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NAACP URGES BOYCOTT OF SCHOOL INTEGRATION PLAN

DATE: August 23, 1971
TO: Clark County School Board
FROM: Black Community Residents; initiated by NAACP and the Black Community Developer
SUBJECT: CLARK COUNTY PRESTIGE SCHOOLS

The Clark County School District continues to take advantage of the Black Community through the voluntary integration plan. Since the original court suit initiated by the NAACP, the School Board has placed the burden of integrating on the Black community. The new developments of the integration plan includes two prestige schools and a Teacher Corps Program. All of these programs will be controlled by Dr. Edna Hinman. She holds the following titles: Director of both prestige schools and Coordinator of the Teacher Corps Program.

WHEREAS: Dr. Edna Hinman should not be given more control over Black children and her administration of CVT Gilbert has not been in the best interest of Black children.

WHEREAS: CVT Gilbert Prestige School has not met the high standards of educating Black children as proposed (school district records indicate that Black students at Jo Mackey Elementary achieved more academically than Black students at Gilbert.

WHEREAS: Jo Mackey will become an extension of the problems at Gilbert.

WHEREAS: Jo Mackey has been and should continue to be administered by a Black principal without the supervision of a White Director.

WHEREAS: Black children are being urged to transfer out of their community to make room for Whites at the prestige school.

THEREFORE: We the undersigned, demand removal of Dr. Edna Hinman as Director of the Jo Mackey Prestige School and that the Black principal, Herschell Williams, remain the sole administrator

Voluntary Integration To Continue

Elementary school integration in Clark County will remain voluntary as planned this fall, according to Dr. Clifford J. Lawrence, Deputy Superintendent of Schools.

Lawrence said an informal poll of five of seven school board members late yesterday showed all in favor of continuing with the voluntary program, including the two prestige schools in predominately black neighborhoods. Two board members were out of town and could not be reached.

The poll was taken yesterday after the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco refused to dissolve a stay order granted by Federal District Judge Bruce Thompson last June. Had the appeal court dissolved the stay (and last week the same court denied a stay for the San Francisco City Schools), the school District would have been required to forcibly integrate schools so that not more than 50 percent of the enrollment in any classroom was black after September 7.

Thompson granted the stay order June 3 so the School District could appeal his mandatory integration order to the Ninth Circuit Court. In upholding the stay yesterday, the appeals court also set the week of November 8 to hear arguments on the appeal.

The voluntary plan allows black parents to transfer their children to any metropolitan area school not already enrolling more than 25 percent black youngsters, and white parents to transfer their children to C.V.T. Gilbert and Jo Mackey, designed as prestige schools to attract white volunteers.

To date, more than 600 white children have signed up for the two prestige schools, and more than 300 new black youngsters have asked for assignment in predominately white schools. The 300 blacks are in addition to 1,250 black volunteers last year, about 1,000 of whom are expected to return this year.

Parents interested in reassignment for their children should call 736-5472 or 648-5755.

The Mass Meeting held Monday evening, at Doolittle Recreation Center was a gathering of concerned Parents, and Civic Leaders.

Estimates of the crowd varied according to who was doing the counting.

However, from the applause given, the Speakers, one could only gather, that the Community is to solidly behind the NAACP Plan to boycott the School Districts Voluntary integration Plan.

NAACP POSITION AGAINST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUSING

The Las Vegas Branch of the NAACP is recommending that Black parents send their elementary grade school children to the six (6) Black Westside school UNTIL the Clark County School Board comes forth with an integration plan that is FAIR to Blacks.

1. Voluntary integration is placing the burden ONLY on the Black Community.
2. The School Board has received Federal funds to provide a practical integration plan for the entire Las Vegas community, but are using the Black community for the convenience of Whites.
3. Any White child can attend the prestige schools in the Black community but only a few Blacks will be admitted.
4. Black pride means building community resources and not abandoning Black needs just to associate with Whites. Integration must be equals sharing of all talents, not White domination.
5. A fair integration plan must demonstrate to Black children that they are important and have equal opportunity to succeed as do White children.

NAACP POSITION ON SECONDARY SCHOOL INTEGRATION

Since there are no secondary schools in the Black community, we, at present, recommend equality of education and full participation in all extra-curricular activities in the total life of these schools. We pledge our support to see that Black children are provided these opportunities.

Joint Neighborhood Council Meeting For All Community People

There will be a SPECIAL meeting for the people of this Community to decide on what you would like to see your Neighborhood Council do next year.

This is very important to you. Now is the time to be heard by someone who cares.

If you are interested about your children's future and yourself, be there!

Refreshments will be served.

Time: 7:30 p.m., August 26, 1971, at 1402 "D" Street.

— NOTICE —

NEWS DEADLINE Monday Noon

BLACK & WHITE PHOTOS ONLY!

REGISTRATION UNLV

UNLV Registration Schedule Campus Union Ballroom, Wednesday, Sept. 8th, 5 to 9 p.m.
 --Registration for graduates and part-time students. Thursday, Sept. 9th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 --Registration for students continuing their studies at UNLV. Friday, Sept. 10th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. --Registration for freshman and transfer students.