

CHARLOTTE FRANCES NEGRO PROTEST

Store Halts Cafe Trade In Winston

WINSTON-SALEM, Feb. 9 (AP)—A large group of Negroes marched up to the lunch counter at Walgreen Co. drug store at Fourth and Trade Streets about 11:40 a.m. and asked for service.

Store officials promptly closed the counter, roped off the entire eating section of the drug store and said it would stay closed as long as the Negroes remained.

Some 15 Negro men and boys gathered on the sidewalk outside, where they were interviewed and photographed by a mobile camera unit of WFMY-TV from Greensboro, which had waited in Winston-Salem's downtown area most of the morning.

A spokesman identified himself as Jefferson Davis Diggs, a student at Winston-Salem Teachers College. Several others carried books or wore insignia. They said they were mostly students at the college. At one time, a spokesman said they were all from this city. At another time one said "most of them" were from here.

Attempts of persons listed as A.&T. College students at Greensboro to be served at white counters of variety stores there created a number of incidents last week.

A similar attempt was started here yesterday.

No violence was reported here. Police cars cruised the downtown area and detectives were on the sidewalk outside Walgreen's. They did not interfere with the demonstrators, but would not let them block the sidewalk.