

MARSHALL

Can you testify to these results? Are they conclusive enough?

CLARK

The fact is that eleven of the sixteen Negro students who took part in this experiment thought the brown doll looked "bad;" ten of those students thought the white doll was the "nice" one. I, along with my wife Mamie, have given the test to over 400 children, and the results are consistent with the situation in Clarendon County, South Carolina. I am willing to testify to that. It is my opinion that segregation has a definitely detrimental effect on the personality development of the Negro child

(Lights fade on Scene as Clark disappears from it; back up on Thurgood Marshall)

MARSHALL

The circumstances in Topeka are different, I know that. But you have an issue that amounts to the same thing but in a more disguised form: are your children entitled to the protection of the 14th amendment to the Constitution? I agree with the contention of your own attorneys that equal facilities are not enough.

(Lights fade on Marshall; up on Dr. Pinkham in a courtroom like setting)

DR. PINKHAM

When we Menninger Foundation psychologists were being interviewed as possible expert witnesses, we wanted to avoid being repetitive, and by the time it came around to me, I knew what I wanted to stress--that separate-but-equal is a contradiction in terms.

LAWYER

(to audience)

...For, you see, the Topeka schools for black students came as close as any in the country do in attempting to establish equality. Excellent teachers. Quality education. The question of law in this case is whether states have the constitutional right to establish schools based on race.

So, I ask you, Dr. Pinkham, does enforced legal separation have any adverse effect upon the personality development of the Negro child?

PINKHAM

The fact that it is enforced...has more importance than the mere fact of segregation...because this gives...official sanction to a policy which is inevitably interpreted both by white people and by Negroes as denoting the inferiority of the Negro...Were it not for the sense that one group is inferior to the other, there would be no basis...for such segregation.