

05.27.22 *The Indianapolis Times* p. 1 After a 3-month study, the Federation of Civic Clubs (FCC) discussed and passed a resolution that Blacks should be separated from whites in schools because Blacks were "far more susceptible" to TB. It also suggested health authorities have better facilities for care of Blacks infected with TB.

The segregation resolution, presented at the Chamber's offices, was one also, "...fraught with [the] danger of arousing race hatred and might embroil the Federation in a monumental dispute..." FCC's George Beaman responded by stating, "There is no use going behind the bush on this proposition. We've all been afraid to get up and say what our sentiments are on this question for business and political reasons." He closed his argument by saying whites would want this isolation if the disease were chickenpox or the measles, and TB was worse.

See the entire resolution below:

SEGREGATION OF NEGROES IS ADVOCATED

Civic Clubs Say Two Races Should Be Separated.

RESULT OF STUDY

Blacks Subject to 'White Plague, Is Reason Given.

Segregation of negro and white children in the public schools is advocated in resolutions on the records of the Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic Clubs today. The resolution was adopted on recommendation of George W. Beaman, 3815 North Capitol avenue and C. H. Bird, 413 West Twenty-Ninth street, members of a committee which studied the question for three months. The federation takes the stand in the resolutions that blacks should be separated from whites in the schools because blacks are far more susceptible to tuberculosis. It is further recommended that city, county and State health authorities provide better facilities for care of negroes afflicted with the white plague.

But slight opposition to the segregation idea was offered in the meeting of the federation at the Chamber of Commerce last evening, when the resolutions were adopted, although there was considerable discussion of the wording of the document and two amendments, proposed by John F. White, secretary, were accepted by Mr. Beaman.

The resolutions are as follows:

"Whereas, after making a complete survey of the various sections of the city and noting the many demands for new buildings and extensions of buildings already erected, we, the committee, are of the opinion that the present board of school commissioners is doing everything within its power to meet the many demands, but owing to the limited funds at hand and the continuous increasing attendance it seems impossible to meet all demands at this time.

"Whereas, we find one of the most important features of the city school system, one that is of vital interest to parents both of white and colored children, is that of providing school facilities that will adequately care for these children on a fair, clean and self-respecting basis.

"Whereas, according to statistics given out by a committee of colored citizens recently show that the colored people constitute about one-tenth of the population of the city and that the board of health statistics show that about one-fourth of the deaths in this city are among the colored people.

"Whereas, for years the Marion County Tuberculosis Society has emphasized the care of incurable consumptives among the colored population as the greatest

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Volstead act. They released illegally two million gallons of liquor. When they were arraigned in court, Felder appeared for them. Since this time there has been nothing heard of the case and the criminal prosecution has come to a stop.

"4. There seems to be a good bit of discussion about the George Myers pardon—multimillionaire of Ohio—who was sent to Atlanta for violation of the Mann act. After the judge and district attorney recommended that he be kept in jail, Daugherty recommended to the President that he be pardoned."

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social need in this city. The same thing was discovered by the investigator for the Community Chest.

"Whereas, because of the congested housing conditions among the colored people it is practically impossible for tuberculosis patients to be cared for in the homes without endangering the health of other members of the family.

"Whereas, the public schools have a large number of colored children in the incipient stage of tuberculosis, due to this cause, and this situation in itself should awaken wide interest.

"Be it resolved, that the honorable members of the board of school commissioners make plans for separate schools for colored children as soon as practical and that they secure colored teachers for these schools in all branches.

"Be it further resolved, that the county commissioners and other health authorities be urged to provide more extended facilities at Sunnyside or elsewhere for the care of tubercular patients among our colored population as a humanitarian policy, seeking not only to aid these unfortunate people but to reduce the menace of this dread disease to the community."

To suggestions that the question was one fraught with danger of arousing race hatred and might embroil the federation in a monumental dispute Mr. Beaman replied:

"There is no use going behind the bush on this proposition. We've all been afraid to get up and say what our sentiments are on this question for business and political reasons. Certainly if your child should contract the measles or the chickenpox your house would be quarantined at once, but here we have this deadly tuberculosis that is a thousand times worse than all other contagious diseases combined going unhampered by the board of health."

As a typical example of need for segregation one speaker in favor of the resolutions cited public school No. 36 at Twenty-Eighth street and Capitol avenue. He said there are seventy negro children attending this building, which is so crowded classes are held in what amounts to an attic. The negroes come from a district which is closer to the building now used exclusively for negroes at Twenty-Fifth and Rader streets, he said.

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