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# Law Professor Quits Ole Miss

William P. Murphy Resigns  
After Years Of Attack  
For Racial Views

OXFORD, Miss., Aug. 5.  
—(UPI)—A University of  
Mississippi law professor  
who has been the target of  
segregationists for several  
years has resigned to take  
a better position at the  
University of Missouri.

William P. Murphy, at-  
tacked by legislators and  
others because he is a member  
of the American Civil Liberties  
Union, will become a full pro-  
fessor of law at Missouri Sept.  
1. He has been at Ole Miss since  
1953.

His resignation apparently  
took the state College Board  
"off the spot." The board had  
refused to renew his contract  
but he was employed for the  
summer session after the As-  
sociation of American Law  
Schools was said to have warned  
the board that action against  
Professor Murphy might jeopard-  
ize the school's standing.

Gov. Ross Barnett was re-  
ported to have had a hand in  
the decision not to renew Pro-  
fessor Murphy's contract.

Professor Murphy first came  
under organized attack in 1959.  
State Representative Wilburn  
Hooker and former Representa-  
tive Edwin White of Holmes  
County charged Professor Mur-  
phy with teaching support of  
some United States Supreme  
Court decisions and belonging  
to the ACLU, a national legal  
aid society.

That year, however, the Col-  
lege Board rehired Professor  
Murphy despite the charges.

In 1960, an unsuccessful at-  
tempt was made in the Legisla-  
ture to cut off state funds to  
anyone belonging to the ACLU.

Before the last academic year,  
the College Board failed to re-  
new his contract and he took a  
leave of absence to teach at  
Missouri. Last spring leaders of  
the Association of American  
Law Schools made an investiga-  
tion of the Murphy case and as  
a result Professor Murphy was  
permitted to teach summer  
school.

The previous summer the  
board had barred Professor  
Murphy from teaching although  
his salary was paid.

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