

Captain Kennedy, August 24th, when discussing the matter of segregation at the post with me stated that these Negro girls knew "what the policy of the army was" before they came to Fort Des Moines, and that they, therefore, came with that understanding. What the "policy of the army" was he did not state.

In my opinion Colonel Faith is administrating his post with the minimum of segregation consistent with his interpretation of "army policy."

However, I desire to make this observation: I know of no Federal Law that requires the segregation of Negroes in the Army. (As I understand it, the WAACs are an auxiliary thereof.) The State Laws of the State of Iowa directly prohibit the segregation of Negroes in eating places. There is no State Law in Iowa, requiring the separate housing of Negroes nor is there any State Law in Iowa, requiring separate recreational facilities for Negroes.

It is to be noted that the army purports to justify its segregation of Negroes in southern training camps to conform to State Law. It is difficult to understand how violation of State Law in this camp is justified. I do not have access to complete army regulations, but seriously doubt if there are any Federal Laws that justify segregating these Negro girls at Fort Des Moines.

CONCLUSIONS:

In the conduct of this investigation, I have been given every cooperation and assistance by Colonel Faith, Captain Kennedy,

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