

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE

DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

CHARLES JEROME STOCKTON, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

and

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-
Intervenor,

vs.

ALABAMA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
FOR NEGRO CHILDREN, ET AL.,

Defendants.

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D E C R E E

The plaintiffs and plaintiff-intervenor having filed their complaint and complaint in intervention seeking a permanent injunction, as appears more fully in the complaint and complaint in intervention and the prayers for relief therein; and the plaintiffs, plaintiff-intervenor, and defendants having agreed upon a basis for the adjudication of the matters alleged in the complaint and complaint in intervention, and the entry of a judgment in this action, and having entered into a stipulation, the original of which is being filed with the Court, and due deliberation being had thereon, now, on motion of counsel for the plaintiffs and plaintiff-intervenor and after consideration thereof, it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that final judgment in favor of the plaintiffs and plaintiff-intervenor and against the defendants be and it is hereby granted and ordered entered as the judgment in this action as follows:

1. The Alabama Industrial School (formerly known as the Alabama Industrial School for Negro Children, and hereinafter referred to as Mt. Meigs) will continue to accept male juvenile delinquents between the ages of 15 and 18, without regard to race.

2. The capacity of Mt. Meigs will be maintained at approximately 150 children, consistent with standards recommended by the American Psychiatric Association and set forth in the formal findings of fact filed in this case this date.

3. The farming program at Mt. Meigs which was operated on a commercial basis for many years will not be resumed, except on a small and

limited scale, consistent with the school's vocational and training program.

4. Mt. Meigs will continue to employ sufficient numbers of full-time counselors so that 24-hour supervision and guidance may be provided to committed juveniles. At least ten counselors (or approximately one counselor for every 15 students) should be on duty at any given time.

5. Mt. Meigs will continue to employ a full-time recreational director who will administer the institution's recreation and physical education program. Further, the school will employ at least one trained recreation person for each 50 children at Mt. Meigs, consistent with recommendations of the American Psychiatric Association.

6. The Social Services Department at Mt. Meigs will continue to employ a full-time director, with at least a bachelor's degree in some area of social work. Sufficient full-time social workers will also be employed to adequately counsel the juveniles committed to the institution. Insofar as possible, no more than 30 students will be assigned to each social caseworker.

7. The Medical and Diagnostic Center, constructed on the Mt. Meigs grounds, will continue to provide medical and health care to juveniles committed to the school. A full-time Registered Nurse will be available at all times, and a licensed physician shall visit the institution at least three times each week to provide medical care to committed children.

8. Corporal punishment will not be inflicted upon juveniles at Mt. Meigs, except as provided in the memorandum issued to all staff members on February 13, 1970, by Mr. J. B. Hill. This memorandum allows staff members to administer corporal punishment only with a prescribed paddle; in the presence of another staff member; and with a punishment report to be submitted to the Superintendent within 12 hours after the punishment has been administered.

9. The discipline and incentive program outlined in the ten-page document entitled "Individual Conduct, Effort and Initiative Rating System" will continue to provide the basis for Mt. Meigs' disciplinary system.

10. Mt. Meigs will continue to offer a vocational program which not only aims at the development of specific skills, but also emphasizes a responsible attitude toward work.

Sufficient numbers of qualified vocational counselors and instructors will continue to be assigned to the Mt. Meigs program, so that the

current vocational offerings may be maintained at the present level of instruction.

11. The Academic Department at Mt. Meigs should conform to all Alabama State laws relating to educational standards for any other public school. A pupil-teacher ratio of at least one teacher per 15 students will be maintained. The current number of academic course offerings will also be continued.

12. Mt. Meigs will continue to maintain an orientation program headed by a permanent orientation director. A separate facility will be used to house juveniles during the first days of their commitment at the school. Each child shall receive individual orientation counseling, as well as psychological testing, physical examinations and shall participate in special programs and activities which will help to speed the process of institutional adjustment.

This Court retains jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes.

Done, this the 23d day of July, 1971.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE