

Mississippi Sued by U.S. To Force Fall Integration

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Drive on School Holdouts
Also Involves Areas
of 3 Other States

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WASHINGTON, July 9—The Justice Department, carrying out a threat it made last month, began today a legal push to require recalcitrant Southern school districts to desegregate by September.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell announced that the department had sued the state of Mississippi and a number of individual school systems in Arkansas, Florida and South Carolina.

In all, the Justice Department haled into court today 46 of the estimated 100 Deep South school districts that had failed to produce acceptable desegregation plans and were not yet under the jurisdiction of the Federal courts. A department spokesman said that more suits might be filed within the next several days.

The Government, attempting



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to bring all Southern districts into compliance with the law in the seven weeks remaining before the start of the 1970-71 school year, asked for immediate court orders. The would require the

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