Stokely Carmichael has taught a class there, H. Rap Brown has talked there, LeRol Jones' violently antiwhite plays have been presented there, and youngsters there have heard the United States described as "the Fourth Reich."

And public opinion has been so inflamed over the Harlem community's efforts to gain control of the school that it threatens a city plan for decentralizing the city's million-pupil school system.

THE DREAM WAS of a \$5 million, windowless, completely air-conditioned school with an "innovative curriculum" including courses in foreign larguages, music, Negro and Puerto Rican culture, superior teachers and classes of no more than 24 pupils,

Harlem got the modern school, But it also got so much controversy and disorder that many openly say they wish it had never been built.

McGeorge Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation, drew up this pian, Ironically, the Ford Foundation helped seed the local control controversy with two grants totaling \$77,000 for an experiment with it.

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Harlem parents say they were promised that IS 201 would be an integrated school, and that the Board of Education betrayed them by realigning the district and including more Negroes and Puerto Ricans.

The Board of Education de-nies that it promised integra-tion, it did send out 10,000 leaflets suggesting to white par-ents that they might want to send their children to 201, but the response was nil.

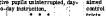
At any rate, leaders emerged among the Negro parents. They organized. And they said it IS 201 was not going to be integrated, they wanted a black principal and they wanted as y in running the school. When the school officials balled, parents declared a boy cott-and few children answered the bell when IS 201 opened for the first time Sept. 12, 1966.

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STANLEY LISER, 40 years old and white, was the ischool's first principal. He stepped down only to return briefly when a Negro assistant principal, Miss Beryl Banfleld, refused the job because she felt she had been picked because of her race and not her competence.

Lisser eventually left to take a job, as an educational consultant, Miss Banfleld went on sick leave, and the idistrict superintendent, Martin Frey, who is white, has been serving as school administrator.

Some 60 of the school's 77 teachers are new, and Frey says this unasual leacher turnover has made it difficult to



The board, composed of a supervisor, five teachers, to parents and five community representatives, won't have of-ficial status until its program is approved by the Board of Education, Recently the governing board was a co-sponsor of a pro-gram at So 20 in memorialize slake is alake black Nationalist leader Malcolm X.

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LARGE NUMBERS of the pupils fatled a recent cityride
examination, and discipline is a
major problem.

Viclence, harassment and
robberles among students have
caused 40 parents—30 Negro
and 10 Puerto Rican—16 transfer; their children to other
schools, and many of the teachref have resigned because they
were "disturbed by the publictity and didn't want to get involved," Some, he said, "were
rightened ward by militants,"
After the United Federation
of Teachers struck the city's
school system last fall, the
community's unofficial school
governing board insisted on
screening each of the teachers
before they could return to the
classroom. During the strike,
they invited in such militants as Carmichales to teach classes

UNDER A FORD Foundation



NAACP DINNER SPEAKERS - Carl B. Stokes (left), mayor of Cleveland, and entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. will appear for the annual Detroit NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner to be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in Exhibit Hall A of Cobo Hall. Some 3,000 are expected to attend.

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