

School Hearing Set Wednesday

May Give Ruling In Segregation Case

James Hapner, attorney for the Columbus board of education, has been officially notified of a hearing to be held in U. S. District Court at Cincinnati next Wednesday, Dec. 29, concerning the alleged school segregation case here. Hapner said today that he was not certain what form the hearing, scheduled to begin at 10 A. M., would take, but substantially, it is expected to be an elaboration of the previous hearing on October 10 at which both plaintiffs and defendants appeared. Only the defendants were called to testify at that time.

Judge John Druffel ruled at the original hearing that he would defer action in the case until after the U. S. Supreme Court had set a procedure for carrying out its anti-segregation ruling.

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MEANWHILE, the plaintiffs, the local Negro women, took Druffel's continuance of the case to the U. S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The appeals court issued an order on Friday, Dec. 10, to Judge Druffel to show cause why he should not act immediately in the case. That will be the purpose of the Dec. 29 hearing.

As of Tuesday, the local school board had not been subpoenaed to appear next week but Hapner said some board members will attend the hearing and possibly might be called upon to testify.