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"Sometime later Chief Federal Judge Roszel C. Thomsen will make a final ruling. When he gives judgment then will be the time to determine what is the next step."

Thurgood Marshall, NAACP attorney, who represented two Harford County children last week in the school integration case, commented on the outcome of Thursday's hearing.

On Thursday, Judge Thomsen held his ruling in obedience but stated: "You just can't go creeping along."

MR. MARSHALL argued the case against the Harford County school desegregation plan which had set 1963 as the earliest date it could become completely integrated.

The hearing had come as the result of NAACP request for an injunction asking that the Harford County school board be ordered to move with "greatest speed" towards school integration in Havre de

Grace, Bel Air, Aberdeen and Edgewood, Md.

Judge Thomsen heard arguments from Mr. Marshall and Wilson K. Barnes, attorney for the county in the Baltimore Federal court.

ALTHOUGH HE postponed his ruling until a later date, Judge Thomsen said:

"If you continue this prejudice forever then you'll never melt it.

"I don't see anything is greatly to be gained by putting your toes in first and inching in, like a bather in icy water."

Judge Thomsen also told Mr. Barnes: "You've done practically nothing."

He also cited the handling of disturbances at Southern High School as "an example to the nation."

He said: "A city which can rise up and smack down a matter like that, makes you proud to be a Baltimorean."