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Report: *The commission* handed Truman a new program.*

10 "Firsts"

The year 1947 witnessed many achievements in education. For the outstanding ten, PATHFINDER commends:

1. The Advertising Council, Inc., for its nationwide radio and press campaign to arouse the support of the public for better schools, higher teachers' salaries, better co-operation between parents and teachers.

2. The National Education Association, for its exposé of the interference of the Board of Education of North College Hill, Ohio, in the selection and employment of teachers on other than a merit basis, and its promise to publicize all such future attempts.

3. The U.S. Office of Education, for its prompt compilation and publication of complete figures on fall enrollment in institutions of higher education. (Usually Office of Education statistics are three to four years old.)

4. The Texas state legislature, for its charter of the Texas State University for Negroes at Houston.

5. Benjamin Fine, education editor of *The New York Times*, for his workmanlike study of the sad plight of American education, and for revealing in simple terms the crisis that faces parents and citizens.

6. The President's Commission on Higher Education, for its bold and unprecedented blueprint for the reform of college curricula, tuition fees, and the extension of higher educational opportunities.

7. The states of California, Washington, Nevada and Indiana, for the enactment of a $2,400 minimum salary for all teachers.

8. The Foreign Exchange Scholarship program of the State Department, constituting the beginning of a far-flung project for international understanding through education.

9. Prof. George E. Carrothers of the University of Michigan, for his eloquent advocacy of more recognition and better pay for the superior teacher.

10. The NEA, for its campaign to raise the standards of the teaching profession, especially its insistence on more academic freedom, a class maximum of 25 pupils and a five-year minimum college preparation for all teachers.

*Left to right, 11 of the commission's 28 members: Msgr. F. G. Hochwalt, National Catholic Welfare Conference; Dr. A. C. Eurich, Stanford; Dr. O. C. Carmichael, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; Dr. J. R. Emens, Ball State Teachers; Mrs. Agnes Meyer, journalist; F. J. Brown, exec. secretary of the commission; Dr. E. J. McGrath, U. of Iowa; Dr. A. H. Compton, Washington university; chairman Zook; Dr. T. R. McConnell, U. of Minnesota; Dr. M. R. P. McGuire, Catholic university.

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