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# **Juanita Corwin Gives Report on Indian Education Conference**

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The Second Indian Education Conference, which I attended on behalf of the Alaska Federation of Natives, as an alternate for the Executive Director, Eben Hopson, was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 26, 27, 28, 1970.

Attendance at the conference consisted of Indian leaders from across the nation.

A paper was presented to the "Theories and Ideas" workshop, however, I became involved in the "National Priorities" workshop and was able to contribute to the work of the committee.

Those involved in this workshop, chaired by Ada Deer, a Menomonie from Wisconsin, were: Pat Locke (who you will

remember, was very active in Anchorage at the Anchorage Welcome Center), Bea Medicine, Sioux from Standing Rock, myself, and many others.

The enclosed "Press Release" was put together by the workshop, and was released at a televised press conference on Friday, August 28. On page 3 of the release, you will note that No. 7 deals with local school facilities.

This point was brought out, with direct assistance from Pat Locke, because of the Alaskan situation where out Native students are sent to schools away from their homes and villages.

In short, the "National Priorities" workshop gave attention to this matter which affects many of our Alaskan Native families.

It was the conclusion of the workshop that our people must become active locally to continue with necessary improvements on the education of our students.

We must become involved in local Parent-Teacher Associations and get our people on the school boards.

While it was recognized by the workshop that this was and is being done in some areas, it became apparent, that more involvement was necessary-nation-wide.

Enclosed for your information, is the paper which was presented to the "Theories and Ideas on Education" workshop. The paper was well received and drew the attention of several educators.