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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTEGRATION

To the Minnesota State Bar Association:

Your Committee recommends:

Recommendation

That the committee be continued until a final disposition of this matter has been made.

Report

The committee held meetings at the Athletic Club in St. Paul on September 13, 1946 and January 17, 1947, and the matter of now proceeding in the Supreme Court was thoroughly discussed.

At the suggestion of the committee as it was then constituted, the Chairman enlarged the committee to include the following veterans of World War II: J. Stewart McClendon, Ralph H. Lee and Karl F. Diessner of Minneapolis; Leo Winzenburg of Jackson; Frank A. Barnard of Benson; L. W. Spang and J. B. Forbes of Duluth; Andrew Glenn, George G. McPartlin and Howard W. Babcock of St. Paul and Wright W. Brooks of Minneapolis.

The recent decision of the Wisconsin Supreme Court in re integration was thoroughly discussed.

It was then determined that the Chairman would prepare a series of articles for publication in Bench and Bar reviewing the past history of this movement in Minnesota, so as to bring all members of the bar up to date as to the present status of the matter, and that those opposed to integration would then be invited to prepare similar articles for publication in Bench and Bar, and that when such publicity had been completed another plebiscite would be taken to determine the present sentiment of the bar in this matter with the understanding that if this plebiscite still showed that a majority of the bar were in favor of integration, that steps would then be taken by the committee for a formal reopening of the proceeding before the Supreme Court.

At the time this report is written, the articles referred to have been published by the committee in Bench and Bar, and such publicity as the opposition wishes to give through the same source will no doubt appear in the April or May issue of that publication. It is probable that at the time of the annual convention the new plebiscite will have been taken, and if so, a supplemental report will be made by the committee at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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