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## NAACP files suit

The NAACP has blazed a new trail in their 18-year old battle to desegregate the Los Angeles public schools, by asking the federal courts to consider evidence that "the Los Angeles schools had been intentionally and deliberately segregated."

In the formal complaint, filed in federal district court against the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Los Angeles school board and the California State Board of Education, NAACP General Counsel Thomas Atkins requested a preliminary injunction to prevent Los Angeles school officials from totally dismantling the school system's desegregation plan.

Atkins said preliminary discussions with the federal district court judge in Los Angeles last week outlined the procedures for the pre-trial investigation that precedes the formal hearing on the complaint. No date has yet been announced for that hearing.

School board officials were able to overturn a limited school desegregation plan on April 20th, mandated by Los Angeles District Court Judge Paul Egly, after the

State Supreme Court upheld their position. Atkins asserted that "we plan to turn their temporary victory into ashes, demonstrating to those who oppose quality education for all children that this is only the first round in a 10-round fight the NAACP will vigorously wage."

Atkins said the NAACP obtained a temporary restraining order to halt the school board's plan but it was overruled by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist, who was acting in his capacity as Justice for the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals -- an area that includes the state of California.

NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks said "The NAACP gained a substantial victory when Federal District Court Judge A. Wallace Tashima originally granted the emergency order on the merits of our case. Now we're pursuing our next course of action. We're placing the ultimate decision in the hands of the federal courts who will not be intimidated by angry editorials, opinion polls or the election box -- but will only consider what is fair and just."



UP, UP AND AWAY! Former Trailblazer Lloyd Neal teaches his friend Kelly Masterson to visit Miss Emerson's class. The Alameda second graders how to shoot baskets. Neal was invited by Alameda PTA recently provided lowered baskets



Southeast Asian children who attend Boise Elementary School were provided clothing by the Northeast Neighborhood offices' Clothes Closet. Above, Sharon McCormack, Edna Robertson and Gail Myers help children select clothing. Children's clothing, especially small sizes, are needed. To volunteer, provide clothing, or make appointments for families needing clothing call 248-4575.

## Hartzog receives honor

By Kathryn Hall Bogle

Dr. Ernest E. Hartzog was named among those selected for 1980-81 in "Who's Who among Black Americans."

Hartzog, Assistant Superintendent of Portland Public Schools, expressed himself as being "deeply honored to have been accorded this distinction. It is gratifying," he said, "to have one's life-long commitment recognized and classified by others in this way. It encourages me to continue working to devise ways to provide better and better education for all the children in our population."

A native of York, Pennsylvania, Hartzog received a masters degree in Educational Administration from San Diego State and a masters in Psychology from New York University. His doctorate in psychology and human behavior was earned from the United States International University at San Diego.

A Superintendent of Portland Public School District #1 for the past nine years, Dr. Hartzog last year took office as National President of the National Alliance of Black School Education, an organization of 3,000 persons involved at all professional levels in education.

Hartzog is a past president of the Oregon Alliance of Black School Educators. Currently, he is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club,



DR. ERNEST HARTZOG

board membership with Emanuel Hospital, the United Way and the Portland Urban League.

Dr. Hartzog and his wife Jeanne, are the parents of two children, Daniel, who is completing Industrial Engineering courses at San Luis Obispo and daughter Sharon, a junior in Business Administration at San Diego State.

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