

Vaughan's Job In Politics From Start To Finish, Probers Hear

FRANKFORT, Ky., July 23 (P)—Belief that Dr. W. H. Vaughan got his job at Morehead State Teachers College through politics and lost it through politics was expressed to an investigating committee today by John Fred Williams, state superintendent of public instruction.

A committee from the American Association of Teacher Training Colleges came here with the announced purpose of "ascertaining the facts" about the recent refusal of Morehead State Teachers College Board of Regents to renew Vaughan's contract as president.

The committee was closeted first with Gov. Simeon Willis, then with Supt. Williams and next talked with State Unemployment Compensation Director Harvey A. Babb, who was replaced by Vaughan at Morehead six years ago.

The Republican education superintendent said he told the committee exactly what he thought about Morehead. Referring to Republican Gov. Willis and the latter's Democratic predecessor, Keen Johnson, Williams commented with a laugh, "I told them what I thought of Keen and I didn't spare old Simeon either."

The visit of the committee, headed by Dr. W. P. Morgan, president emeritus of Western Illinois State Teachers College, Macomb, Ill., was coincident with the beginning of another investigation, the latter by Griffenhagen and Associates, employed by Gov. Willis to survey the state's education sys-

tem with a view to improving efficiency.

Neither Gov. Willis nor Dr. Babb would comment on their talks with the teachers college association committee. Committee Chairman Morgan and his two colleagues confined their public utterances mainly to expressing a wish that nothing be said about their visit.

Finally, Dr. Morgan explained their report would be made to the association, of which Leslie Gregory, president of the State Teachers College of Fredonia, N. Y., is president. Morgan said that the association probably would take no action until its annual convention next February, and he intimated that Morehead could be dropped from membership in the association if it (the association) decided the Vaughan case warranted such a step. Vaughan recently became registrar at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. Dean W. C. Lappin is acting president of Morehead.

The Griffenhagen survey began with a long conference with Williams in which he stated he gave background information to Dr. Charles E. Reeves and Dr. William Ludden, its representatives here. Williams said he outlined details including appropriations, budgets and other phases of the work. He had declared Monday he welcomed any inquiry, but protested against the governor's order to pay the \$19,200 cost out of education department and institutional funds.