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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
DELTA DIVISION

JONATHAN HARRIS, by his mother and next friend, MRS. RUSSIA HARRIS; LARRY HOLDEN, by his mother and next friend, MRS. VERLA MAE HOLDEN; GERALD JOHNSON, by his parents and next friends, MRS. CLARA JOHNSON and MR. IRA LEE JOHNSON; in behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, Plaintiffs

NO. DC 73-29-K

V.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CLARKSDALE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT; SAM KENDRICKS, Principal of the Clarksdale High School; ROBERT M. ELLARD, Superintendent of the Clarksdale Municipal Separate School District, Defendants

ORDER

This cause having been submitted upon the motion of plaintiffs for preliminary injunction, the response of defendants thereto, and all parties having appeared in court personally and by their attorneys and announcing their readiness for trial, and after the introduction of evidence, both oral and documentary, and arguments of counsel, and the court having delivered from the bench its findings of fact and conclusions of law as contained in the court reporter's notes; it is

ORDERED

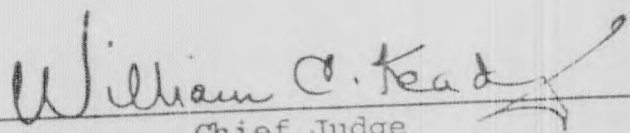
(1) The prayer of the plaintiffs that Jonathan Harris, Larry Holden and Gerald Johnson be reinstated as students in the Clarksdale High School is denied, inasmuch as the court finds that their constitutional rights have not been violated by the actions of the defendants heretofore taken in the exercise of their lawful and reasonable authority to maintain discipline and order in the public schools subject to their control.

(2) The prayer of the plaintiffs' class, consisting of black students of the Clarksdale Junior and Senior High Schools, seeking the institution of a Black History Week Assembly Program in such schools annually is sustained, and the defendants be and they are hereby ordered and enjoined to conduct in the Clarksdale High School a Black History Assembly Program during the month of April 1973 at a time during regular school hours as may be selected by the Superintendent and Principal of the High School, featuring the contributions made to America by famous Negroes in the Nation's history. Said assembly program shall be open to all students enrolled in the Clarksdale High School but attendance may, in the discretion of the High School Principal, be made optional. Similarly, such an assembly program shall, if not already held, be conducted in the Clarksdale Junior High School. Each year hereafter during the month of February, defendants shall conduct a Black History Assembly Program in the Clarksdale Senior and Junior High Schools. The court determines injunctive relief of this kind is reasonable, proper and necessary in order to further the desegregation process in said schools and more fully bring about a unitary school system.

The Clerk of this court shall serve a copy of this order upon Leon Porter, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Clarksdale Municipal Separate School District, and Robert M. Ellard, Superintendent of the Clarksdale schools.

All further issues in the case are reserved for final hearing.

This, 28th day of March, 1973.



Chief Judge  
United States District Court