

## **Council Reports 300,000 Whites Go to Private Schools in South**

ATLANTA, Oct. 18 (UPI)—The Southern Regional Council estimated today that more than 300,000 white children are attending segregated private schools in the South. It said the private schools might jeopardize public education in the region.

The civil rights research agency said that it had been unable to estimate the number of private schools formed in the South as a result of increased integration in public schools.

But it said there probably were 10 times more private schools now than there were five years ago.

The council report said that the Citizens Councils of America were sponsoring at least 150 all-white private schools. It said the councils had become "the principal promoter of the South's new segregation academies."

"The existence of the new

schools in some communities already is depriving the public schools of funds and general public support," it said.

"With more of the school population in private schools, the public may be more reluctant to pass bond issues and approve taxation to support public education," the report said.

It added that many of the new private schools "tend to be not only racist but also right-wing extremist, attracting board members and teachers who are philosophically in accord with anti-democratic values."

The council recommended that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare keep statistics on private education. It said that racially segregated private schools should be denied Federal tax benefits and Federal aid, and that state aid to the schools should cease.