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Mr. Oscar Philipps
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Dear Mr. Philipps:

The true and great leaders of our country must heed the cries and suffering of their minorities. This Great Country which was founded as a "haven" for free men is neglecting its minorities in a pitiful manner. This Great Democratic Republic with its Wonderful and Enlightened Constitution, its benevolent and magnanimous Bill of Rights, is still not the land of equality and freedom for its minorities.

It does not require much reasoning to notice that the minorities feel oppressed. The minorities are still seeking some of those four elusive "FOUR FREEDOMS" promised to the rest of the world: Freedom of Speech and Expression; Freedom of Religion; Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear.

It is truly humiliating, absurd, and painful that these minorities have to sue the states in order to get this much sought "Freedom of Education." Don't our educational leaders realize that they are giving our enemies hideous propaganda by denying freedom of education. How glad must our enemies become when they read that the Colored People have to go to the Supreme Court in order to get the right of admission to a state institution in order to get life liberty and the pursuit of happiness. How rejoicing they must get also when they learn that the "League of United Latin American Citizens" have to seek an injunction in a "Federal Court" against Supt. of Schools of the State of Texas and the Four Independent School Districts in order to stop the unjust, and shameful practice of segregating our children merely on basis of their ancestry. Such news is good propaganda for our enemies and makes us look ridiculous when we are trying to push forward a Marshall Plan and convince Europe of our sincerity in seeking their Freedom. It's a shame when all of this damaging propaganda is contributed by a few prejudiced, stubborn, and bigoted leaders of our educational system. Those pseudo-leaders of our country are not only endangering their own states but our whole country and consequently should be removed from their positions and men of liberal, progressive, and true democratic beliefs placed in their positions.

The leaders of our country are trying to sell the world a plan of freedom which they are not practicing at home. Wouldn't it be more convincing if we could show them that not only do we have a True and Great Democratic Country, but that we also a true, sincere, and workable Democracy which reaches to the very last citizen.

It is a serious problem and it is good food for thought for all of us. We must remind our leaders that they must lend an ear to the cries and suffering of their minorities. It has been said and it is still so that THE TRUE GREATNESS OF A COUNTRY IS JUDGED BY THE FREEDOM IT GRANTS TO ITS MINORITIES.

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