Mr. LINTHICUM, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 267]

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred the resolution (H. J. Res. 267) authorizing the call of a conference on education, rehabilitation, reclamation, and recreation at Honolulu, Hawaii, having had the same under consideration, reports thereon with the recommendation that the resolution do pass without amendment.

Attached hereto are letters from the Secretary of the Interior, the secretary to the President, and the Governor of Hawaii, the Hon. W. R. Farrington, with a preliminary sketch of what is planned, as prepared by the Commissioner of Education, J. J. Tigert.

WASHINGTON, May 8, 1926.

Hon. HIRAM BINGHAM,
United States Senate.

MY DEAR SENATOR BINGHAM: The Pan Pacific conference on education, rehabilitation, reclamation, and recreation contemplated in Joint Resolution 104 that you have introduced will, in my opinion, bring about one of the most important and effective international assemblies that has ever been held in the great Pacific area.

I sincerely hope that the Members of Congress will act favorably upon this measure, so that there will be ample time for thorough preparation for the conference to be held about a year hence.

Honolulu has been the center of a number of conferences—scientific, educational, and commercial—held during recent years under private auspices. Each of these conferences has brought into contact representatives from nearly all of the countries of the Pacific, and valuable service has been rendered the cause of better understanding and the assistance gained through exchange of ideas on common problems. A conference called by the Secretary of the Interior would immediately enlist the unhesitating interest of the officials and leading authorities in the principal countries of the Pacific, thereby bringing together for conference the outstanding leaders engaged in the activities mentioned.

Education naturally holds first position because the facility of speech and the uniformity of educational methods must have first place in the promotion of understanding between peoples of varying race and language. Education plays
an important part in fostering friendly associations resulting from extension of trade and transportation. It is contemplated that special attention should be devoted to vocational education, so that ideas obtained from the representatives of various countries may be made use of for development at home.

Hawaii has always been recognized as an interesting laboratory where the influence of education and friendly race associations have been evidenced under most favorable circumstances. Rehabilitation and reclamation comprehend the efforts that are being made in nearly every country bordering on the Pacific to attract those qualified to occupy agricultural lands, and, through cooperation of the Government agencies, make available for cultivation land areas hitherto regarded as waste. Australia, New Zealand, Canada, some of the South American countries, Japan, and China have departments of Government engaged in working out this problem. Hawaii has within its borders interesting demonstrations under both public and private auspice, including the extensive irrigation works and land-settlement projects.

Under the broad title of recreation it is planned to include national parks, their establishment and control for public service. The Hawaii National Park furnishes a nucleus about which the specialists from our own country, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, China, and other nations of the Pacific area may appropriately assemble and gain much benefit through exchange of experiences.

I inclose herewith a preliminary sketch outlined by Commissioner of Education J. J. Tigert, of the Interior Department. This gives a very complete summary of what is planned.

The time of year for holding the conference is exceptionally well adapted to the convenience of those who would naturally be expected to attend. In addition to the already very adequate transportation facilities now available for trans-Pacific travel, the Matson Navigation Co.'s new passenger ship Malolo, with a capacity of 680 first-class passengers, will be available, and the new $3,000,000 hotel with its adequate assembly rooms, furnishing proper meeting places for the discussion of different groups, will be available.

I am sure that the people of our country will enjoy very marked benefits from this conference, and it will go far toward further emphasizing the fact that the United States is interested at all times in cooperating with its neighbors of the Pacific area in the promotion of peaceful arts and pursuits.

Yours very truly,

W R. Farrington, Governor of Hawaii.

THE PAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION, RECLAMATION, RECREATION

It is believed that this conference will accomplish a number of important things:

(1) It will furnish an excellent medium for exchange of knowledge between the United States and the Pacific countries on the subjects under discussion;
(2) It will make clear to our Pacific neighbors that the United States is interested in cooperating with them in the promotion of peaceful arts and pursuits.
(3) It will afford a wider field of service for the technical activities of the Interior Department.
(4) It will be instructive and highly beneficial to the Territory of Hawaii.

The agenda have not been worked out in detail, but will include problems of the following character:

MAIN TOPIC—EXCHANGE OF EDUCATIONAL IDEAS

Ways of bringing about wider and more rapid exchange of educational thought and practice, through—

(a) Establishment and maintenance of centers for the exchange and distribution of adequate translations of laws, decrees, texts, publications, etc.;
(b) Exchanges of lecturers, teachers, students, research workers, and others interested or actively engaged in education;
(c) The formulation of principles and standards for credential acceptance and evaluation.

Establishment and preservation of national standards for child life, through—

(a) Proper care of the mother and the infant;
(b) Furnishing a certain minimum number of years of instruction and requiring the child's attendance;
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(c) Instruction in health habits and provision of proper recreation. Making the common school common to all through national guaranties and laws fixing certain minima.

RELATIONS IN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND IN RESEARCH

Vocational education.—(a) The place of vocational education in the general educational program. (b) Government plans for stimulation of vocational education.

RECLAMATION

The Director of Reclamation is absent from Washington. As I understand it, some problems will be—

(1) The social and colonizing aspects of reclamation.
(2) How far should the State go in aiding the homesteader without retarding individual initiative?
(3) The relation of marketing agencies to the successful settlement of public lands.
(4) What is the function of the State in connection with planting contracts and the homesteader's dealings with the mill or cannery at which his product is handled? This would give rise to a discussion of whether canneries, sugar mills, and similar manufacturing plants could properly come under a phase of control not unlike that exercised over a public utility. A condition bordering on this exists in Hawaii to-day on the sugar plantations and on some of the pineapple areas.
(5) Methods for extending public credit to homestead development enterprises.

RECREATION

(1) How to get the best and fullest use of the parks for recreational and educational purposes.
(2) How to conserve animal and plant life in the parks.
(3) Administration and management of parks.
(4) The relation of the Government to individual effort.

Estimate of expenditures for proposed conference on education, reclamation, and recreation at Honolulu

Travel expenses for personnel, including Secretary of the Interior, Commissioner of Reclamation, Commissioner of Education, Director of National Parks, technical experts, and necessary clerical and stenographic assistance $7,500
Preparation, shipment, and installation of exhibits ........................................ 7,500
Printing proceedings by contract to the lowest bidder .................................. 3,000
Contingent fund .................................................................................. 2,000
Total .......................................................................................... $20,000

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, April 17, 1926.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: About a year ago I discussed with you the advisability of calling a conference in Hawaii during the spring of this year on education, reclamation, and recreation at Honolulu, and it was mutually agreed that because of the short time intervening in which to make arrangements to defer the conference.

The Governor of Hawaii and the Commissioner of Education, after recent repeated conferences, favor the calling of such a convention for the purpose indicated in the spring of 1927, and I concur in their opinion. If you approve the request for an appropriation of $20,000, we will proceed in this direction immediately.

The inclosed memorandum gives in some detail the proposal for a conference. Respectfully yours,

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HUBERT WORK.
Hon. HUBERT WORK,  
Secretary of the Interior.

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY: With reference to your letter of April 17 in regard to the calling of a conference in Hawaii during the spring of 1927 on education, reclamation, and recreation at Honolulu, the President asks me to say that he approves of the request for an appropriation of $20,000 for this purpose.

Sincerely yours,

EVERETT SANDERS, Secretary to the President.