

Racial Injustice at Jackson High School

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the door and that he wasn't going to pay for her glasses. Frank Montgomery, friend to Debbie, appeared on the scene to ask what had happened. The incident could not be settled in the hall, so, according to Cumley, he asked Montgomery to come to the office with him. Montgomery refused, Cumley then asked for his name and received no answer. He asked Montgomery once again to accompany him to the office, and Montgomery replied, "No chance."

Miss Balsh, another teacher, overheard the conversation and told Frank to go to the office or he would be in worse trouble. Meanwhile, no one had checked to see if Debbie Smith was injured in any way. Montgomery proceeded to the west unit office with many of the brothers and sister following him. Cumley beckoned Frank to follow him into the electronics room because, he said, he wanted "to avoid friction" in the halls. Montgomery feared he would be attacked by Cumley and would not follow, but proceeded to the office.

When questioned about this, Cumley said, "The thing that bothers me most is that people implied there was some devilish reason to go to the electronics room."

When both finally reached the office, Montgomery was accused of swearing by Cumley. Mr. Hildreth then suspended Frank on charges of insubordination for not following Cumley into the electronics room.

Montgomery went home and returned to school with his mother. A conference was held discussing and resolving some of the day's events. Hildreth concluded that he had to take the teacher's side in such matters.

Cumley said he would pay for Debbie Smith's "lousy glasses." He later defended himself by saying that the tension was present all day in the halls, and that he was beginning to feel it, too. He said, "It was an unwise thing to say about the 'lousy glasses,'" but he wanted to end the troubles. Of the incident, he said, "I wasn't even given a chance, I was just attacked right away."

The black students' comments were:

"We can't get a fair shake here."

"They always take the white people's side."

During the conference, the whites involved were allowed to call witnesses and discuss in groups; the blacks were asked to appear one by one with no witnesses, only participants allowed.

Black students at Jackson feel that the administration is giving preferential treatment, not only in discipline problems, but in academics too.

Some students are apparently unaware that they lack



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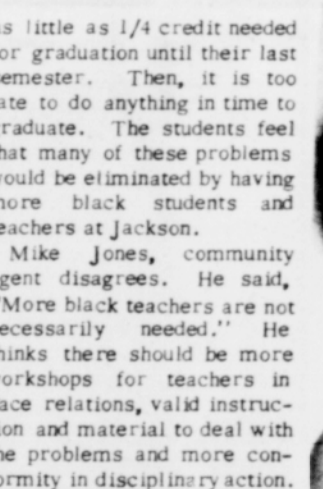
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