

VOTE OF PROTEST

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For the support of Kentucky State College, out-of-state tuition under the Anderson-Mayer Act, and the West Kentucky Vocational Training School, a total of \$624,243.00 was requested by Negro school heads to the Legislative Council. When the Governor's proposed budget was announced, only the pitiful and inadequate sum of \$197,000.00 was recommended to provide for higher and vocational education for Negroes for the entire state. "From my knowledge of the conditions of higher and vocational education for Negroes in Kentucky," he continued, "some real tangible evidence of larger support must come forward." Practically all of the surrounding states which sponsor a separate program of Negro higher education have been and are now spending more to this end than Kentucky. The list includes West Virginia, Ohio and Tennessee.

For all of the state supported institutions for white people in Kentucky, there are special taxes from which funds are derived monthly, "when and as collected," this, in addition to the fairly decent state appropriations which have been granted by the Legislature, while the usual appropriations granted for Negro higher and vocational education are not enough to operate a first class stock or dairy farm. The institutions for Negroes do not share in these special taxes and, therefore, are compelled to rely upon funds provided by the Legislature. However, when the time comes to appropriate funds for Negro education the time-worn cry is "that we don't have the money." If any state can appropriate \$3,000,000.00 for teachers' salaries of which the Negro teachers in the end will obtain only a meager part, then it certainly can appropriate more than \$40,000.00 for the operation of West Kentucky Vocational School for Negroes at Paducah or the sum of \$150,000.00 for the operation of Kentucky State College at Frankfort.

Mr. Anderson stated "there are only 1465 Negro teachers in Kentucky while there are over 20,000 white teachers; the \$3,000,000 figure looks attractive but when you observe the percentage its nothing to be alarmed about." In commenting further he stated "My vote on the Teachers' Bill is largely one of protest. It is not that I wish to deny benefits to elementary and secondary school teachers, but I do want to stress the fact that higher and vocational education for Negro boys and girls must not suffer any further, and in some way the Race must be granted larger additional direct appropriations." For state supported colleges for white people of similar size enrollment, the Legislature has always seen fit to grant larger individual appropriations than to the institutions for Negroes at Frankfort or Paducah. As evidence of the plight of educational inequalities and inadequate funds, the Louisville Defender carried in its January