

Negro Stand Under Fire In Loudoun

LEESBURG, Va., Feb. 13 (Spl.)—James Ashton, Loudoun County School Board member, today said a letter from four Negro groups protesting a bond issue which would improve schools but keep schools segregated was not representative of Negro sentiment in the county.

The Bull Run P-TA, Banneker P-TA, County-wide League and Loudoun County NAACP wrote the school and county boards calling the proposal "another effort to intimidate Negro parents, teachers and children into continuing to accept discriminatory educational practices."

The board decided at today's meeting to follow the original plan to sample Negro sentiment.

The \$700,000 bond issue would appropriate \$450,000 to improve Negro school facilities. The proposal is based on the continued segregation of students. There has been no indication how or when the survey will be taken.