

NAACP Petitions Jersey Commission To Halt School Segregation

TRENTON, N. J. — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today filed a petition of appeal with the New Jersey Commissioner of Education calling for elimination of existing school segregation in Bridgeton, N. J.

The petition, which was filed Aug. 15 on behalf of 29 Negro school children and their parents, specifically protests the extension of the present pattern of school segregation by the construction of an addition to the all-Negro Buckshutem elementary school. It further protests the construction of a new elementary school in the predominantly Negro Buckshutem school district "upon a physically undesirable and unsafe site."

The Bridgeton Board of Education, the petition alleges, maintains double sessions in two virtually

all-Negro elementary schools. It protests the failure of the Board to eliminate the double sessions by the beginning of the school session. Negro enrollment in the Buckshutem school is 99 per cent, despite the fact that white children of elementary school age live within the school district.

In April, the NAACP protested to the Bridgeton Board of Education the proposed site for the new elementary school and strongly urged that a new location be selected that would be accessible to both white and Negro children. The Board was also asked to redraw to eliminate existing segregation. Two elementary schools are virtually all-Negro and six are predominantly all-white.

The NAACP has now requested that the Commissioner of Education for New Jersey grant a hearing so that the legal and constitutional issues involved may be determined. The Commissioner has also been asked to issue an order to the Bridgeton Board of Education "requiring it to take concrete, positive steps to eliminate all aspects of segregation in the Bridgeton public school system, effective no later than Sept. 1, 1962."

NAACP attorneys representing the plaintiffs are Robert Johnson of Camden, N. J., Robert L. Carter of New York and Miss Barbara A. Morris, of New Jersey.



POLITICAL TALK—Discussing his forthcoming campaign with two South Phoenix civic leaders, is E. T. (Eddie) Williams, center. On left is Mamie Gibson and right is Marie Olegtree. (SUN Photo by Cloves Campbell)

Africans Do Not Like Schweitzer

BY ENOC P. WATERS
CHICAGO (ANP) Among the many shocks one gets while traveling in Africa is the universal dislike of Africans for Dr. Albert Schweitzer. Of the hundreds I talked to in more than a score of countries, not one had a good word for Dr. Schweitzer.

In view of the high veneration in which he is held in the United States, I couldn't understand the unvarnished contempt with which he is regarded in the land where he is supposed to be performing such a great humanitarian task. Before I got a better explanation of the reasons back of this attitude, I attributed it to the fact that many with whom I spoke were strong nationalists and that Schweitzer might have been the victim of an anti-white prejudice.

It also occurred to me that as a medical missionary he might be taking some of the blame for the hypocritical conduct that has made many Africans sour on religious missionaries. Of these they say: "Once we had the land they had the Bible. Now we have the Bible and they have the land."

But after talking with Africans in a number of different countries I became convinced that their dislike of him is based wholly upon his attitude toward them. They say he doesn't like black men and regards them as a form of animal life inferior to himself. "He things we're lazy, dirty, dishonest, uneducable and unfit for man-to-man association with whites," they claim.

Proof that the Africans had accurately reflected the philosophy of "the great sage of the jungle" came with the confirmation recently from the best sources—Dr. Schweitzer, himself.

A PATERNALIST
As quoted by Smith Hempstone, an American newsman who visited Schweitzer's lair and interviewed him, the German expatriate regards himself as the African's brother, "but his elder brother." In other words, he's a classical paternalist, with all the faults of that type.

To him "the African is a child and with children nothing can be done without the use of authority."

Africans who have studied the man longer and more intently than a passing journalist dispute the flattering claim that Schweitzer is a genius and humanitarian. They call him a "sloven, incompetent crackpot" and "an inept old man." Much of what Hempstone quotes him as saying tends to conform this. What type of man would make statements like the following: "Africa would be beautiful without savages."

"No black man should be allowed to read and write without being apprenticed to some trade."

"One can never rely on the natives here, not even in things which they understand from long practice."

"One's servants (Africans) are so unreliable they must not be exposed to the slightest temptation; this means they must never be left alone in the house."

ALSO GUILTY
"Inability to exert themselves and adapt themselves to difficult circumstances is typical of the natives and makes them pitiable creatures."

Africans charge that Schweitzer is guilty of at least one fault he finds with them.

According to Schweitzer "the

zeal of my coloured fold to provide for those who come after them, better quarters than they have themselves is very small; they do not work for those they do not know."

Because of his refusal to accept as an apprentice an African who might carry on his work after his death, Schweitzer, according to the Africans, is wasting his time and making poor use of land that might be more profitable to humanity if left untouched.

No sir, there'll be no mourning among the Africans when Schweitzer dies, and he'll leave behind no monument to his over-

Cape Canaveral Voters Now 1,000 Says NAACP

MEDBOURNE, Fla. — Negro voters are expected to number 1,000 here by next November, thanks to a NAACP voter registration drive in this Cape Canaveral city.

Jesse Buggs, local NAACP president, said that this will make Negro voters here one-third the total registered voters.

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NAACP Expands Life Member Sales Staff

NEW YORK — Addition of Morris M. DeLisser and Bernard Moore to the NAACP's life membership department staff was announced here this week by Roy Wilkins, executive secretary.

Mr. DeLisser was formerly territorial manager of the Lily-Tulip Cup corporation.

The NAACP is furthering its efforts to initiate life membership drives within national organizations. The Links, Inc., began this trend and has been followed by Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and Omega Psi Phi fraternity and others.

Mr. DeLisser will also serve as a consultant to NAACP regional state and local units in the solicitation of life memberships. He will be assisted by Mr. Moore who also comes to the NAACP from a sales.

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