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Resign In Protest Of Segregation

University Board
Refuses To Admit
Negro Students

SEWANEE, Tenn. (INS) — The University of the South announced Thursday the resignation of eight seminary teachers who had publicly criticized the exclusion of Negroes from the theology school.

Dr. Edward McCrady, president of the university, said the resignations of all but one teacher in the seminary were made to allow the trustees a "cleared air" in which to consider their action temporarily barring Negroes from the school.

THE UNIVERSITY head declared the eight staff members, including the chaplain of the university, will continue in their positions until the end of the school year.

The faculty members last June issued a statement saying that they intended to resign by June, 1953, unless the board of trustees reversed a decision continuing segregation.

The board had decided on June 7 that in view of the isolated and small size of the school admission of Negroes would be "inadvisable."

THE FACULTY members who resigned are:

Cean Craighill Brown, dean of the theological school; Assistant Professor Robert McNair, the Rev. Claude Guthrie, the Rev. Robert Lansing Hicks, the Rev. Howard Johnson, James Reddick, the Rev. Fred Shafer and the Rev. Richard Hooker Wilmer, chaplain of the university.