

THE ILLUSTRATED NEWS

SHOWCASE EDITORIAL

THE REPORT

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

The Citizens Committee investigating the Detroit Public Schools has finished its report. The report is complete, thorough, fair. The report can be summed up as saying that the public school system is rampant with racial segregation and discrimination. These findings are not surprising to our readers. The Illustrated News has been fighting segregation in our schools for months. The report plainly states that school district boundaries are deliberately changed to maintain segregated areas. The report shows that discrimination in all phases of public school education is a matter of policy rather than a few isolated cases. Dr. Robinson has charged "Obvious laxity by administrators in carrying out Board of Education integration policies." It is deplorable that years of protests by a generation of parents has not sufficiently impressed the board with the fact the administrators were busy as beavers establishing Jim Crow districts, Jim Crow curricula and Jim Crow schools. However, now that the facts are known, now that the board sees the pattern of segregation and second rate facilities foisted on Negro children their course of necessary action is obvious.

If Superintendent Brownell and his staff have established and entrenched segregation, and racial discrimination in the school system in violation of the expressed policy of the Board of Education, then Brownell should be immediately replaced by someone who can be trusted to understand the wishes of the Board and at the same time can be depended upon to remove once and for all the great injustices and hate provoking factors that accompany segregation.

This matter of deliberate segregation in our public schools cannot be taken lightly. The printing of a few statements by community leaders does not end this deplorable situation existing in our city.

Every flag in the city should fly at half mast until this situation has been cleaned up. For verily it means that in the city of Detroit democracy is dead.

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Attorney General Kelly



Prosecutor Olsen

"NUFF TO MAKE YOU STOP AND THINK"

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

Veteran Court observers were shocked at Judge Scallen's decision to bind over Fred O'Dell for trial on "Manslaughter." It appeared that a strong case had been presented for First Degree Murder. We are afraid that it has been assigned to Judge Skillman for Trial!

Prosecutor Olsen has done everything possible to show the Negro voter that he does not want his vote! Under Police Commissioner Hart he refused to take action to end police brutality. Now, he has refused to prosecute in the slaying of a Negro boy, Grady Little. Obviously Olsen plans to "retire" after his present term of office. There will be few tears to mourn his passing.

We note a growing interest in Negro History and Africa. GOAL's meeting with J.A. Rodgers last Sunday attracted a capacity crowd of more than 700 people. We learned today that the International Improvement Assoc. located at 682 E. Warren sponsors films and discussions on Africa every Sunday evening from 4 til 6 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. Mr. Issac Harris is president. Mr. George Gray is Secretary.

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SCHOOL REPORT

Thousands of American citizens have been wronged and insulted. The Negro will never accept segregation and it is high time that this fundamental fact be clearly understood and adjustments made. Why does the Negro feel so strongly about segregation? When the poor and down trodden of the world came pouring into this country in search of Democracy and Freedom, they came to the Democracy that the Negro had helped to build in several hundred years. The Democracy was here because the Negro had fought, slaved, worked and died to place it here.

The Negro fought in the war of Independence. The first American to die in combat was a Negro - Crispus Attucks.

The Negro soldier fought in the Civil War and in Lincoln's letters the Negro soldiers were praised for turning the tide of the war and were credited with snatching victory out of hopelessness. In another letter Lincoln definitely states that the Negro soldiers saved the Union.

In the war of 1812 the British had advanced through Washington and had burned it - White House and all. The British were not stopped until they advanced into Ohio and were stopped by Negro soldiers.

In all the wars of this country the Negro has given his sons to die on battlefields throughout the world. The Negro has fought long and hard for the cause of Freedom and Democracy. The Negro has a great stake in this country. He has paid a great price for first class citizenship. He will not be separated as a group that is here on a rain check. The Negro has bought a first class ticket and intends to ride first class.

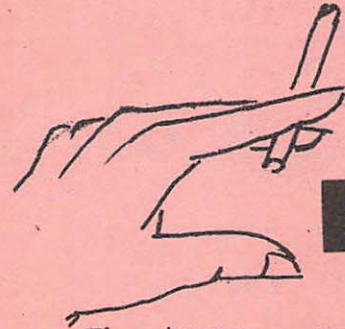
The Negro joins with the rest of America and says to the world send us your poor, your down trodden and we will give you hope ... We are Americans - We are America ... Without the Negro, history would indicate, this great bulwark of Democracy would yet be a British Colony.

It follows then that the Negro must and will continue to protect this great heritage of democracy which he had such a great part in building.

Upon the heels of the Sherrill School Parents Suit taking the Detroit Board of Education into Federal Court to defend its city wide practices of racial segregation and discrimination has come the long awaited report of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Equal Educational Opportunities documenting every charge made by The Sherrill School Parents! The Board of Education can no longer evade its responsibility, the Board must act to desegregate the Detroit Public Schools. Obviously the Board does not relish this difficult task. If Board member Kasle felt as though someone was "pointing a gun at his head" a few weeks ago under the pressure of the Sherrill Parents Suit, today he must feel as though some one has fired an intercontinental missile, and he

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SMOKE



RINGS

The terse, pungent statements regarding current problems one hears on the streets, in barber shops, and other places that people meet, are oftentimes not as accurate as they might be but for the moment attract attention because of their form or character. By no stretch of the imagination can these bits of conversation be considered "deathless prose". They exist for the moment and quickly fade attracting interest even as they fade. We include several such items under the heading of "Smoke Rings"....which, too, exist for the moment....an interesting form that soon fades and is forgotten.

(Where do they go..the smoke rings I blow?) _____

UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE YEAR:

"The administration may have been a bit lax in carrying out the Board of Education's policy of integrating the schools"!!!

...How much money did Negroes contribute to develop a segregated school system?....And when do we get it back? _____

...If the FEPC office has a copy of the report, then in the words of Judge Pigmeat...."Someone has got to do some time".

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DR. HORACE BRADFIELD



ATTY. DAMON KEITH

Our hat is off to Dr. Horace Bradfield for his "minority report" to the School Report. Much of the strength of the report can be credited to his fearless militancy.

Our hat is off to Atty. Damon Keith for his work on the School Report, and his statement to the press concerning segregated school districts.

Our hat is off to Mr. Longworth Quinn for his militant stand against racial discrimination in the Detroit Water Board.

Our hat is off to Congressman Charles Diggs Jr. for his continuing fight for the rights of Negroes and the great contributions he has made to the State of Michigan and the City of Detroit.

There is a growing rumor that the only way to keep "Skid Row Establishments" off of Dexter is a "Don't Buy on Dexter Campaign." Store owners are fighting the residents because they want to rent their stores. They seem to forget that the residents can empty all of their buildings by not buying on Dexter. This kind of a campaign would put the Dexter merchants in the middle! We suggest that our readers ask Dexter Merchants to use their influence upon the store owners to stop rentals to skid row establishments. They haven't listened to us, perhaps they'll listen to them. A Don't Buy on Dexter Campaign would hurt innocent merchants.

Nelson Davis, UAW District Committeeman at the Dearborn Iron Foundry, Ford local No. 600 says the "garnishment racket" out to the foundry is a disgrace. The big credit houses bring their own Justice of Peace in for "quick justice." We are sure that this is illegal and that Detroit residents must be tried in Detroit Courts, and the Illustrated News is bringing the matter to the attention State Representative Fred Yates for action. Mr. Davis has written to Governor Swainson and received a reply. What the Ford workers need is a good fighting lawyer out there to break up this racket. **WE THINK FRED YATES FILLS THE BILL!**

DISCRIMINATION

URBAN RENEWAL



Mayor Cavanagh



William Patrick, Jr.

The Detroit Water Board continues to lead the "Dis-honor Roll" of City departments practicing racial discrimination. Cavanagh's Fair Employment Proclamation remains completely meaningless so long as departments of Detroit City Government need not use objective competitive examinations for departmental promotions. Until the City Charter can be amended, only real pressure by Mayor Cavanagh on his Department Heads can bring about a non-discriminatory promotional policy in City Government. Water Board General Manager Gerald J. Remus doesn't like objective promotional examinations. He asserts that those qualifying under the examinations are "not suited for the jobs." He feels that the manager should be permitted to appoint a person after making an individual judgment of his qualifications. **WHAT CHANCE DOES A NEGRO HAVE FOR PROMOTION UNDER THIS SYSTEM: CAVANAGH MUST INSTRUCT ALL OF HIS DEPARTMENT HEADS TO USE OBJECTIVE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR ALL PROMOTIONS. THOSE WHO REFUSE MUST BE REPLACED, OR HIS "EXECUTIVE ORDER" ISN'T WORTH THE PAPER IT WAS WRITTEN ON.**

The city council didn't do much on getting rid of "Blight producing establishments." The "Skid Row Ordinance" won't keep them out. Judge Wise says that "the law has no teeth." He suggests that the City Council could have passed a much stronger law under its police powers. We are supposed to have a good Council.. perhaps we aren't communicating with them. They don't seem to know what we want!

The city council is looking the other way while the the urban renewal controversy rages. Negro churches are being forced out. No provision is being made for Negro residents to return to the area, and a chunk of land is being sold to hospitals that practice racial discrimination. Full responsibility for all of these injustices rests with the city council. Every agency functioning in Urban Renewal has only such authority as has been delegated by the City Council. We feel that it is about time for our Councilman William Patrick to speak out on Urban Renewal.

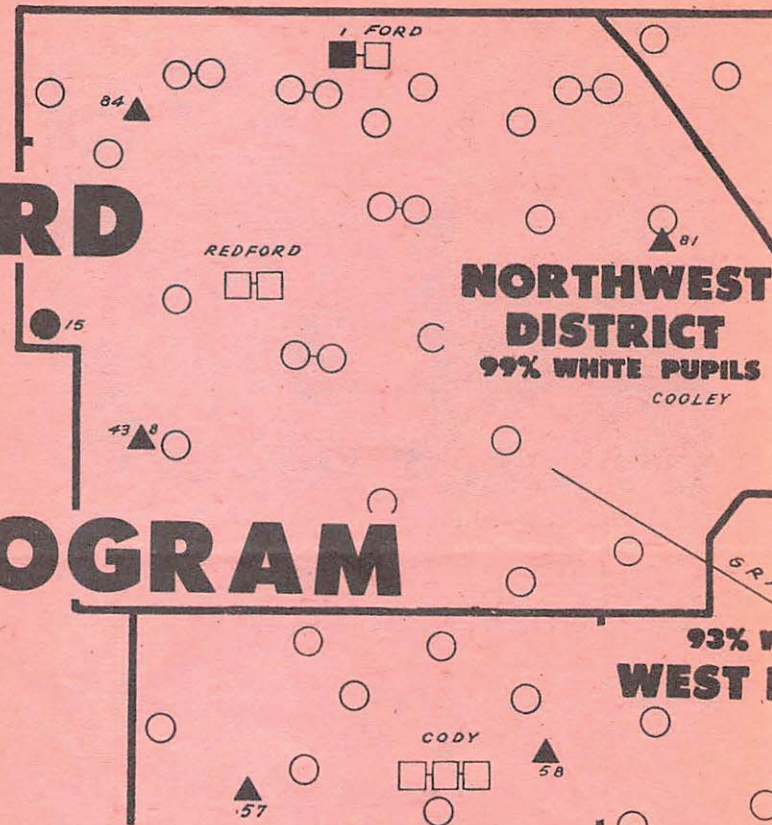
**DESEGREGATION MUST
START NOW!**

**SCHOOL BOARD
MUST STOP
SEGREGATED
BUILDING PROGRAM**

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finger on the Board's dilemma. The Board has failed to assert its authority and has left both policy making and administration in the hands of Mr. Brownell and his administrative staff. Dr. Robinson says that the Board is "on record" in opposition to racial segregation and discrimination. In that case Mr. Brownell and his staff have maintained racial policies in defiance of the Board and its rulings, and the simplest first step towards a solution would be to fire Mr. Brownell, and hire a Superintendent willing to accept the policies laid down by the Board. The present relationship which exists between the Board and the Administration was highlighted by a story which appeared in the Wednesday Free Press. The Board has voted to keep no records of the race of either students or teachers. A racial count was permitted for purposes of the EEO study approximately a year ago. Mr. Drachler, the assistant superintendent inadvertently revealed that a second count has been made recently at the request of Mr. Brownell, but without the permission of the Board. The Board members knew nothing about this racial count and did not favor it. Mr. Drachler was perplexed. It hadn't just occurred to him to even wonder whether or not the School Board wanted this racial count ... as a matter of fact it hadn't even occurred to Mr. Brownell to wonder whether or not it was any of the the School Board's business!

The School report would already be as dead as a dinosaur if it weren't for the Sherrill School Parent's Bias Suit! The Dailies have slanted their coverage to obscure rather than reveal the real meaning of the Report. What is all this argument over the power of the school to committ retarded children to an institution? Why is so little being made of the disgraceful facts which the report has revealed. No one seems ready, even now, to face the fact that racial segregation and discrimination do exist in the Detroit School system. Neither the Board of Education nor Mr. Brownell have issued any public apology for breaking the highest law of the land. Why does everyone try to pretend that the

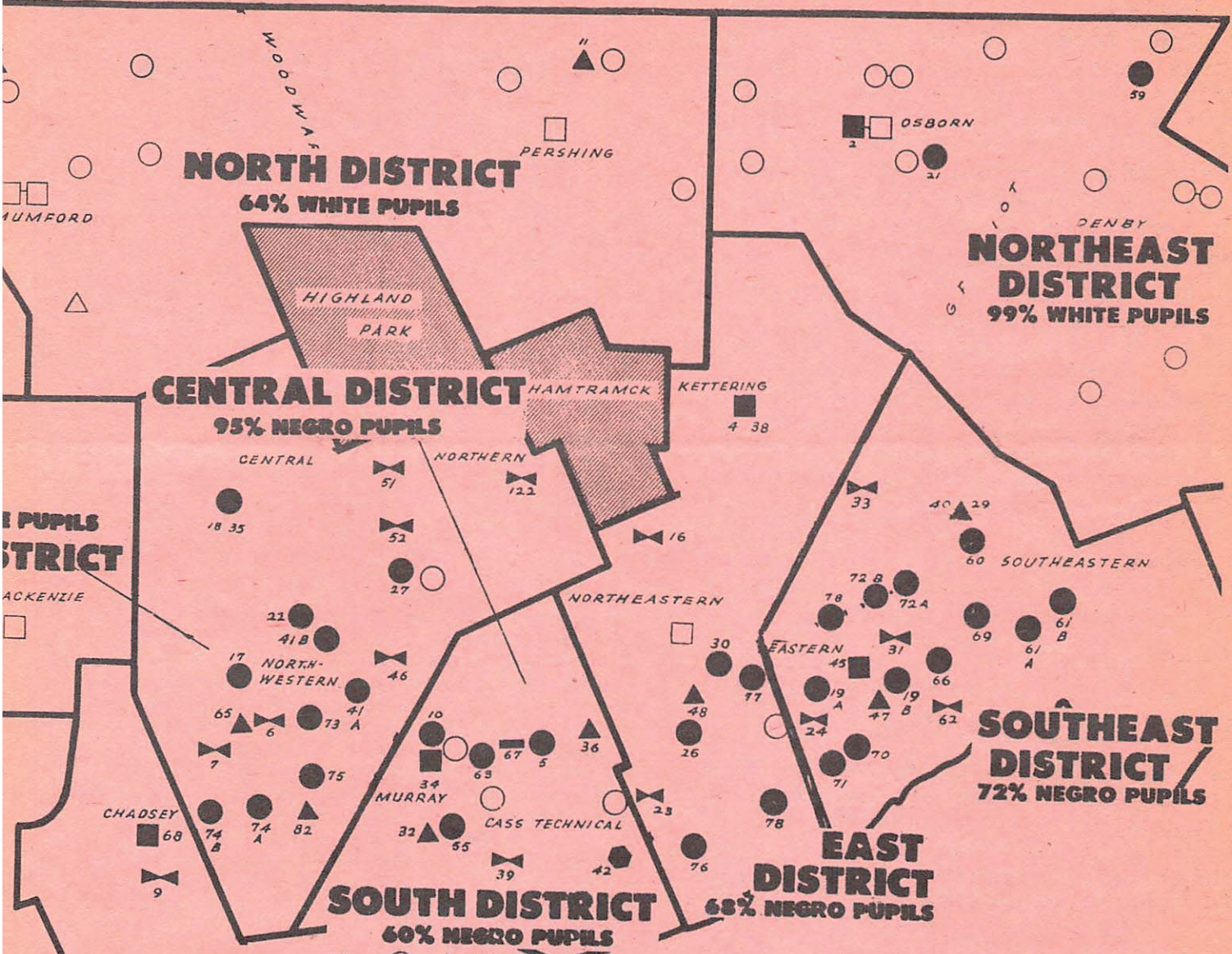


report will automatically correct the injustices which it clearly points out? How can we dismiss the report with shrug saying, "everybody knew that there was segregation and discrimination," as though this disposes of the matter? If everybody already knew it, then everybody should have been fighting against it! Or have we sunk so low that we accept segregation and discrimination as normal aspects of American life. The Free Press Clown, Judd Arnett, is unimpressed with racial inequalities. "Sure inequities exist." He suggests that the School Board give the Report "polite attention" and then "go back to the business at hand." Idiotic pundits throughout the city do not seem to realize that the complete desegregation of the Detroit Public School System is the business at hand! The School Board should be in sack-cloth and ashes until this job is finished. Thank God the Sherrill School Parents will not permit the Board to forget its responsibilities. The School Board will either begin desegregation now, or it will desegregate under court order! (This very possibility should put Judd Arnett in a straight jacket)

One important fact which the Dailies have deliberately ignored, is the fact that Detroit must stop its segregated construction program immediately. The Board has been building segregated schools in Negro communities and segregated schools in white communities (see map). This must stop immediately! All new schools must be built to serve an integrated student body. Sites not so located will have to be used for parks and play fields.

The Detroit System can not be desegregated if the administration continues to build segregated schools. The Board must stop the building program at once, and undertake a comprehensive re-evaluation of all proposed building sites in the light of whether or not they contribute to Desegregation!

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For NEGRO Children

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

For WHITE Children

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NORTHWESTERN JOTTINGS

By a Northwestern Teacher

...The recent School Report contains pages of evidence that deliberate and planned segregation exists in our public schools. This is a violation of Federal law. It seems that some one ought to be in jail by now or the police should be looking awfully hard for somebody.

...To ask Brownell to integrate the schools is like asking a wolf to tend the sheep.

...Brownell was going to put the Pattengill parents in jail for protesting segregation....It is probably more illegal to protest it, than to practice it.

...Will they ask the Negro voters for more millage before they fire Brownell....or afterward?

...If the Central District Schools are so good...Why doesn't Brownell send his kids there?

...Could the state revoke the Detroit City Charter to avoid being responsible for chartering a Jim Crow organization? Would Detroit then be a village? We could call it..Little Rockville!

...Segregated schools didn't just happen....Someone has violated the constitution....Someone has got to be fired!

...It is not sufficient to talk the report to death. A crime has been committed. American citizens have been deprived of their constitutional rights!

...How can a bunch of law breakers talk to us about "problem children"? It's the "problem adults" that cause most of the difficulties in the world today!

...A "sick" school system might produce a "sick" student body! Let's amputate!

A lot of exciting things have been happening at Northwestern since we first began this series.

Guess, Guess

One popular game is trying to guess who is the writer of the series. Is it one person or many? Male or female? Negro or white? A teacher or a professional writer? Here's a clue: the writer (or writers) is (are) among the three thousand people who are now at Northwestern. Your're welcome.

Not Drunk

Mr. Jeffries, attendance officer and public relations man for Mr. Diekoff, was in a blind fury the other day. He apparently intimidated the leaders of the D.F.T. (Mr. Warren and Miss Nentwick) to introduce our series as a subject for attack at their meeting. He is reported as saying that the writers were traitors, liars, and that they should be expelled from the school. Why didn't they come to him to ask him about the school problems?

Poor Mr. Battersby. He tried so hard to get some sort of reasonable statement from Mr. Jeffries. What was it that he found so objectionable, Battersby wanted to know. Jeffries was not descending to such a low level as to try to discuss seriously. He resumed his rage, sputtering, it is reported by our absolutely reliable authority, like a balloon emptying out its last bit of air. The writers, he said, were, "S-- O-- B----!" His articulation was not abbreviation. This was not a drunk at a bar but Mr. Diekoff's right hand man, his advisor on community relations, a teacher addressing other teachers, a Negro no less, Mr. Jeffries! If Kennedy could get rid of the one and only Allen Dulles of the C.I.A. after his Cuban Boo Boo, wouldn't it be equally wise to turn Mr. Jeffries in after such behavior?

Correction

Some people are making a big fuss about one or two inaccuracies. We want to correct them too. An earlier article said that there were no remedial classes. Correction: there is. Miss Morton teaches it. That's all that is known about it.

If there are any other corrections please drop a note to the Illustrated News and we will be glad to note them.

Suddenly

For several years there had been no play at Northwestern, now, suddenly, Mrs. Burgess is busy producing a play, Raisin' in the Sun. For several years there had been no trips to Washington, now, suddenly, a bus load is going. For several years there had been no evening dances, now, suddenly, a dance was held a few weeks ago and plans are being made for more. For several years the students ate in their "tunnel" snack bar with no steam table to keep the food warm. Still no steam table but, suddenly, there is an electric one in the place of the hot pans they used to have.

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