

NAACP Seeks Arlington Plan To Desegregate

Motion Filed for 22 Pupils Will Get Bryan Hearing July 7

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Negro attorneys asked Federal Judge Albert V. Bryan yesterday to direct the Arlington School Board to prepare an "adequate and comprehensive plan" for desegregation of the County school system.

The motion, filed in Alexandria Federal Court on behalf of 22 Negro children, is to be heard July 7.

It asked that Judge Bryan restrain the Board from refusing to admit the children to white schools this fall.

It also requested him to restrain school officials from "any further action regulating the admission or assignment" of Negro children on a racial basis.

Motion Made

The motion asked Judge Bryan to order the Board to submit to him by July 27 then "promptly implement" the plan for "orderly transition" of Arlington schools into a "racially non-discriminatory school system."

All of the children applied for admission to Arlington white schools last fall and were rejected. Last week the School Board reported to Judge Bryan that it had reviewed their cases in accordance with his order but rejected them again.

That action, attorneys for the children said in their motion, was "based upon considerations of race or color" in violation of the 14th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

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In a supporting document the attorneys said that Judge Bryan could order the children into particular white schools if he found they had been discriminated against because of their race.

Cites High Court

The U. S. Supreme Court, they said, has stated that Federal Courts could enjoin the School Board from regulating assignments of any Negro children on the basis of race.

Last fall the School Board rejected the applications of 30 Negro children. Judge Bryan upheld the rejection of 26 but overruled the Board on four others who were admitted to Stratford Junior High School in February.

In March the U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals directed Judge Bryan and the School Board to reconsider the rejections.

The motion filed yesterday was signed by five attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and NAACP Legal Defense Fund: Oliver W. Hill and Spotswood W. Robinson of Richmond, Otto L. Tucker of Alexandria, Frank D. Reeves of Washington and James M. Nabrit of New York.