

Plans Set For Second Boycott

**'We Have
No Choice!'
Galamison**

"We have no alternative but to go ahead with plans for 'fizzle number two' — we have to do it!"

This was the response of Rev. Milton A. Galamison, architect of Monday's massive school boycott, when asked by the Amsterdam News to chart his next move.

At press time Wednesday Rev. Galamison told the Amsterdam News that although he would meet with members of his Citywide Committee for Integrated Schools "within a few hours" to take a vote on a second boycott, it was virtually a "foregone conclusion" that the vote to boycott schools on another day would win unanimous approval.

"The Citywide Committee is committed to repeat the boycott

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as often as necessary" Galamison said.

His statement came after the Board of Education had rejected a proposal from Stanley Lowell of the City's Commission on Human Rights to bring the two factions together.

Board of Education President James B. Donovan turned down requests for such a meeting amid calls from both Negroes and whites that he either resign or be fired from the Board by Mayor Wagner.

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell was among those calling on the Mayor to fire Donovan. Powell's Central Harlem District supported the school boycott by a whopping 9 percent and Powell was the only political leader of stature in New York speaking out on behalf of the boycott before it was staged.

Other statements on Donovan were issued by June Shagaloff and Don Jones of the NAACP. The Shagaloff statement said:

"The school boycott called yesterday in New York City by the NAACP, CORE, the Harlem Parents Committee, and the Parents Workshop was a magnificent expression of protest against de facto segregation and other inequalities in the public schools, and the failure of the Board of Education to provide a meaningful city-wide plan of desegregation.

"The one day boycott was truly a direct expression of protest by the Negro and Puerto Rican communities of New York. It was totally successful despite the almost daily editorial opposition of every major newspaper, and with the support of only one Negro paper, and despite the lack of support by the traditional white liberal community in the city.

"The loud and clear voices of discontent cannot be ignored here or elsewhere in the North where public schools are segregated-in-fact.

"The NAACP nation-wide northern school drive to end de facto segregation, now extended to 81 public school systems of 18 states throughout the North and West, will be intensified wherever necessary. School officials in city and suburb alike have an obligation to act promptly and without evasion to end existing segregation in the schools, deliberate, de facto, or both.

"Wherever it is essential to do so, the NAACP will call for accelerated efforts, including direct action and litigation, to end all forms of racial segregation in the schools.

Mr. Jones' statement said:

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has until now refrained from demanding this or that resignation from the public school system. We have maintained that the problems of de facto segregation must be met and solved without regard to whatever person happened to sit on the Board of Education.

"However, the statements and actions of Board president James Donovan around the February 3rd boycott have at last moved me to urgently request that Mayor Wagner demand the resignation of Mr. Donovan.

"Mr. Donovan's behavior throughout this period of school crisis has clearly revealed his complete failure to grasp the dimensions of the problem with which we are all faced, or to understand the possibilities for their solution.

"His most recent remark report-

ed in the HERALD-TRIBUNE referring to the need to speak good "Anglo-Saxon" language to the demonstrators so that even the least educated can understand, reeks of the worst kind of racial chauvinism and has scandalized the entire city.

"These and other remarks by Mr. Donovan have destroyed the last shreds of confidence remaining in the Negro and Puerto Rican communities in this man's qualifications for serving the needs of the children of this city.

"Mr. Donovan's continued presence at the head of our school system renders more difficult the problems of communication between our people and the Board, thereby doing a disservice to the quest for solution to the problem of integration.