

Take Moves to Ease Tension At Admiral King, Southview

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STUDENTS AT Southview High School proposed the creation of a Black Student Union to act with the already existing Student Council at the school in a fashion similar to the two houses of Congress this morning in a meeting of school officials and approximately 70 black students and parents.

Admiral King High School principal Richard Ackerman also met with a group of 15 seniors at that school this morning and formulated a plan in which the 15 will speak at school English classes to find out what has been causing the racial tension there during the past week.

About 35 black students were escorted from Southview yesterday after attempts by Principal Thomas Ballish to

get them to attend classes, or else meet to discuss their grievances in the bandroom, failed.

The students were told yesterday that they would have to be accompanied by their parents to be readmitted, and the group of parents and students returned to the school this morning.

BALLISH and assistant principals Ray Adams and John Markutsa first discussed the problem with the parents before the students joined the meeting in the auditorium and presented their Black Student Union proposal.

Six students will represent their black classmates and will be joined by nearly 20 parents who volunteered to work to implement the proposal. The students also requested they be represented and advised by

black teacher Benjamin Fain, who agreed and said a meeting would be held this afternoon at the Multi - Service Center.

Ackerman met this morning with a group of five whites, five blacks and five with Spanish surnames who will also attempt to convince Admiral King students of the necessity of calm at the school. The concensus of most students, faculty and administration is that problems have arisen from the freshman and sophomore classes.

The student committee formed at Admiral King was acting as a "racial panel" shortly before noon today to interview about 30 to 40 ninth and tenth grade blacks who gathered in the school's auditorium after refusing to attend classes. The blacks were peaceful and were asked to assemble in the auditorium after they mingled in the halls