

## Nickell Says Little Segregation In State

CHICAGO (UP) — A little segregation still hangs on north of the Mason-Dixon Line in Illinois, a state official acknowledged Tuesday.

Vernon L. Nickell, state superintendent of public instruction, said "it is better to take a little longer to solve it through education than apply force."

Segregated schooling persists in a few scattered rural areas in the "Egypt" area of Southern Illinois near the Ohio River, despite a 1949 law barring state aid to such schools.

The 1949 law was pushed through after Negro State Rep. Charles J. Jenkins (R-Chicago) listed 27 cities and towns in 13 counties that were practicing segregation.

The last major town to give up its separate Negro schools was Cairo, where the Ohio joins the Mississippi. Only a few rural schools are still segregated, Nickell said.