

It was an old-time Southern lynch mob with a Boston accent. Spilling out of a South Boston rally, to protest the court-directed busing of Boston's school-children, the crowd of angry whites spotted Jean-Louis Yvon, a 33-year-old black Haitian immigrant on his way to pick up his wife from work. Chanting and yelling, the whites surrounded Yvon's car and began rocking it, trying to open the doors. Next they smashed the windows, pulled the frantic black man to the street and started beating him. Yvon broke free and began to run -- only to be caught by other whites. One belted him with a club; another kicked him in the groin and boasted: "I showed that nigger, didn't I?" Finally, the police moved in, fired two warning shots and eventually pulled the bloodied Yvon to safety. Said one shaken cop: "He was going to be dead."

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Dear Friend:

The violence in Boston between blacks and whites recalls the long, painful years when segregation was being ended in the South. How is integration working where it has been achieved?

I enclose a booklet on Little Rock schools today -- 17 years after Gov. Faubus mobilized the National Guard to keep 9 lonely black boys and girls out of Central High. In these pages, students, teachers, and school administrators -- black and white -- tell you of their combined efforts to make integration a creative educational experience in a complex urban situation.

With few illusions left, they "speak truth to hate." And they recognize that the problem of segregation will not finally be solved until blacks and whites live side by side in the suburbs and the cities, and work together at all levels of employment, public and private. The challenge to segregation, which began in schools, now extends to all aspects of living. And THE naacp LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (LDF), now as then, is at the forefront of the struggle.

Little Rock did not end our work in schools. Just last September, after a protracted court effort by LDF, the schools of Denver, Colorado, were successfully integrated with a minimum of dislocation. At this moment, in addition to scores of school suits, LDF has some 72 cases in court challenging housing discrimination and 189 seeking equality of job opportunity and job advancement.

THE naacp LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, itself thoroughly integrated, is, I believe, the most powerful single force in America for the realization of racial equality. But its continued strength depends upon you and

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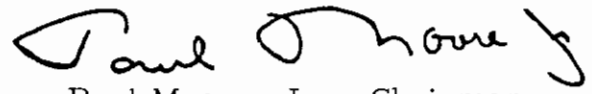
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Fifteen thousand new gifts averaging \$20 each are needed NOW. Won't you join us? Whatever you send, large or small, expresses your faith that this beloved land of ours can be redeemed from the age-old stain of race hate.

As you and I listen to these students and teachers in Little Rock -- whose attitudes have been unalterably shaped by LDF's efforts -- can we do less than make a sacrifice?

Sincerely yours,



Paul Moore, Jr., Chairman

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**FLASH—LDF CHALLENGES CONSTITUTIONALITY
OF BOSTON'S SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

March 4, 1974—In Federal District Court, attorneys for The naacp Legal Defense Fund and the Harvard Center for Law and Education today challenged the constitutionality of the election of members to Boston's School Committee (equivalent to a Board of Education elsewhere). Ten black plaintiffs allege no black candidate can be elected to the School Committee because every voter votes to fill every position under the at-large system. As a result, there is no minority representation on the Committee, and black students in Boston, comprising 30% of the enrollment, have no spokesmen at the policy level.

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