

Little violence

Officials expect peaceful desegregation

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KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Officials expect little violence today during the first day of a school desegregation plan that calls for the forced busing of about 500 black junior high school students.

The desegregation plan, which was proposed by the school board and approved by U.S. District Court Judge Earl E. O'Connor in June, is the result of a four-year court battle. It has brought loud protests from black parents because it provides for the busing of black students only.

The Justice Department, which testified against the plan, has decided to appeal the court-approved desegregation effort.

Under the plan, some students will be bused as far away as 11 miles. It calls for the closing of a predominantly black junior high school in the northeast part of the city and busing the seventh and eighth graders to four predominantly white schools.

"It's ridiculous to have our kids used as guinea pigs," said Wanda Canady, the mother of two children who will be bused 11 miles. "Every time the white people move, are we going to have to follow them?"

Unlike massive desegregation efforts in many cities, the Kansas City, Kan., plan will uproot fewer than 2 per cent of the district's 28,000 students. They will be transferred to schools that are already 10

to 37 percent minority. About 40 per cent of the district's students are black.

Police, school officials and critics of the desegregation plan expect little problems during the first day of busing.

"We're encouraging the kids to go to school because we know this plan was designed not to work and we want to show it was designed not to work," said Alvin Sykes, leader of the black Youth Action Movement. "If we react with violence, we'd be reacting (for the) short-range."

The guarantee of a Justice Department appeal has tempered any plans for disruption, he said.

"We're more interested in dealing with this long-range now that we

can deal from inside the law," Sykes said. "We don't want to react ignorantly by tearing up places — that's slave mentality."

"The information we get leads us to believe there will not be any disruptive action anytime Monday and we hope that is the case," said Jim Goheen, a school board attorney.

Federal officials watching desegregation on both sides of the state line believe what happens in Kansas City, Kan., this week may set the tone for what happens in Missouri next week. Kansas City, Mo., public schools open Sept. 7 with more than 8,000 of the district's projected 47,000 students scheduled to be bused to achieve desegregation.

Many gather for Klan rally in Mississippi

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KREOLE, Miss. — About 600 persons gathered Saturday night in this coastal Mississippi town for a rally sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan, and a pamphlet announced the gathering was for "White Public Only."

Andy Harrison of Metairie, La., national youth leader of the United Klans of America told the crowd that even though Americans are being taught that blacks are equal to whites, "The good Lord does not believe in integration."

Harrison charged, "Blacks have caused a rise in violence in our schools — an institution where the future of America is growing."

Former Mississippi Grand Dragon W.J. Kidd of Swartz, La., said the United Klans believe in a free press, he added, "If you will look behind the TV station, the radio station and newspaper in your town, you will find they are owned by some syndicate."

Kidd said a recent television program about a Klan group was a smear tactic against the Klan and the state of Mississippi in particular.

Flanked by white-robed men, Kidd spoke from a trailer decorated with United Klans of America paraphernalia. He said all groups calling themselves Klans are not associated with the United Klans organization.

Several members of the group said the meeting was being held to recruit new members.

The meeting opened with a prayer and ended with a cross burning.

Regents shuffle administration

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Development Foundation, became vice-chancellor for development. At Texas A&M, development means raising funds through contributions, grants and donations. So those title-changes, while in no way changing the jobs Bond and Walker do, put them under the chancellor's control and direction instead of the president's.

Lane Stephenson, associate director of the University News Service, became assistant to the chancellor for information. This was another change in title only, but again, Stephenson now answers to Chancellor Williams instead of President Miller.

"What's new?" one regent asked an administrator during the meeting and after the changes had been announced.

"Everything," the administrator said with a laugh.

So there stood the administration in early August. Chancellor Williams had his office filled with hand-picked subordinates. But President Miller had yet to pick his own subordinates.

Miller said after being appointed

that he will continue to use the three-vice-president organization that Williams set up at the University. That meant that Miller had to appoint vice-presidents for both business affairs — which had been vacant since Tom Cherry retired in August 1976 — and academic affairs, vacated by new vice-chancellor John Calhoun.

Another post Miller had to fill was that of Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs Richard Wainerdi. Wainerdi announced early last week that he is resigning from the University to take a vice-presidential job with a Houston architectural and engineering firm.

All three positions were filled by the board of regents Friday with administrators nominated by Miller.

Howard Vestal, assistant vice-president for business since 1973, was appointed vice-president for business, a job he has for all practical purposes filled since Tom Cherry retired.

Dr. John Mack Prescott, dean of the College of Science, was named Calhoun's successor as vice-president for academic affairs. Dr. Haskell Monroe Jr., dean of facul-

ties, was named Wainerdi's successor as associate vice-president for academic affairs.

With the appointments Friday the administrations for both the University and the system seem complete. While there may be minor additions or adjustments, the men there now will probably remain where they are for some time.

But how these changes affect both Texas A&M and the system in the coming years depend on the relationship which develops between the president and the chancellor.

The head offices for most of the units within the system are located in College Station or on the Texas A&M campus. So logically the chancellor's office will remain here. But by remaining on the campus, that office immediately must share ground and concerns with the president's office.

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