

# 'Integration in Public Places Would Abolish Second Class Citizenship'

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To the editors:

There is an hysterical fear that admitting Negroes to public schools and restaurants will somehow result in their introduction into white society. This fear seems to motivate the resistance to integration voiced in a letter October 18 from two State organizations whose prime purpose is to "combat forced integration of the races."

Now, forced integration has never been contemplated by any responsible group in the country. The current trend is to establish by law a public policy that no race be barred because of race from public schools or any public places such as restaurants, theaters, bowling alleys, etc.

This implies no forced integration of races. Many races other than white have always been admitted to these places without any noticeable number of them intermarrying with whites or joining white clubs or even caring for white society. The importance of the current movement lies in its effort to abolish second-class citizenship by admitting all people to all public establishments.

This is necessary to the dignity and self esteem of every person and every group. It is essential to the integrity of every self-governing state. It is, in fact, the granting of one of those individual liberties which this State organization presumably means to defend.

Beyond that, the social mingling of the races is not to be expected. Quoting from one anti-integration group's own statement of principles—"The various races "willingly and by nature segregate themselves."

This has been the history of our Northern states, our most vital and cultured areas and of our most massive cities where there is not evidence that the public mingling of children and adults has degraded the whites.

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Success is achieved by the ability to persuade others to follow or agree with you.

Fifteen years ago most of us were getting along fine without those items now called necessities.

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