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## After 'Moderation'?

J. Skelly Wright, the turncoat Southern judge from New Orleans, is on the rampage again.

Judge Wright, the true-blue tool of the NAACP against his own people, has issued the following order:

Beginning with the opening of school in September, 1962, all children entering, or presently enrolled in, the public elementary schools of New Orleans, grades one through six, may attend either the formerly all-white public schools nearest their homes or the formerly all-Negro schools nearest their homes, at their option.

In other words, any Negro pupil from grades one through six who lives closer to a white school than a Negro school can go to the white school if he, or his parents, so desire, free of the restrictions of the pupil placement law. This decision was handed down in spite of the fact that New Orleans already has "moderate" integration.

No one can say that Judge Wright has not earned his promotion to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, if such promotion is the reward for betraying his Southern heritage and his fellow citizens of New Orleans.

However, Judge Wright unintentionally has done a favor for the South. He has struck another blow at the pipe-dream of "moderation" cherished by all too many Southerners—that by yielding just a little bit to the Supreme Court's infamous decision we can permanently restrict integration to just a few carefully selected Negroes.

Speed the day when the entire South faces up to the painful reality that a little "moderate" integration is only the opening wedge for complete and total integration and consequently mongrelization of the races.