

Dr. Caliguri Suggests:

Equal Expenditures Needed to Back Up Court School Edicts

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QUALITY EDUCATION FOR NEGROES, a rather remote and idealistic hope in the not too distant past, is rapidly becoming a widespread reality today. First class facilities and instruction now available throughout this country provide the tools with which the Negro can compete on an equal basis with his fellow man for the more desirable things in life.

Paving the way for equal opportunity in the acquisition of quality education were three famous decisions handed down by the United States Supreme Court--decisions which have become landmarks in legal history. Every American, especially Negroes, should be familiar with these cases. They were Sweatt vs. Painter in Texas, McLaurin vs. Oklahoma State Regents, and Brown vs. Board of Education, Topeka, Kan. All three were decided between 1950 and 1954.

In Sweatt vs. Painter, the Court reached two momentous conclusions, (1) a state must provide truly equal education to Negroes as well as Caucasians, and (2) the rights guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution apply to individuals, not merely to groups of citizens.

The Court recognized that the law school to which the State of Texas was willing to admit Mr. Sweatt would afford him an education inferior to one offered by the University of Texas Law School. It was ruled that Mr. Sweatt was entitled to attend the school that would provide him with the better education under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and it was so ordered.

IN THE SAME YEAR (1950), and with the same reasoning, the Court ruled that a state could not impose discriminatory rules on a particular Negro. In McLaurin vs. Oklahoma State Regents, it was ruled that in seeking a quality education, Mr. McLaurin had a "personal right" to equal protection under the law and could not be treated in terms of equality for races as a whole and inequality for individuals.

Four years later, in the Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education case, the scene shifted from the college to the public school level, with the Court clearly establishing that segregated schools could not be justified under the "equal protection of the laws" provision of the Fourteenth Amendment. The Court viewed segregated schools as conducive to implanting "a sense of inferiority" in a child, thus affecting "the motivation of the child to learn."

By that time, more than a decade ago, it should have been apparent to the American public that denial of equal educational opportunity to all children was unconstitutional. It seems

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Pastor's Service Recognized



MINISTER, WIFE FETED--Four years of service to Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church by Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Alexander were recently recognized by special Appreciation Ceremonies. Alexanders are shown at upper left, with Ushers immediately below them. Photos on right show (from top to bottom) Mother's Board, Deacons and Choir. (See story below)

Rev. Alexander Accorded Testimonial

APPRECIATION CEREMONIES were conducted this month at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church in recognition of the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Alexander's four years of service to the Vegas Heights church. (See photo.)

The four day program was organized by the Board of Trustees consisting of Deacons C. Addison, G. Black and J. Harding, Brothers F. Johnson and S. Scott, and Sisters M. Duncan and E. M. Crisp, and a Program Committee that included Sisters V. Brock, G. Dukes and M. Johnson, and Brothers R. Irwin, G. Black

and C. Addison. Sister Duncan served as clerk and Sister E. J. Floyd was financial secretary.

Other members of the congregation playing important roles included Sisters L. Smith, L. J. Kyle, R. Addison, C. Black, C. Snowden, C. Lindsey, L. Chism, R. Garrett, S. Davis, L. Irwin and L. Gayden, and Deacon A. Williams.

Fellow ministers who participated in the ceremonies were the Revs. J. Cole, T. C. Cole, J. C. Coleman, A. J. Thompson, E. C. Kline, A. B. Carr, M. L. Carroll, L. A. Johnson, F. N. Addison, J. L. Simmons, J. Lovely, V. C. L. Coleman, M. D. Bennett, J. Y. Earl, J. P. Proby, J. L. Kemp and Elder J. Logan.



ALTAR AIDES--Members of newly organized St. James Catholic Church Altar Society are shown above with advisors. Seated front (from left) Mrs. Richard Smith, president; Msgr. William Devlin and Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton, secretary-treasurer. Standing (from left) Mrs. Thelma Brown, ways-and-means committee chairman; Joe Neal, Mrs. Sammy Travis, social committee chairman; Mrs. John Roby, Mrs. Effie Conway, W. C. Brewster, Mrs. Ruby Page and Brother George Barton. (See story page 10)

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