



Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regents of the University of California, Regular Session, October 21, 1949

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This excerpt from the meeting minutes includes a list of attendees and only those sections that pertain to the loyalty oath controversy. Page numbers reflect those of the original source. Missing words, misspellings, and other typographical errors found in the original are followed by bracketed notes.

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San Francisco
October 21, 1949

A meeting of The Regents of the University of California was held this day at 2:00 p.m. in 910 Crocker Building.

Present: Regents Ahlport, Collins, Ehrman, Fenston, Fleishhacker, Giannini, Griffiths, Hale, Harrison, Heller, Jordan, Knight, Merchant, Neylan, Pauley, Sproul, Teague and Dickson (18).

In attendance: Mr. John E. Canaday, Secretary and Treasurer Underhill, Comptroller Corley, Attorney Calkins, Assistant Secretary Woolman, Engineer Weaver, Mr. Maynard Morris of the Office of Public Information, and Professors E. O. Lawrence and Luis Alvarez.

Regent Dickson in the Chair.

On behalf of The Regents, the Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. John E. Canaday, President of the UCLA Alumni Association, who was invited to attend meetings of the Board pursuant to a resolution adopted on August 26, 1949 under which the alumni president, who is not a Regent, was granted the privilege of attending meetings, but without the privilege of the floor.

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COMMUNICATIONS PERTAINING TO LOYALTY OATH REQUIREMENTS:

14. (a.) The President presented a resolution adopted by the Southern California Chapter, Knights of Columbus, expressing its approval of the position taken by The Regents in demanding a test of loyalty from professors of the University. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto in accordance with the Chairman's direction that copies be sent to each member of the Board. See below.

(b.) The Secretary reported the receipt of letters from the following persons commending The Regents for their stand in connection with the loyalty oath requirement:

- R. B. MacBride, Modesto, California
- C. Madsen, Live Oak, California

The Doctor Parker Forem, La Jolla, California
C. L. Morse, Burlingame, California
Ruth Pritchard, Santa Ana, California

Members of the Department of Architecture and Engineering at the Los Angeles Campus
and a letter from Edith S. Jennings of Larkspur, California protesting the loyalty oath requirement.

The Board directed that these communications be filed.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER 850 South Bonnie
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October 12, 1949

University of California at Los Angeles
West Los Angeles, California

Attention: Pres. Sproul and Board of Regents

Dear Sirs:

WHEREAS, We view with repugnance and alarm the incomprehensible behavior of certain members of the faculty of our State University, who wish to qualify their pledge of allegiance to our Country by declining to repudiate the un-American philosophy of Communism, and

WHEREAS, We regard such action as a brazen exposition of disloyalty to our Country and its welfare, which causes the callow inexperienced undergraduates such as the U.C.L.A. student executive committee to have the effrontery to support such action, and

WHEREAS, As loyal citizens and taxpayers whose tax money is the support of our State University, we desire to remind both professors and students that we cannot afford to have our hard earned money frustrated by the bauble of "academic freedom," NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Southern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, composed of twenty-nine Councils representing more than seven thousand members, approve most heartily the position taken by the Board of Regents of the University and President Sproul in demanding the test of unequivocal loyalty and a repudiation of all un-American or anti-American principles by all professors of the University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any member of the faculty of our State University who refuses to give a pledge of unadulterated loyalty be eliminated from the pay-roll, and that such request and recommendation be conveyed to the proper authorities at our State University.

Above resolution was unanimously adopted by Southern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus at its monthly meeting on October 7.

/S/ Frank C. Meyers

President

Frank X. Blackwell

Secretary