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Pickets, Booing Greet Students

By BERT HYDE

A gang of teen-agers demonstrated with signs and shouted outside McDonogh No. 19 elementary school today after three Negro girls accompanied by parents entered the building.

M. Hepburn Many, US attorney, visited the school two hours after the Negro students were admitted about 9:15 a. m.

Some 100-150 high-school-age boys stood in the neutral ground on St. Claude, carrying signs, "We want segregation," and singing to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" "Glory, Glory Segregation."

72 Policemen

A busload of 72 policemen took up stations, along with about 30 officers already on the

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Girls--

scene, completely encircling the school about 10 to 20 feet apart.

The teen-agers claimed they were from Nicholls High school.

The Negro girls arrived with federal marshals in three automobiles which stopped directly in front of the school. Two of the girls, accompanied by their mothers, were the first to go up the steps of the school.

They were followed by the girl with her father, who were about 20 feet behind.

White women in the crowd on the neutral ground of St. Claude ave. booed.

Negroes in the crowd, mostly women, held their hands high over their heads and clapped.

Neither the marshals nor the parents of the girls looked back but continued walking toward the front entrance of the school.

One mother tried to force her way through the heavy

traffic that continued to pass.

Mrs. Amelia Plunkett, 6321 St. Claude, said she has three daughters, Gail, 13; Diane, 10, and Ellen, 7, at McDonogh 19 and just as soon as she could get to the school she would take them home.

"I'll get them out of there just as quick as I can," she said.

"You're right, do it," several persons cried.

Mrs. Beatrice Graf, 5528 Dauphine, brought her three small redheaded children, two daughters and a son, out of McDonogh 19, almost immediately after the Negroes entered the school.

She left by a front door, first floor entrance, holding the three, Paulette, 11; Dor-ky, 8, and Margaret, 5, by the hand.

She stopped at the corner to talk to newsmen.

"When I left home to bring the children to school," she said, "I understood the schools were not going to be integrated. That's why I left the children at the school."

Depends on Others

Asked if she would return the children to school tomorrow, even if it is integrated, she said, "It depends on what the others do."

She said "the others" were her neighbors with whom she had talked about the situation. She said her neighbors are also rushing to get their children out of school.

"Just as soon as we heard what school would be integrated all of us headed over here to get our children."

There were wild cries of "Yea! Yea!" every time a white mother came out of the school with her children.

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