

CREATES SEPARATE HIGH SCHOOL FOR NEGRO STUDENTS

Board Votes Unanimously to Establish New Institution for Purpose of Relieving Congestion.

ACTION CAUSE OF PROTEST

Colored Ministers Lead Group Opposing Move—One Blames Chamber of Commerce.

The Indianapolis board of school commissioners voted unanimously last night for establishment of a separate high school for colored pupils, who now are scattered among the present high schools. The action was taken on recommendation of the instruction committee and over the objections of a delegation of colored residents who attended the meeting.

The probable location of the school, which is to be new, modern and well equipped, will be at the old county workhouse grounds, Northwestern avenue and Twenty-third street.

It had been suggested that the school be established at grade school No. 17, West and Eleventh streets, but E. C. Graff, superintendent of schools, reported that these buildings are needed in the elementary system.

The instruction committee, in preparing its recommendations, acted largely on the advice of Superintendent Graff, who pointed out that there are 800 colored children in the three high schools, a sufficient number to warrant construction of a separate school.

Relieve Congestion.

Mr. Graff explained that withdrawal of this number of colored pupils would relieve congestion at the other high schools.

Delegates of various negro organizations protested vigorously against segregation. Dr. A. J. King, colored, who charged that "beddles forces" were behind the move for segregation, asserting that these forces "have appeal to your Chamber of Commerce."

The Rev. H. L. Herzig, colored, said that negro citizens are not especially concerned about the high school, but are vitally interested in knowing how far the matter of segregation will be carried.

"Will the advocates of segregation want 'Jim Crow' cars next?" he demanded.

Other speakers were Dr. Oscar W. Longston, who was a candidate for school commissioner; H. L. Bailey, attorney; and the Rev. Louis H. Herzig, representing the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, Committee's Recommendations.

The recommendation of the instruction committee was as follows:

"Suitable educational advantages for all the children of Indianapolis is the first and great concern of the board of school commissioners. The recent marked increase in the number of high school pupils points to the need of additional high school facilities.

"The large number of colored pupils

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