

# Residents to press for transfer from Ravenswood to Menlo schools

The effort of Suburban Park residents to transfer school districts will continue, even if opposed by the Ravenswood City School District board of trustees, Mrs. Betty Johnson told that board on Wednesday night.

Suburban Park is a Menlo Park neighborhood with about 244 homes. Most of the families there with school-age children would prefer a transfer to the Menlo Park City School District, which borders Suburban Park on two sides.

The Ravenswood district has predominantly minority-race enrollment. Suburban Park residents predominantly are white.

Mrs. Johnson, a director of the Suburban Park Homeowners and Tenants Association, is a former trustee of the Ravenswood District. She served on the board until mid-1973.

She was an opponent of last summer's attempt by Willows and Belle Haven residents — two Menlo Park areas neighboring Suburban Park — to seek a similar transfer. That attempt was unsuccessful.

The Suburban Park residents argue that they have closer ties to the Menlo Park district than to the Ravenswood district, which also serves East Palo Alto.

Also, most parents in Suburban Park are dissatisfied with their children's achievement levels in the Ravenswood district.

Mrs. Johnson told trustees Wednesday night that 35 children from Suburban Park now attend the Ravenswood district while 81 are attending other public or private schools.

Those 81, she said, have indicated they would return to their assigned

public schools if those were in the Menlo Park district instead of in Ravenswood.

The board refused to act on the petitions for a boundary change on Wednesday night. It tabled action until after a response from the San Mateo County Committee on School District Organization and the Menlo Park City School District.

## U.S. signs pact

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States has signed the Geneva Treaty banning wartime use of poison gases, a treaty it proposed 50 years ago but refused to accept until Wednesday.

The signing ended a half century of debate between the Senate and the White House, during which more than 100 nations signed the pact.