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Dear Friend:

Denise Anderson, a 17-year-old junior, was sent home from Conley High School in Greenville, North Carolina, by the principal and could not return for a month. Her offense -- her parents owed \$11.25 in school fees.

Almost 200 children, without warning and with no advance opportunity for their parents to explain the family circumstances, were excluded from North Carolina's Pitt County schools because parents had not paid fees for miscellaneous items ranging from locker-room keys to special charges for shop and home economics. School officials reported that 172 of the 184 students excluded were black.

Denise's father, Clinton Anderson, appealed to The naacp Legal Defense Fund (LDF) for help, and Denise was permitted to resume classes the day LDF attorney Julius Chambers filed suit. But she was given no help in making up the month's work she missed.

The fact that unpaid school fees could be used to push out black children points up the poverty of black families.

To help black workers overcome the income gap, LDF is fighting many court battles for equal employment opportunities. Significant progress is being made. Median black family income was just 50% of what the median white family earned in 1964, when the Civil Rights Act first ordered business firms to hire and promote without regard to race. In 1972, the percentage had risen nine points -- to 59%.

But that 41% differential is enormous and, because of it, fifteen times as many black students as white were shut out of Pitt County schools for unpaid fees. Further, the loss of school time for all the excluded children, white and black, may cripple their ability to compete in the job market when their schooling is over.

Thus, LDF's struggle for equal job opportunity and for equal edu-

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cational preparation are two phases of the same effort: the battle to bring Negro Americans close enough to the earning levels of white Americans so that interracial amity flows naturally from interracial contact.

The brief folder I enclose describes two employment cases, both in Mobile, Alabama. In microcosm, these Mobile cases represent 186 LDF cases in 23 other states and all parts of the Nation. LDF's massive job-equality campaign is nothing less than full utilization of the law to attack biased employment practices, public and private, affecting millions of our fellow citizens. It is our basic weapon in the war on black poverty.

In this year of uncertainty and doubt, will you help us bring good will to more of our citizens? Hundreds of thousands of dollars are needed to support LDF's many efforts. I hope you will send \$15 or more if you can. But every gift -- large or small -- helps us sustain, in a tangible way, the faith that the rule of law can be made to work to benefit us all.

Sincerely yours,



Paul Moore, Jr.
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