

YOUTH MARCH FOR INTEGRATED SCHOOLS
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STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE IN WASHINGTON FOR INTEGRATED SCHOOLS.

Plans under discussion for a student demonstration on the school issue became official today with public announcement of the Youth March For Integrated Schools, to take place Saturday, October 11, in the nation's capital.

The announcement was in the form of a Call issued jointly by Mrs. Daisy Bates, Mrs. Ralph J. Bunche, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., A. Philip Randolph, Jackie Robinson and Roy Wilkins ---- all of whom have agreed to serve as honorary chairmen.

1,000 Negro and white students from fourth grade through college are expected to converge on Washington for the occasion. They will come from Eastern Seaboard States in special buses sponsored by churches and civic groups. Already, in New York, two churches and three unions have agreed to sponsor buses.

A minister, a teacher and a parent will be aboard each bus. A special children's committee headed by Representative Bessie Buchanan has been established to make these arrangements.

In Washington the students--led by Jackie Robinson holding the hands of a Negro and a white child--will first go to the White House where an interview with President Eisenhower will be sought. They will then march down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol where they will present to six congressmen their own declaration in defense of the U. S. Constitution.

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The demonstration will climax with a mass rally of the students at Lincoln Memorial during which the students will express their own views on the issue of school integration.

Committees to mobilize for the March are being set up in New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington and more will soon be established in other cities along the Eastern Seaboard--including the south. (In New York a mass mobilization rally is set for Friday, September 19--see accompanying release for details).

The March, according to the official Call, "will provide a way for young people to register their desire for integration and equality in the public schools of our nation; will demonstrate our unity with the embattled children of the south who strive heroically to defend democracy in education; will enable white people of goodwill, north and south, to cast, not a piece of paper merely, but a total vote for democracy; will symbolize the fact that since 1954 more than 300,000 children have entered integrated schools; will be a moral challenge to the small minority which is determined to use confusion, intimidation and terror to defend the old order."