as a whole -- all the boys; I could not say about the girls, of course.

The Chairman. Are there any young men of good standing in the school who are the friends of the Superintendent and who respect him and try to help him along?

Mr. Simons. I myself was speaking about as far as respect was concerned -- I don't think they show much respect towards him.

Representative Stephens. Do you think it is possible for this present Superintendent to restore order in the school and build it up?

Mr. Simons. I think he could not have any influence at all on the student body if he were to stay here. I think if he were to stay here it would be worse.

Representative Stephens. And you think it would get worse than it now is if he remained?

Mr. Simons. I do. I really think it would.

The Chairman. Have you talked with Mr. Warner recently?

Mr. Simons. Yes, I have.

The Chairman. Have you talked with him about testifying here?

Mr. Simons. Yes, that was the reason I did not want to testify here, because the fellow that was taking care of this place over here he left, and -- of course, he did not ask me, but he asked through him if I was taking part in

this work, and he told him -- he said, "Mr. Simons is a quiet fellow; he never says nothing and never does anything, and I don't think he is taking part in this." But he did not tell him to ask me if I were, so I did not say anything. Of course, if he had asked me I should have told him yes.

The Chairman. Did Mr. Warner talk to you about your testimony here?

Mr. Simons. No, he did not ask me. The only thing I know is that Clement Hill that used to be over there -- Mr. Friedman called him up to the office and asked who was going to take the place, and he said he had recommended me. Mr. Friedman asked Clement then -- he did not think I would make a very good one on account I was taking part in this trouble towards the head of the school, you know. So Clement says
815 he did not think I were. He said, "I will take your word for it." He told Clement, but he did not ask me.

Senator Lane. How long have you been occupying this position?

Mr. Simons. Well, I have just been in there since Monday, but I knew was going to get it for two weeks. I thought the best thing for me to do afterwards was to keep quiet, not because I was afraid or anything, but just because I thought it would be -- I don't know what you call it.

The Chairman. You thought it would be good policy?

Mr. Simons. Yes.

Representative Carter. Mr. Warner did not tell you not to testify?

Mr. Simons. He did not ask me to.

Representative Carter. He did not ask you to or not to?

Mr. Simons. He never said anything to me regarding

this at all only through Clement.

The Chairman. Did you see him today about testifying here tonight?

Mr. Simons. No, I did not, because one of the boys out here, one of the officers, brought around a slip of paper, and said he would like for me to be here at six o'clock.

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Senator Lane. These gentlemen here ---

Mr. Simons. No, he is outside.

Senator Lane. These gentlemen here selected you to accompany them?

Mr. Simons. I do not know who selected me. I know we had a meeting one night, and my name was on a slip. Of course, I was willing to take part in it myself at that time, but I thought it best afterwards not to on account of this.

Representative Carter. You did not want to take chances of your job?

Mr. Simons. No, not that ---

Representative Carter. That was a pretty good thing to do.

Senator Lane. You felt that inasmuch as you were working for the Institution it would not be quite proper?

Mr. Simons. That is the idea.

Senator Lane. I think probably you are right about that, too.

Mr. Simons. Because it did not make very good feeling, being among the employes.

Senator Lane. No, nor does it look well for you to be in here while the students are giving their evidence. Had

you thought of that?

Mr. Simons. Yes, sir; I thought of it.

The Chairman. How did the students happen to come here, represented by committees on the part of the young men in the school and young ladies in the school?

Mr. Simons. I believe first there was talk among the boys that we should have a meeting, so one night we came from the dining room, and we all marched right up here in troops and we all came in here. Then we selected a president to take charge of the meeting. So the president was chosen, and I suppose he and his associates at that time selected the ones they thought could represent the school.

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The Chairman. The action then was spontaneous on the part of the students themselves, and arose from their dissatisfaction with conditions that existed in and about the school?

Mr. Simons. Arose from their dissatisfaction -- I could not say what you call it; the dissatisfaction of the school, the way the things are carried on.

The Chairman. Now, have you seen or interviewed the Inspector for the Government, Mr. Linⁿen?

Mr. Simons. No, sir.

The Chairman. I want to ask, in this connection, of the young ladies and young gentlemen who are here representing the meeting that has been spoken of, whether they have conversed with Mr. Linⁿen or told him what their testimony or statements would be. If any of you have we would be glad to know it. Mr. Yuda, and Mr. Chase? The others say they have not, I believe.

Mr. Chase. We asked him when this was going to be.

The Chairman. I asked which of you had made statements to Mr. Linnen as to what your testimony was going to be.

A Young Lady. Miss Patten and I told Mr. Linnen -- we asked him how we should carry on our part and what was expected of us, and he told us to give only the facts, and they were to be true, and everything we brought up was to be true. We got permission from him to carry on our meetings without the matron. The first meeting we had was with a number of girls, about fifty, and that fifty selected a committee to represent them, and we are the six here, and we have investigated as far as we could.

818 Representative Carter. You did not talk to Mr. Linnen about what you would testify to when you came here?

A Young Lady. No, sir; he just told us to look into the matter; that was all.

Representative Carter. You did not tell him what you were going to say.

A Young Lady. No, sir.

Representative Carter. And he did not tell you what to say?

The Chairman. What I am trying to find out is whether Mr. Linnen has been unduly active in obtaining testimony.

Mr. Yuda. In reference to me, I raised my hand. I spoke of conditions that existed, but I did not tell him what I was going to say, ~~immediately~~

The Chairman. He did not make any suggestion to you?

Mr. Yuda. Nothing whatever.

The Chairman. You did not detail to him your testimony?

Mr. Yuda. Not all of it. I just gave him an outline as to my personal trouble.

Mr. Chase. I had spoken to Mr. Linnen, telling him that there was a committee, and each one had a subject, and my subject was expulsions. And he told me to get the facts and tell the truth about everyone.

The Chairman. You came to Mr. Linnen first?

Mr. Chase. No, sir.

The Chairman. I thought you said you had spoken to him and told him there was a committee?

Mr. Chase. I did.

The Chairman. So he told you to get the facts and present them?

Mr. Chase. I told him what my duty was on the committee, and he said to get the real facts and the truth.

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Senator Lane. Did Mr. Warner suggest to you or tell you it would be better for you not to be seen here tonight?

Mr. Simons. No. I know it is ^{the} feeling amongst the ~~members~~ employes not to do that.

Senator Lane. Mr. Warner did not tell you to do that?

Mr. Simons. No.

Senator Lane. He did not suggest it?

Mr. Simons. He did not suggest it to me, you know.

Senator Lane. Who did.

Mr. Simons. Mr. Hill, you know, the fellow that was before me; he told me about this. He said it was best not to take part in this if we were wishing to be there.

Senator Lane. That was just friendly advice on his part?

Mr. Simons. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. All the employes do not share that feeling, do they, that you should not testify before

this ~~Committee~~ *Commission*

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.