

School Officials Are Subpeonaed

May Testify in District Court Wednesday

Six Hillsboro School officials have been subpoenaed to appear at the hearing in U. S. District Court at Cincinnati Wednesday morning.

They include the superintendent, Paul L. Upp, and the five members of the board. They were presented subpoenas for their appearance here Thursday by a U. S. marshal.

The hearing will get underway at 11 A. M. Judge John H. Druffel, in a telephone interview, said he could not determine beforehand how long the hearing would take or exactly what steps would be taken.

He was of the opinion that opening arguments would be presented by both sides and then, possibly, witnesses might be subpoenaed to testify for both sides.

Questioned concerning post-hearing action, he said that possibly briefs might be filed by opposing attorneys and if this was done, he would have to grant them a period of time to prepare these papers.

The Hillsboro board was scheduled to meet Monday night to discuss the impending hearing and also to dispatch some other routine school business.

The hearing was set by Judge Druffel last Wednesday after he had denied a petition by attorneys for the National Association of Colored People for a restraining

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against the local board and superintendent.
other petitions by the NAACP, requesting a temporary and permanent injunction against the board, will be the subject of Wednesday session.
The group is seeking to restrain the board from refusing admission of colored children at the Webster and Washington Schools.

MEANWHILE, in Columbus, Governor Frank Lausche issued a statement on racial segregation, commenting that "my belief is that in a few school districts in Ohio, a wrong is being committed on Negro children."
The statement did not name any particular areas but Hillsboro is one of the few locations, if not the only one, in Ohio where the question has arisen. At least, it is the only one publicly accused of alleged segregation.

The governor expressed the hope that "wrongs would be rectified," and based upon the provisions of the Declaration of Independence, the constitution of the United States, the recent announcement of the U. S. Supreme Court, and the natural law, every child, regardless of color, is entitled to be educated on equal basis in our schools.

The governor's statement continued, "The teaching services and school building facilities should be of an equal nature. Establishing separate quarters and educating children on the basis of

color is not in conformity with either the letter or spirit of the law."

Asked if his words "a few school districts" referred to other than the Hillsboro situation, Lausche said he had only unofficial reports of other cases. These reports were not complete enough to permit him to identify the other districts, he said.

Hillsboro school officials said they had no public comment to make on Lausche's statement.

Partridge Will

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guilty by reason of insanity for Partridge when the engineer was arraigned before Judge McDowell on Saturday, Sept. 18. After Judge McDowell set the date at Sept. 29, the attorney indicated that he might try for a continuance until after Oct. 4, but no such request had been received by the court up to Monday morning.

PARTRIDGE is specifically charged with forcing his way into the Lincoln School building here on the morning of July 5, during a severe electrical storm, and setting fire to the building, using two cans of fuel. The fire was extinguished by local firemen before the building could be destroyed, but damage amounting to \$5000 was incurred.

At his preliminary hearing on July 7, shortly after he admitted to Police Chief Walter Reffitt that he had set fire to the building, Partridge entered a plea of guilty to the arson charge. The second count, that of burglary, was returned by the grand jury.
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