

MINUTES OF THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS MEETING,

Held at the Meany Hotel Sunday, February the 13th. Present: Mr. Carter, Mr. Kizer, Dr. Sieg; Mr. Martin, Mr. Clark, Miss Dobie, Miss Earle, Mr. Engle, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Mander, Mr. H. H. Martin, Mr. Noble, Mr. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Spector, Mr. Steiner, Mr. von Brevern, Mrs. Notkin, Mr. Michael, Col. Kimmel, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Swygard.

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Dr. Jesse Steiner proposed a generous use of graduate students in this general field of research and suggested that these graduate students be encouraged to work in fields of interest to the IPR. He also emphasized the desirability, if not necessity, of a part of the research work being done in the field.

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2. The development of the Northwest region of the United States, Canada, and Alaska.
3. Problems of relations between the United States and China.
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5. The problem of Pacific dependencies.

It was suggested that some of these problems might be better undertaken in other areas, but there was a general conviction that from this list research tasks for the Northwest Institute should be selected.

To implement the discussions, Professor Linden A. Mander was appointed to head a committee which would draft definite proposals for the Northwest Institute. Other members of the committee were to be selected by Mr. Mander in consultation with Mr. Kizer and Dr. Charles E. Martin. Mr. Swygard was appointed Secretary for this committee.

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