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School desegregation was slow in the South, and Raleigh was no exception. This newspaper article outlines the seeming futility of the fight for equal rights in the school system with statements such as "by a five to one vote, the school board turned down" the request for admittance, noting that this was "the lone request from a Negro for admission to a Raleigh white school."

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Parents Of Negro

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Boy Ask Raleigh

Board For Hearing

RALEIGH, Aug. 9 (AP)—The parents of a 14-year-old Negro boy denied admission to an all-white high school said tonight they have asked a hearing before the Raleigh School Board.

Joseph Holt Sr. said he mailed a letter today to city schools Supt. Jesse O. Sanderson asking a hearing, which is provided under the North Carolina Pupil Assignment Act.

The rejected student, Joseph Holt Jr., had asked to be transferred from the all-Negro Ligon High School to Needham Broughton High School nearer his home.

By a five to one vote, the school board turned down his request last Tuesday. The board's only Negro member, attorney Fred J. Carnage, voted that young Holt be admitted. It was the lone request from a Negro for admission to a Raleigh white school.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt had complained to police that they had received threatening telephone calls because of their son's application. Officers were assigned to keep a watch on the neighborhood.

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