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STATEMENT OF D. BRUCE SHINE, CHAIRMAN, YOUNG CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 64

Mr. Shine. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am D. Bruce Shine of Nashville and Greeneville, Tenn. I appear today as chairman of the National Young Citizens' Committee for Senate Concurrent Resolution 64 (the Atlantic Union resolution).

I am an attorney and a member of the bar in Tennessee and New York. I do not testify as a salaried member of any organization, but as a citizen, deeply interested and personally involved in the Atlantic Union concept.

I have a longstanding personal interest in Atlantic Union. I first became acquainted with the idea of a federal union of Atlantic nations in the 1950's while I served as a page to the late Senator Estes Kefauver. My interest increased when in 1963 I had the opportunity to work in the Information Office of NATO in Paris. In the past few years I have been active in the International Movement for Atlantic Union, serving on its advisory council, and as a member of its U.S. affiliate, Federal Union, Inc.

In April of this year, a number of young people—including myself—became vitally interested in the then forthcoming hearings on Senate Concurrent Resolution 64 before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on International Organization Affairs. We felt that the Senate and House should be made aware of the support for the Atlantic Union resolution among our Nation's young citizens. At our first organizational meeting, attendance was evenly divided between Young Democrats and Young Republicans.

We pooled our resources. I might add that we have made no appeals for funds, and those we have raised have been from our own pockets or from small gifts from friends.

In April we sent a letter to selected State and national leaders of the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees), Young Democrats, and Young Republicans, asking their support for the resolution and inviting them to join us.

In that letter we stated our purpose:

The Committee is bi-partisan. Its sole purpose is to provide information on the resolution to young civic and political leaders, and inform Congress of their support for the calling of such a Convention.

I am here today to demonstrate support achieved by the committee. We further stated in the letter:

It (meaning our committee) will in no way try to effect the composition of the U.S. delegation to the Convention; we are concerned only with getting the Convention called.

The response to our letter was outstanding. Our group grew from less than a dozen to over 140 members within 3 weeks. The caliber and range of the membership is noteworthy. Political affiliations are evenly divided and a cross section shows that Jaycees, Young Democrats, and Young Republicans hold an equal number of committee seats. Membership ranges from the conservative Young Americans for Freedom to the liberal campus division of Americans for Democratic Action. We represent young businessmen, professionals, students, college professors, and even a lady lawyer who was once "Miss Tennessee." This is the first time all these responsible young people have cooperated in a common effort, but now they seek...
an alternative to the growing disunity in NATO. They see the Atlantic Union Convention as rich potential for federating the free peoples of the Atlantic community.

I call the committee’s attention to an interesting note: our bipartisan nature is demonstrated by the fact that within our group we have nominees for Congress from both major parties. D. E. (Buz) Lulchen, past national chairman of the Young Republican National Federation, is seeking a newly created House seat in Ohio. Franklin Haney, Democratic nominee in the Third District of Tennessee is State president of the Tennessee Young Democrats.

I would like to direct your attention to a list of our membership attached to this statement. Mr. Chairman, I ask that this list be made a part of the record of this hearing.

Mr. Seidman. Without objection, it is so ordered.
(The list referred to above is as follows:)

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YOUNG CITIZENS’ COMMITTEE FOR AN ATLANTIC CONVENTION

(Mr. Fulton of Tennessee (at the request of Mr. Farnum) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. Fulton of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my fellow Members of the Congress the formation of a national Young Citizens' Committee for an Atlantic Convention.

During this session of Congress, 76 Members of the House have introduced resolutions calling on this country to establish a delegation of 18 prominent citizens to attend an Atlantic Union Convention. I am proud to be associated with this effort as the author of one such resolution, House Resolution 1093.

In the Senate a companion resolution has been introduced—Senate Concurrent Resolution 64—and co-sponsored by 18 Members of that body. Hearings have already been held before a subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It is my understanding that hearings are planned before the House Foreign Affairs Committee for the latter part of August.

The Young Citizens’ Committee includes among its members National and State leaders of the Young Democrats, Young Republicans, and Junior Chamber of Commerce. Its Chairman is D. Bruce Shire, a young attorney from Tennessee, who at 25 authored a book about the Atlantic Community. At one time he served on the NATO staff in Paris.

The broad base of support among young people for the Atlantic Convention becomes apparent in a review of the membership of the National Young Citizens’ Committee for an Atlantic Convention. I include the names, addresses, and biographical data of the committee members:

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Mr. SHINE. The crisis in NATO has awakened young people of this country to the shifting political climate in Europe. The fear of Communist armed aggression has lessened for Europeans since 1949, notwithstanding the fact that the Berlin wall still stands. Therefore, the United States must reexamine its role in NATO—moving from purely military involvement to embrace the political and economic life of the Atlantic community.

Economic interdependence between us and our allies is an established fact. The Creteville Conference of December 1965 indicated that $12 billion in direct U.S. corporate investments now exist in Europe, while $6 billion of European corporate capital is invested in the United States. It is obvious that this exchange of investments, materials, and individuals must continue rather than become polarized into two opposing forces existing on each side of the Atlantic. The young businessmen who have joined with us reflect that concern.

One reason the present conflict in Vietnam is a raging issue among young Americans is that they cannot see any connection with this war and our previous efforts—such as NATO and SEATO—to develop a community of freedom-seeking nations. In Vietnam we appear to be standing alone and our longtime allies appear to be watching from the sidelines. To young people, this appears to mean we have shattered the very alliances we originally were instrumental in organizing. Most people don’t recognize the interdependence of freedom—that freedom and its defense is the responsibility of the free.

Where NATO has failed to provide an operative structure to implement an eventual Atlantic community, Atlantic Union may succeed. However, we cannot measure its effectiveness until this concept has been tried. It is time to quit second-guessing Europe.
It is time to call the convention. We must honestly solicit the thinking and views of our allies, rather than depending on poorly conceived opinions of European attitudes.

For the past 17 years, Congress has had before it a variety of Atlantic Union resolutions. The system we propose—federalism—has been avoided consistently in all discussions with our allies. It is surprising we have failed to explore the very system of government nurtured in this country, and adapted successfully in Canada, Switzerland, and Germany. We have overlooked the obvious. This philosophy of government should be tried before we move on to any other alternatives.

The time and the hour is late. On behalf of those for whom I am privileged to speak today, let me urge you to give favorable consideration to the Atlantic Union resolution. Let us try federalism first, and that failing, we may explore other avenues of Atlantic cooperation. I fear, however, that by continuing to delay consideration and passage of this resolution, we may shortly find that we have discussed and debated the problem, but have arrived at no conclusions. For if we wait, the Atlantic community will be in such disarray that no amount of effort or activity will save it or us.

In 1962, The Declaration of Paris stated:

Our survival as free men, and the possibility of progress for all men, demand the creation of a true Atlantic Community within the next decade.

Four years later our alliance is weaker because we hesitate to move toward Atlantic federation. We cannot afford to wait for the expiration of the decade and the possible demise of the community.

I appreciate your allowing me to testify on behalf of our National Young Citizens' Committee for Senate Concurrent Resolution 64 (the Atlantic Union resolution). Thank you.

Mr. Selden. Thank you, Mr. Shine. Among the young people with whom you have discussed this proposed resolution, do they feel that the time has come when this idea of an Atlantic alliance and later a federal union would be accepted by the people of this country?

Mr. Shine. I think so. It is an education process. What a convention would ultimately do, it would be hard to say. But I think the people who have joined with me in this want to do something and at least try this idea. I don't believe they necessarily support some specific idea of what the structure should be, but I think they support the idea of moving toward some sort of answer, at least general discussion. They may not agree on a specific eventual structure but they feel we should move toward some sort of structure.

Mr. Selden. Have you had any discussions on the degree of sovereignty that might have to be given up by all the nations that might take part in this Atlantic Union?

Mr. Shine. Yes. I think the question of sovereignty with most of these people is pressing, but I think they go back to the political science idea that the ultimate sovereignty rests within the individual, that the individual sovereignty and method of government is somewhat at his control and that if an Atlantic Union would accomplish for him, the individual, the goals and aspirations of freedom, then that transfer of sovereignty in specific areas would be a worthwhile transfer and that his individual sovereignty would not therefore be destroyed.
Mr. Selden. Do you feel that is a majority view in this country at the present time?

Mr. Shire. I would say that the majority—most people just haven't given it much thought. I think sovereignty is perhaps the most difficult thing to discuss with somebody. I don't think we, as people, have done much political education on sovereignty. It is a shame because after all, we are the creators of the idea of individual sovereignty. Our system of federalism is based on freedom for the individual. It is a shame that we don't discuss it more. After all we are the creators of it.

Mr. Selden. Mr. Adair.

Mr. Adair. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Shire, it occurs to me that you might give some thought to changing the name of your organization particularly since this Congress is going to expire sometime between now and next January and new numbers will be used. Do I understand you have 140 members now?

Mr. Shire. That is right.

Mr. Adair. You are here today speaking for 140 people in your organization?

Mr. Shire. Yes.

Mr. Adair. With how many of those people have you had an opportunity personally to discuss these matters upon which you have been testifying today?

Mr. Shire. I would say about half of them. We have corresponded back and forth. In our letter we made it quite clear that the only thing we would do, would be to indicate the support of these young people for the resolution and not for any specifics as to what the convention should do or what the ultimate goal of the convention would be. These people support the idea of a convention to discuss an eventual Atlantic Union.

Mr. Adair. I am interested in your idea of individual sovereignty. It is a little unusual to hear that expression in a day when in our own country in the opinion of I think most of us, certainly in my opinion, we are moving in the direction of a more paternalistic Federal Government which means less individual sovereignty. If you would agree with that, then would you still feel that people generally on this much broader scale would be willing to surrender rather large chunks of their sovereignty to some Atlantic Union organization?

Mr. Shire. I really don't think they would be surrendering any of their own sovereignty, Mr. Adair. I think you would find union would cover many areas where individuals have already surrendered sovereignty to the Federal, State and municipal governments. The area of defense and some of the other areas that the Atlantic Union would cover, are areas where sovereignty has already been surrendered. I think the citizen has a right then to decide that perhaps he should remove some of that sovereignty. I don't think the idea of a federal union in any sense means the loss of individual sovereignty. I think it means more substantiation of individual sovereignty. Through a larger alliance in these specific areas we protect the individual's rights to a greater degree. I would be violently opposed to this if it meant I was going to lose my individual right of freedom of action. Atlantic Union, in my opinion, means the protection of my individual rights. In other words, a stronger structure to protect me within society, as compared to a structure which is closed and where my freedom of choice becomes less.
Mr. ADAIR. You have just pointed out and I agree with you that the individual has surrendered some of his rights, some of his sovereignty, if you will, to local government, State, and Federal Government. It seems then to me that your argument fails if you say adding another layer of government does not still further subtract from his sovereignty.

Mr. SHINE. I don't think the layer is the criteria but rather what is within the layer. In the area of defense—for instance Mr. Percival Brundage, former Director of the Budget under President Eisenhower, said that $10 billion in defense costs could be saved through Atlantic Union. We have such duplication of expenditures in our defense and other areas that if we developed into an Atlantic Union we would save considerable sums of money and we wouldn't be giving up any sovereignty as such. We still have to defend ourselves. This would be a more efficient way to do it.

Mr. ADAIR. I would agree with the point of view if we could get some of our allies to contribute a little more heavily in the matter of defense. It would be a very welcome relief to American taxpayers.

If I have time for another question, Mr. Chairman, just how far would you go with the concept of federalism? I put a question to Dr. Teller along these same lines. Would you have an executive in the Atlantic Union with considerable power and authority or would you regard it rather as an exclusively parliamentary organization where you have some sort of a council to discuss these problems and then take them back to the individual governments? Would you have a court system within this organization? Would you have a parliament if you had an executive? How far would you go with this concept?

Mr. SHINE. In my own personal—

Mr. ADAIR. Speaking for these 140 people.

Mr. SHINE. I don't think I could speak for them because I haven't really felt them out. When our forefathers met in Philadelphia to reform the Articles of Confederation they ended up with a whole new constitution. I think it is hard to say what would come of an Atlantic convention. I would certainly want any Atlantic Union to be a limited union in such areas as defense, et cetera, and perhaps common citizenship. I think we need some sort of a court system. How broad their powers would be would have to be determined by the people within the eventual federation and by the delegates to this convention.

Mr. ADAIR. Do you envisage a rather strong executive?

Mr. SHINE. Personally, no.

Mr. ADAIR. Do you envisage an executive of any kind?

Mr. SHINE. I wouldn't think that there would be anyone other than an administrator.

Mr. SELDEN. Mr. Roybal.

Mr. ROYBAL. Mr. Shine. I would like to compliment you for coming before the committee and presenting your views. Our moving toward the Atlantic federation and the surrender of our sovereignty is going to be a matter of discussion no doubt in every university in the country if we approve the organization. Is the organization equipped to provide speakers in the event that speakers were needed in a particular organization at the time the subject matter was discussed.

Mr. SHINE. I don't know. I think if the convention were called, the news media and such from this country would do the main job of
education. I think in this day and age it is almost impossible for an organization or group of people to try to educate the populace of this country as to any specific issue. I think you are dependent upon the media. I think the convention would be one way of educating. The convention may well end up and decide the federal union is just ridiculous or the people in this country upon observing, reading about what is happening at the convention would decide against it. I think you have to go back to the people in this country. I think the mass media would educate them. I don't think we could provide that education. We could provide some speakers.

Mr. ROYBAL. I asked that question because I wanted to see how broadly your organization is established. I see from your impressive list you have members in Los Angeles, Arizona, other parts of the West. How do you communicate with them. Strictly by correspondence? Are there meetings held?

Mr. SHINE. We just started in April. It is basically correspondence. We have sent out a number of mailings and have written to just about all of them personally in addition to regular letters. This is not in any sense to be a formal organization. This organization will cease to be as soon as some action on the resolution is taken. It is not meant in any sense to be a formal or longstanding thing. Mr. Adair, you might note that Mr. Fulton, when he inserted this membership list in the record, mentioned the Young Citizens' Committee for an Atlantic Convention. We are looking toward the future. The committee is meant to be just a temporary ad hoc organization without any structure or anything like that. I don't see anything formal.

Mr. ROYBAL. It is commendable that you have such an organization even in an informal manner to present to the Congress and work along with it when the convention is called.

Mr. SHINE. Mr. Waldon Moore, the director general of the Declaration of Atlantic Unity and Mr. Richard Wallace of the Atlantic Council have been kind enough to send various pieces of information on the whole area of the Atlantic Community to all these committee members. They are receiving a broad education in the affairs of the Atlantic community and not necessarily Atlantic Union.

Mr. Selden. Mr. Maiardiad.

Mr. MAILLARD. I have no questions. I want to commend the gentleman for his contribution.

Mr. Selden. If there are no further questions, Mr. Shine, we thank you for appearing this morning.

The meeting stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned until the following morning, Wednesday, August 31.)