

# Expert Praises Document

Michigan's proposed new constitution is so distinct an improvement over the present basic law that it deserves "the enthusiastic support of every thinking citizen," declared Professor James K. Pollock as he completed a recent lecture series on the document at Ann Arbor.

Analyzing the document in detail, Pollock said: "It represents a great step—it is a distinct improvement over the old Constitution of 1908."

"THE ISSUE is not whether you approve every line and section of the new document," he said. "The question is whether you consider it to be an improvement over the existing Constitution as amended. The real issue is, 'shall we go forward with the new Constitution or shall we turn back to the document of 1908?'"

The U. of M. professor pointed out that the 144 delegates were "very representative cross-section of the people," worked industriously and had competent research assistance.

Pollock said the new constitution is a "superior and modern document" which compares favorably with the best state constitutions. He called it also an "intelligent amalgam" of new and old experience.

As an example, he said, delegates kept local government structure, but opened the door to "challenges of the present and of the future." Pollock called attention to what he termed "very satisfactory" home rule provisions for metropolitan counties whose voters wish to adopt them and "notable" provisions for intergovernmental relations.

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## Skilled Manpower Need Is 'Drastic' Says Noted Expert

The nation desperately needs highly skilled manpower, according to a University of Michigan specialist in technical education.

Associate Prof. Norman Harris of the Center for the Study of Higher Education says, "changing economic, sociological, and occupational patterns are bringing about a situation in which nearly 60 percent of the work force will be in semi-professional, technical, and highly skilled classifications by 1970."

He stresses that the real potential for semi-professional and technical education lies with the community junior college. There are more than 350 public junior colleges now in operation, with an enrollment of nearly 750,000 students.

HARRIS ASSERTS that the junior colleges can best balance the technical training needed with college-level courses in English, history, mathematics and economics.

"Federal and state support for this educational force-in-being is far wiser than appropriating vast sums for starting a new system of area schools sometime in the future," he says.

The U-M educator names seven reasons why the community junior college is the answer to the skilled manpower problem:

- 1) Junior colleges are already established in many states and the expansion of their programs would be a relatively simple matter;
- 2) They are already recognized as institutions of higher education, offering "college level" work in both transfer and occupational education programs;
- 3) Facilities are already in being, as well as administrative, counseling, placement, and instructional services functions;
- 4) The community junior college is typically located close to the student's home, making higher education readily available and relatively inexpensive;
- 5) Junior colleges have established close liaison with local high schools and can help high school seniors make a smooth transition from high school to college;
- 6) Community junior college education is economical for the student, his parents and society;
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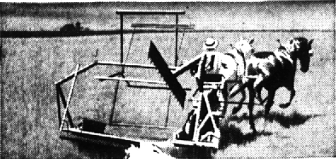
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