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One year and 14 days later, after considering the adoption of some plan for integration the court simply entered a decree that integration must be accomplished with "all deliberate speed."

There is confusion about the meaning of "deliberate speed." Your dictionary will tell you that deliberate is unhurried.

Illustrate with automobile speeds.

The time to integrate the races ^{is ever is} ~~is~~ when the pupils and teachers can come together under conditions of cordiality and friendship and not hostility. We are not ready for integration in Loudoun County.

We have had hope--we have plans for continued voluntary segregation in Loudoun County.

A joint meeting of the school board and Board of Supervisors will be held on January 23 to consider this plan.

We have had wide and favorable commendation of this procedure. We simply propose to correct the conditions in some of the colored schools as well as white.

But every vote against the convention to amend section 141 of our constitution will increase our difficulties in attempting voluntary segregation.

If you are for integration at an early date, vote against on January 9th. If you don't want early integration you would do well to think hard before casting a "no" vote.

The proposed amendment to section 141 is the only positive, effective, and authoritative proposal from anyone to leave open the door of opportunity for education at public expense of those unwilling to attend integrated schools.

All literature from the N. A. A. C. P. and the colored teachers association opposes unanimously this proposed amendment. They think and know it would place a barrier in their way.

Headlong and precipitate integration would strike the most horrible blow at public education that could be struck.

Yet knowing that public integrated schools could not be operated in Prince Edward County

the N. A. A. G. P. and Davis and others went back into court and demanded action with reckless speed. That county seems now to have a year of grace.

Some seem to worry over lack of patriotism because we resist integration--the supreme law of our land.

In 1948 this same court ruled that the School board of Champaign, Illinois could not continue religious education on borrowed or released time of the pupils. The Court said "Here not only are the state's tax supported public school buildings used for dissemination of religious doctrines. The State also affords sectarian groups an invaluable aid in that it helps to provide pupils for their religious classes through use of the compulsory school machinery."

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Through the leadership of the ministers of the gospel and with the cooperation of the attorney general of Virginia, the state Board of Education and local school boards we

still have religious education in our public schools, including Loudoun.

We thought the Supreme Court was wrong and there was no well-financed organized group to say otherwise.

The interests of both white and colored children can be served best when they are taught separately, as now.

Answer some objections to amending section 141.

League of Women Voters adv.

Boothe's opposition to Amendment of section 141. and reliance on assignment plan.

Illustrate

Leesburg -	461 -	14 T
Douglass Ele	194	5
655 -		19 T

425 grades in Old Frame building
 Average classroom 23 W. 9 Col.
 2 Col. teachers old bldg. - 3 white
 3 Col. teachers 4th. " 12 - white

Since 1917 the colored schools have made amazing progress.

Average Salaries

White	<u>1916-17</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
White	420	2890
Colored	183	3078

H. S. School

	<u>1929-30</u>	<u>Schools</u>
White	5 54	11 - 9 acc.
Colored	None	0

	<u>1955-56</u>	
White	1025	1
Colored	218	1

County

Enrollment- - - White-- - - - -3904- - -79%
Colored- - - - 1050- - -21%

Lovettsville

Enrollment- - - -White- - - - - -293- - 99%
Colored in area- - 3- - 1%

Banneker & Middleburg

Middleburg- - - - White- - -160- - - 50%
Banneker- - - - -Colored- - 201
Less Aldie & Bull Run- - - - 37
164- - - - 50%

H. S. White- - - - - -1018- - - - -82%
H. S. Colored- - - - - 218- - - - - 18%

Hillsboro - white - 140 92 - 92
 Colored - 12 8 - 8

May 31, 1955 U. S.

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decrees that District
Court must enter decrees
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Opponent of this
Change ~~claim~~ in our
own constitution claim
"it would tend to destroy
the public schools". The
decision of the Court
has started the destructive
forces. We only try a
Salvage operation.
Assignment plan can't work.
Noises of battle over
talk to colored people
ask not to ask in haste
to go to white & colored
merged.

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1916-17 1954-55

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Colored - 183 3078

High Schools - 1916-17
White - 12
Colored 0.

Now

1 each

1023 } 83
218 } 17

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Enrollment - hov. 293
 Colored in area - ③

Middleburg - 160

Bannock - 201
edie Bull Run 37
 164

Leesburg - 401 71.
 Douglass El. - 144 29.

✓ 21 % Colored 1050

✓ 79 % White 3904

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El. Col. - 226

El. white - 78

County

Enrollment - White - 3904, 79 70

Phillips

8:15

8:32

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Louettsville

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Colored - 3 1 70
in area

Hillsboro

Enrollment - White - 140. 93
Colored - 12. 8
in area

Middleburg

Enrollment - white 160

col. 164

37

Banner - 201