

hension of the hazards involved could have been kept away from the dangerous waters.

All of the elements necessary for liability as set out in Section 339 of the Restatement of Torts are present in this case, and the California courts have said that such doctrine is the law in California.

Accordingly, judgment should be entered in favor of the plaintiffs and against the defendant in the sum of \$8,000.

Findings of fact, conclusions of law and judgment to be prepared by plaintiffs.



Earl Benjamin BUSH et al., Plaintiffs,

v.

**ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
et al., Defendants.
Civ. A. No. 3630.**

United States District Court
E. D. Louisiana,
New Orleans Division.

Feb. 15, 1956.

Class action to obtain admission of Negro children to the public schools of a parish on a nonsegregated basis. The District Court, Per Curiam, held that provisions of Louisiana Constitution and statutes requiring or permitting segregation of races in public schools are invalid under United States Supreme Court ruling and that no serious constitutional question, not previously decided by such Court, being presented, a three-judge court was not required.

Provisions declared invalid, two judges sitting with district judge with-

drawn, and case directed to proceed in District Court.

See also, D.C., 138 F.Supp. 337.

1. Constitutional Law ¶220
Schools and School Districts ¶13

The provisions of Louisiana Constitution and statutes requiring or permitting segregation of races in public schools "in exercise of state police power" are invalid under United States Supreme Court ruling as depriving Negro children of equal protection of laws. U. S.C.A.Const. Amend. 14; LSA-R.S. 17:-81.1, and note, 17:331 et seq.; LSA-Const. art. 12, § 1.

2. Courts ¶101

Where no serious constitutional question not previously decided by United States Supreme Court was presented in District Court action for admission of Negro children to public schools of parish on nonsegregated basis, a three-judge court was not required. 28 U.S.C.A. § 2281.

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Before BORAH, Circuit Judge, CHRISTENBERRY, Chief Judge, and J. SKELLY WRIGHT, District Judge.

PER CURIAM.

This class action is brought in behalf of minor children of the Negro race by their parents, guardians or next friends, seeking the aid of the court in obtaining admission to the public schools of Orleans Parish on a nonsegregated basis. The complaint alleges the children have been denied admission to schools attended by white children under Article 12, § 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, LSA-Const., and Louisiana Acts 555 and 556 of 1954, LSA-R.S. 17:331 et seq., 17:81.1

and note, requiring segregation of the races in public elementary and high schools of the state.

[1] The Supreme Court of the United States in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 349 U.S. 294, 75 S.Ct. 753, 755, 99 L.Ed. 1083, in dealing with this identical situation with reference to the states of Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia and Delaware, wrote as follows: "These cases were decided on May 17, 1954. The opinions of that date, declaring the fundamental principle that racial discrimination in public education is unconstitutional, are incorporated herein by reference.¹ All provisions of federal, state, or local law requiring or permitting such discrimination must yield to this principle." In so far as the provisions of the Louisiana Constitution and statutes in suit require or permit segregation of the races in public schools,² they are invalid under the ruling of the Supreme Court in *Brown*.

[2] This three-judge court was convened under 28 U.S.C. § 2281 pursuant to the requests of the parties. It now appears that no serious constitutional question, not heretofore decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, is presented. Accordingly, a three-judge court under 28 U.S.C. § 2281 is not required. *Ex parte Poresky*, 290 U.S. 30, 54 S.Ct. 3, 78 L.Ed. 152. The two judges designated by the Chief Judge of the Circuit to sit with the district judge in the hearing and decision of this case now withdraw from the case, which will proceed in the district court where it was originally filed. See *Gray v. Board of Trustees of University of Tennessee*, D.C., 100 F.Supp. 113, 116; *Lee v. Roseberry*, D.C., 94 F.Supp. 324, 328.

1. The first opinion in *Brown*, in which the constitutional issue was decided, held: "Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs and others similarly situated for whom the actions have been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment." 347 U.S. 483, 495, 74 S.Ct. 686, 692, 98 L.Ed. 873.

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Action in equity, on behalf of Negro children, for a declaratory judgment and injunction against racial segregation in public schools of a parish. On plaintiffs' application for temporary injunction, the District Court, J. Skelly Wright, J., held that administrative remedy under Louisiana statute providing for hearings before parish school superintendent and school board in case of dissatisfaction with superintendent's school assignment of any child is invalid as part of invalid legislative plan for maintaining racial segregation in schools and hence may be disregarded.

Decree enjoining parish school board and its agents, servants and employees from requiring or permitting segregation of races in parish schools after time necessary to arrange for admission of children thereto on racially nondiscriminatory basis with all deliberate speed.

1. Courts ☞303(3)

An action against Orleans Parish School Board and its agents, servants and employees for declaratory judgment and injunction against segregation of races in public schools of parish was not a suit against State of Louisiana with-

2. Article 12, § 1 of the Louisiana Constitution and Act 555 of 1954 require segregation "in the exercise of the State police power." This provision does not save them from invalidity. See *Dawson v. Mayor & City Council of Baltimore City*, 4 Cir., 220 F.2d 386, affirmed 350 U.S. 877, 76 S.Ct. 183.