

Here is the sequence of events in the development of the Little Rock school case.

In May of 1955, the Little Rock School Board approved a moderate plan for the gradual desegregation of the schools in that city. It ~~contemplated~~ ^{provided} that a start toward integration would be made at the present term in the high school, and that the plan would be in full operation by 1963. This plan was challenged in the courts by some who believed that the period of time as proposed was too long.

The United States Court at Little Rock, which has supervisory responsibility under the law for the plan of desegregation in the public schools, ^{then approving a gradual rather than an abrupt change from the existing system,} dismissed the challenge. It found that the school board had acted in good faith in making effective a school system free from racial discrimination.



Since that time, the court has issued orders [↓] on three separate occasions ^{denying} ~~ordering~~ that the plan be carried out. All persons were ~~in-~~ ^{instructed} ~~rected~~ to refrain from interfering with the efforts of the school board to comply with the law.

Proper and sensible observance of the law then demanded the respectful obedience which the nation as a right to expect from all the people. This, unfortunately, has not been the case at Little Rock.