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Administration Asks High Court To Let Lower Officials Administer Desegregation

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Lower courts should supervise desegregation in public schools as quickly as possible on a local basis.

This is the position of the Eisenhower administration on the problem as stated in a 30-page brief set forth by the Justice department last week.

Signed by Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell, the brief pointed out that problems involved in school desegregation will vary from area to area and therefore the program should be carried out by local authorities under the supervision of lower federal courts.

The Supreme court, which was to have heard formal argument on desegregation methods Dec. 6, by states which are parties to suits filed by the NAACP, has postponed indefinitely the hearing because the death of Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson. They delay in the confirmation of the appointment of Dist. Judge John Harlan leaves the court short one member.

Some women felt Brownell's brief explained President Eisenhower's somewhat vague news conference statement last week that he felt sure the court would find a way to end segregation through a decentralized process. The president noted that many deep emotional and practical problems are

involved. Eisenhower's statement came as a surprise to many newsmen since presidents hardly ever comment on expected decisions by the high court.

The Justice department asked for an immediate deadline for state compliance with the Supreme Court anti-segregation decree, but said the change "should be as prompt as feasible."

However, the department said that unless school officials submit "a satisfactory plan," the lower courts should order admission of Negroes to non-segregated schools at the beginning of the next school term. It also recommended that the lower courts require school officials to submit detailed periodic progress reports.

The department said "every officer and agency of government, federal, state and local," is charged with enforcing the court's order. The brief would have the lower courts order states involved in the original segregation cases to submit within 90 days a plan for ending public school segregation.

The brief marked the second time that the Justice department has formally entered the public school segregation controversy. In 1953, the department filed a brief asking the high court to rule segregation in public schools unconstitutional.

Bishop L.H. Hemingway Passes

Bishop Laurence H. Hemingway, Presiding Bishop of Baltimore, Washington and the AME Conference of North Carolina died early Monday at his home in Washington. Funeral services were not available to go to press. Full details of work and life will appear in next week's issue.

A Great Leader Mourned

MYRTLE BEACH—Many hearts were saddened on Thursday, Nov. 18, when the news took its flight that Rev. James Leonard, our beloved pastor and friend had gone to that Innumerable Caravan.

Rev. James McClelland was born and reared in Marion County, in the community in which he lived. He was the second child of the late Horace Leonard and Mrs. Delia Leonard who survives him. He met and married the late Connie G. Davis. To this union twelve children were born, eight of whom survive him. They are Arthur Lee, Maceo, James McClelland Jr., Richard, Allen, and Romeo. Three daughters: Nadene, Marie, and Mrs. Sarah Polin, also two adopted children: Lena and Willie. Five daughters-in-law, and fourteen grand children.

He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Delia Leonard. Two brothers: Rev. C. L. Leonard of Bradlock, Penn. and Mr. Gilmore Leonard. Three sisters: Mrs. Odessa Stevenson, Mrs. Myriah Davis and Mrs. Nora Reid of this community.

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He was called to the ministry in the late twenties; since that time he gave his time, money heart and soul in spreading the gospel.

He pastored at Mt. Pisgah, Union Chapel, and Myrtle Beach Ct. He was pastor of the Myrtle Beach Ct. at the time of his death.

Rev. Leonard was loved by all who knew him. It is only human to shed tears over his passing, but deep in our hearts we are thankful for the beautiful life that he lived.

Flowers, telegrams and cards of sympathy from far and near were received by the family for which they are most grateful.

Funeral services were conducted with full Masonic Honors Monday afternoon, St. James A.M.E. Church, Ariels Cross Roads, Rev. S. N. Johnson, Minister, with the Eulogy given by Dr. A. J. Jenkins, Presiding Elder, Marion District. Interment followed in the Church cemetery.

Truly a great Soldier has fallen.

Outstanding AME Laymen Passes

SUMTER—Mr. Edgine Blake, of Sumter, South Carolina, died Monday on Saturday, November 20, at 8:40 P. M.

One of the most pronounced manifestations of esteem ever to be expressed at the passing of a Sumter citizen was displayed in connection with his death. Floral designs alone have been estimated at a cost of between \$750 and \$1000.

He was born February 12, 1898, in Statesburg, S. C. He was a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Z. T. Blake. His father was one of the pioneer A.M.E. Ministers in South Carolina.

Leading White, Negro Critics Say Dandridge To Get Academy

By Harry Levette
HOLLYWOOD—(ANP)—Leading Negro and white movie critics here say Dorothy Dandridge has a good chance to get an "Oscar" for her role in the all-Negro film, "Carmen Jones."

New York magazine referred to her recently as one of the outstanding dramatic actresses of the screen.

Nominations for the Academy awards depend upon the voting that is done by the members of the industry, which includes crafts men, and ordinary "extras" who, as members of their guilds are entitled to votes on their favorite pictures, stars and supporting actors.

The votes, sealed and sent to a hotel New York accounting firm, are counted and the results are sent to the stage of the theatre on Academy Award night.

This year, there is very likely to be a new Academy Award winner to bring honor to her race. The first was the late Hattie McDaniel, for her supporting role in "Gone With the Wind." The next Negro honored was the late Jimmy Paskette, who played the role of "Uncle Remus" in Walt Disney's "Song of the South." But now a "new star is born."

Miss Dandridge's manager, Earl Mills, also has the feeling that Dot is a potential Academy Award winner, basing his prediction on reviews of the film as well as her performance.

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