

classy

On May 17, 1954 the Supreme Court ruled that segregation of the races in the public schools is unconstitutional.

The final decree was withheld until May 31, 1955 when the case

Case ~~in~~ ^{was} remanded to district courts who are required to

"take such proceedings and to enter such orders and decrees as are necessary and proper

to admit to public schools on an acially non-discriminatory

basis with all deliberate speed. The parties to these cases"

Prince Edward case before District Court and the school board was ordered to present a plan.

On August 3⁰, 1954 the Gray Commission was appointed.

On November 7, 1955 the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals ruled that the payment of public funds for tuition in private schools is contrary to Section

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141 of the Virginia Constitution
to it.

On November 11, 1955 the
report of the Gray Commission
was sent to Gov. Stanley and
forthwith released to the public.

Gray Commission recommended
a special session of the General
Assembly to take steps to
provide for an amendment to
Sect. 141 of the Constitution
of Va.

The General Assembly met
on Nov. 30 and adopted
a resolution authorizing a vote at
~~an~~ an early date on the
question. The Governor set
Jan. 9 for the special election,
Real ballot

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If vote is affirmative
the General Assembly which
convenes on the 11th of Jan 1956,
will provide for the election of
delegates to the Convention
and the Convention will be
expected to carry out
the mandate of the people
by adopting and proclaiming
the amendment to section

141
~~The General Assembly then can carry out
many of the recommendations of the Gray Report.~~
If the vote is negative

So much encouragement will
be given to those who want
mixed schools forthwith that
we shall find chaos and a
serious blow will have been
dealt to education.

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The main intent of the
members of the Gray Commission
is "that no child be required to
attend an integrated school."

It is thought that in many

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