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**NEGRO MINISTERS NEW FORCE
IN DETROIT COMMUNITY**

SCHOOL DISTRICT MAP

Showing Segregation Policy of Detroit Board of Education

NORTH DISTRICT

64% WHITE PUPILS

(19 out of 32 "All-White" Schools)

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

99% WHITE PUPILS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

99% WHITE PUPILS

MUMFORD

POST

CENTRAL DISTRICT

95% NEGRO PUPILS

(32 out of 57 ALL-NEGRO SCHOOLS)

TAPPAN

300*

MACKENZIE

Mc FEARLANE

BARTON

*200 less

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

72% NEGRO PUPILS

WEST DISTRICT

93% WHITE PUPILS

(27 out of 33 "All-White" Schools)

SHERRILL

EAST DISTRICT

68% NEGRO PUPILS

RUDDIMAN

SOUTH DISTRICT

60% NEGRO PUPILS

CHADSEY

CLIPPERT

Martin & Michigan

NEINAS

42% NEGRO PUPILS

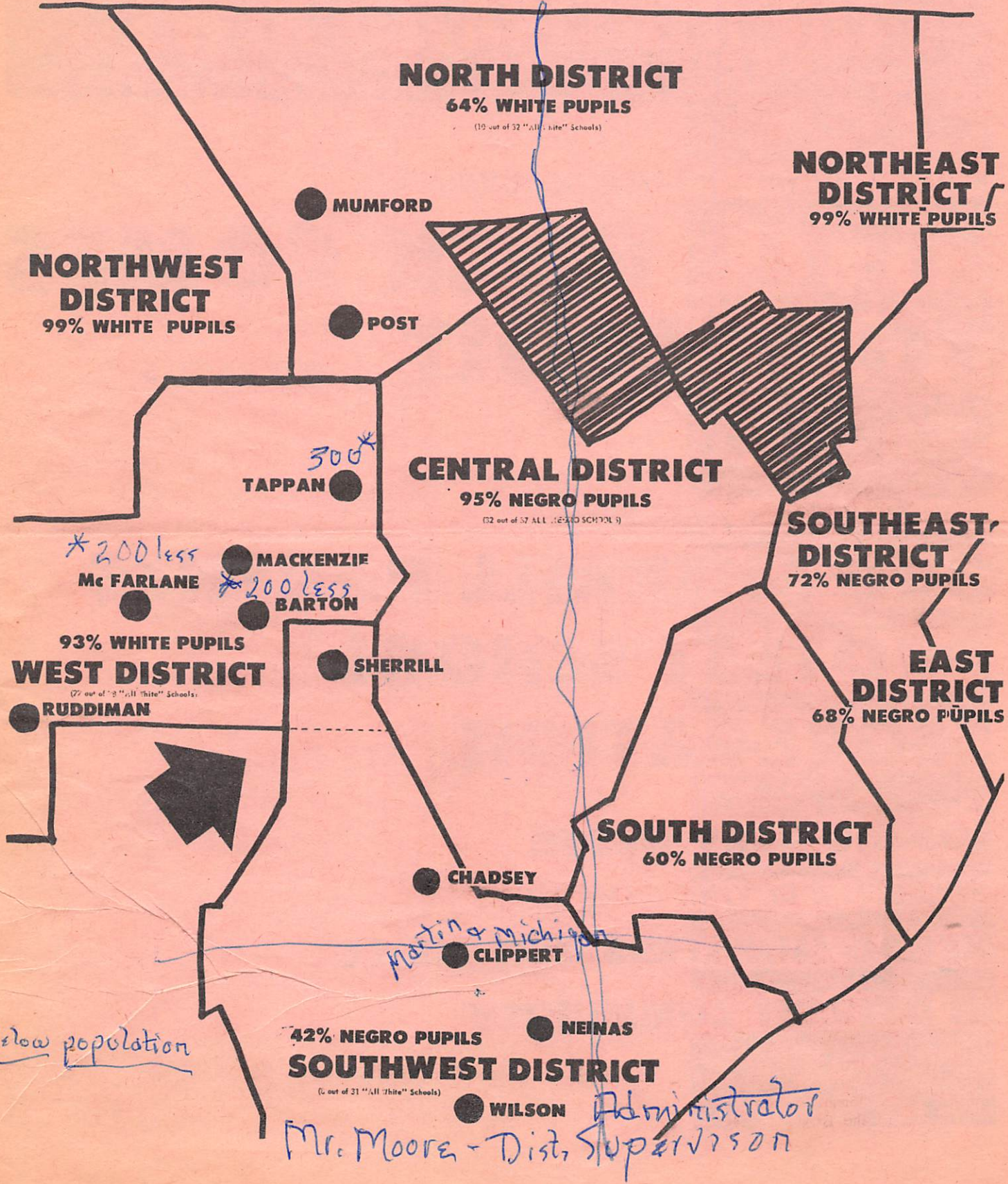
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

(6 out of 31 "All-White" Schools)

WILSON

Administrator
Mr. Moore - Dist. Supervisor

* Below population



COURT ACTION THREATENED

PARENTS PROTEST SEGREGATION

By Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr., Contributing Editor

Sherrill School parents learned only last week through a routine announcement sent home by the principal, Mr. Kojesky, that "due to overcrowded conditions, all children enrolled in the eighth grade will be transferred to the Clippert School, 4725 Martin, near Michigan Ave., beginning with the new semester." An immediate investigation by indignant parents revealed the fact that the Detroit Board of Education had transferred the Sherrill School from the predominantly white West School District to the racially mixed and educationally inferior Southwest School District more than a year ago without notice to the Sherrill School parents.

The absurdity of the new district boundaries, obviously gerrymandered for the sole purpose of taking the Sherrill School out of the West District clearly reveals the intention of the Board of Education. Parents correctly interpreted the action as a maneuver to strengthen the boards policy of racial segregation.

The executive Committee of the Sherrill PTA held a special meeting and scheduled a public hearing for Monday evening. A group of disturbed parents called an informal meeting for Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Lamb, 7130 Julian Street. More than 50 parents crowded into the house, and formally organized as the "Sherrill School Parent's Committee." Members of the Committee were instructed to contact the PTA, the NAACP, Block Clubs, Community Councils, and all other community organizations in an all out fight to break the pattern of segregation in Detroit Schools and School Districts.

The Parent's Committee sent telegrams to Superintendent Brownell, members of the School Board, and the District Administrator urging them to attend the PTA Public Hearing scheduled for Monday evening; and distributed a "Fact Sheet for Parents." More than 300 parents responded and the meeting had to be moved from the library to the Auditorium. Dr. Brownell and members of the School Board did not attend. The principal, the District Administrator, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Merrill Henderickson of the Board's Building Committee tried unsuccessfully to answer parent's questions without explaining why the Sherrill school had been removed from the lilly-white west school district!

Completely dissatisfied with the evasive answers which they were receiving, the parents authorized the PTA Executive Committee to appoint a special committee to meet with Brownell and the Board of Education to advise them that the Sherrill School parents Do Not Intend to Comply with the Board's Segregation Policy. Members of the Committee were urged to attend the Tuesday meeting of the Board whether or not they were permitted to speak.

Disgusted at the failure of Mr. Brownell and the Board to respond to their invitations, the original parent's Committee held a brief meeting and decided to sponsor a Public Mass Meeting on Saturday evening Jan. 13, at the Berea Lutheran Church, 7047 Tireman and to invite the NAACP and a number of lawyers to advise concerning possible legal action.

CENTER DISTRICT PARENTS MUST ACT TO END RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

A basic educational inequality is apparent in the mere size of the Center District enrollment. Almost 50,000 Negro children are being systematically denied adequate administrative supervision as well as a creative educational environment because one tired man can not supervise 42 schools and have anytime or energy left to think. Everything about the Center District set-up is just a mess! The Center District houses 49,247 pupils in 41 schools, while the all-white Northwest District houses only 36,563 pupils in 47 schools !!!

The Board of Education must accept full responsibility for the sorry mess in the Center District. The Board of Education must undertake a complete program to equalize educational opportunities in the Center District, and the first step (which was already overdue yesterday) must be the immediate division of the Center District into three separate districts with three separate administrators. The pupil teacher ratio in the Center District must be considerably lowered to combat low achievement and high drop-outs. The total number of counselors and visiting teachers in the area must be multiplied by three to make possible real guidance counselling and special treatment and guidance for disturbed and retarded children. Special teachers in remedial reading, speech, and arithmetic must be assigned full time to every Center District school! Center district schools must accept their responsibility to the community and to the individual children they are called upon to teach.

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LITTLE ROCK COMES TO DETROIT

MEMO TO MR. BROWNELL

Question: Why was Sherrill School Removed from West District?
Answer: To maintain Board's policy of racial segregation.
Problem: Sherrill parents refuse to accept policy of segregation.
Solution: Put Sherrill school back in West District ... or defend Board's city-wide policies of racial segregation and discrimination in court.

By Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr., Contributing Editor

The re-districting of the Sherrill School was not mentioned to the Sherrill School parents because there was no logical way to explain the act. The Sherrill School was taken out of the white West School District where it belongs and placed in the racially mixed Southwest District where it does not belong. This deliberate, gerrymandering of school districts by the Board of Education was obviously for the purpose of maintaining a pattern of racial segregation and discrimination in the Detroit schools. For this reason The Illustrated News is urging the NAACP to bring immediate legal action against the Detroit Board of Education under the Supreme Court decisions of 1954 and 1955 outlawing racial segregation in education. A similar case has already been decided in favor of Negro Parents in New Rochelle, New York, and a similar case is pending in Chicago, Illinois.

Even a superficial glance at the map will prove that the Sherrill School belongs in the West District where it has always been. Many parents purchased property in the vicinity of the Sherrill School because the school was in the West School District. This fact may seem unimportant to parents in other sections of the city, but to these parents, having the Sherrill School in the West District meant that their children attended the Tappan intermediate and then went to MacKenzie High School.

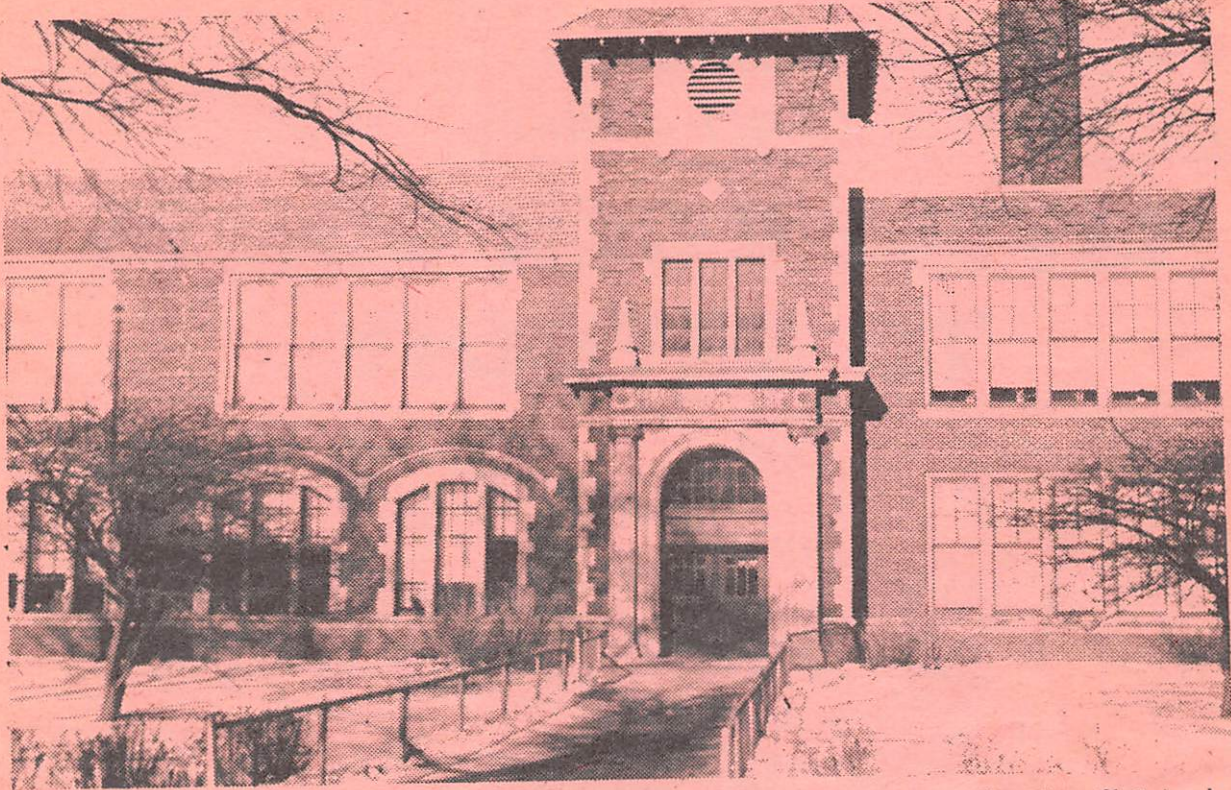
Because the Tappan Intermediate and the MacKenzie High School are located in a predominately white administrative district, higher standards are maintained than in the racially mixed Southwest District. This fact is

important to parents who want first class education for their children without fighting the complex pattern of racial inequalities maintained by the Board of Education.

The Sherrill school now has approximately 97% Negro pupils and 32% Negro teachers. This one "Negro School" appeared to be a threat to the racial pattern of the lilly-white West District. The West District has a total of 28,634 pupils. Of this total only 7% are Negro and only 1/2 of 1% are Negro teachers. In the West District there are 9 schools which have some Negro pupils but the faculty remains all white. There are only three schools in the West District with any Negro teachers on their faculty.

In the predominantly Negro Center District, the mixed Winterhalter and McKerrow schools have mixed faculties. Just across the border in the west district there are six schools where the pupils are equally mixed but the faculties are all white in three schools and predominantly white in the other three. The Board of Education seeks to maintain a discriminatory pattern of racial segregation by taking schools out of lilly-white districts when they become predominantly Negro. The Board also seeks to maintain a racially discriminatory policy within the Southwest and North Districts by feeding predominantly white intermediate schools from white elementary only. The eighth grade from the Sherrill School is being sent to the Clippert School in the Southwest District. This is ostensibly because the Sherrill School is "overcrowded." The Sherrill School had almost 1,300 pupils

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Thr Sherrill School

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in 1954 and has 1,700 pupils now (an increase of 30%). The Clippert School had 346 pupils in 1954 and has 834 pupils now (an increase of 141%). So obviously in terms of growth, the Clippert School is more "overcrowded" than the Sherrill School. The Barton and McFarlane Elementary Schools in the West District are within walking distance of the Sherrill School. In 1954 the Barton School had 549 pupils. Today it has only 420 pupils. In 1954 the McFarlane School had 997 pupils. Today it has only 854 pupils. Enough children from the Sherrill school could be sent to the Barton School and the McFarlane to make it possible to keep the eighth grade at Sherrill School, but for the fact that both the Barton and McFarlane Schools are all white schools and the Board of Education does not wish to break a pattern of segregation. The Tappan Intermediate School had an enrollment of 1,785 in 1954 and today has an enrollment of only 1,496. Obviously, the Tappan Intermediate School is not overcrowded and could take enough children from the Sherrill school to ease the "overcrowding" but it is located in the West District and the Board of Education does not wish to increase its percentage of Negro pupils (now slightly more than 50%) because the Tappan Intermediate is a feeder school for McKenzie High School.

The Ruddiman Intermediate School is in the West District and could also be made available for Sherrill graduates, but here again the Ruddiman Intermediate has only 6 negro pupils, and like the Tappan, it is a feeder for MacKenzie High. Obviously the Board will do anything to avoid increasing the present 12% of Negro pupils at MacKenzie High.

The eighth grade from Sherrill School is being sent to the Clippert Elementary School, and not to one of the two Junior High Schools in the Southwest District because both the Neimas and the Wilson Intermediate Schools are predominantly white schools. The Neimas has only 78 Negro pupils and the Wilson as only 21 Negro pupils.

The Sherrill eighth graders will graduate from Clippert School and will be expected to attend the Chadsey High School (instead of MacKenzie which is dropping the ninth grade.) with 42% Negro pupils, the Board has recognized the impossibility of keeping Chadsey white.

It must also be remembered that the Sherrill School is as close to Post Intermediate in the North District as to the Clippert in the Southwest District. But the Post Intermediate School is "unavailable" because of the fact that it is part of the discriminatory pattern of the North District. Only 188 Negro pupils attend the Post

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intermediate and sending the Sherrill children to the Post would threaten the predominately white Mumford High School. Mumford has only 600 Negro pupils in more than 3,000 pupils.

All this maneuvering with the lives and education of a few hundred children at the Sherrill School is not by accident. The Sherrill School was deliberately taken out of the West District as part of an over-all plan of racial segregation and discrimination conceived and executed by the Detroit Board of Education. The most casual look at the new Board District map underscores the obvious meaning of the gerrymandering. The Sherrill School sticks up out of the South West District to which it has been assigned and into the West District (from which it was taken) like a sore thumb. The very map must be a constant source of embarrassment to the Board!

The basic problem which is clearly revealed here is the over-all racial attitudes of our School Board.

Appropriate legal action must be taken immediately. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that "Segregated education is inferior education" and is, therefore, unconstitutional. The citizens of Detroit cannot permit the Detroit Board of Education to maintain a policy of segregation with segregated schools and segregated school districts, any more than the Negro parents of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi can permit it. Action to end this civic disgrace must be taken immediately, and must be supported by all of the citizens of this Community.

LETTER BOX

Cavanagh Appointments



After observing our new mayor in the weeks since his election last November, I am convinced he bears watching. Let's look at three of his recent appointments.

First let's take Mr. Sullivan, whom the mayor terms a longtime friend and whom he, the mayor, has appointed to a job with responsibility for 2,000 city vehicles in all departments except the DSR and the Water Board. Mr. Cavanagh describes Sullivan as a "highly capable and thoroughly honest" man. "I believe," the mayor has said, "that the city is fortunate to have him."

I take issue completely with the mayor's statement. Mr. Sullivan has failed to demonstrate any unique ability as an administrator or a politician. He made two attempts to win a public office in 1945 and 1946 but each time was unsuccessful. The only way Sullivan was able to attract public attention was to oppose Rule 9, the anti-discrimination housing rule promulgated by the Corporations and Securities Commission. This approach is the same as the Eastlands and other Southern demagogues. At the time Sullivan was -- and more than likely still is -- president of the Federated Civic Association of Northwest Detroit. One may speculate with just apprehension about how Negroes will fare under Mr. Sullivan.

Another of Mr. Cavanagh's appointees is Richard Strichartz, a law professor at Wayne University. It would be well if someone asked the student body about his ability and deportment as a teacher. Mr. Strichartz has exhibited a great deal of prejudice toward Negro law students. In fact, this writer knows of an instance whereby Strichartz requested a Negro law student, who had been elected editor of the Wayne University Law School Journal by the student body, to resign because Strichartz favored a white girl student.

I am quite concerned about the new city administration because the mayor and a number of his appointees are from the Northwest section of Detroit and are identified with persons there that have been quite outspoken against Negro citizens of the city.

My whole point is: our new mayor bears watching!

A Detroit Citizen.

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Chairman -- Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr.

1. Educational Report - Mr. Roosevelt Brown
2. Report on PTA Executive Meeting Jan. 8, 1962..Mrs. Thelma Garner
3. Report Detroit Board of Education Meeting Jan. 9, 1962 ..Mr. Wilfred Bentley
4. Legal Advice -
5. South West District Report Mr. Boris Ourlicht
6. Donation
7. Questions by Parents
8. HOW WILL WE RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM?