

City Action Not Planned On Protest

Mayor Silent Over Incident

Mayor George Roach said yesterday he has no plans to bring the subject of Negro lunch counter integration attempts before the City Council at its Monday afternoon meeting.

The mayor had no other comment to make on the subject, other than to say that he had not been involved in any efforts toward reaching a settlement of the issue.

He has been silent on the Negro demonstrations since last Saturday when he issued an appeal to the residents of the city "to maintain a calm support of their community leaders."

In return, the mayor said, "I pledge to both sides the full exercise of all the powers of our city government in seeking a just and honorable resolution of this problem."

Suggested By Blackwell

Woman's College Chancellor Dr. Gordon Blackwell, who last week led a group of college officials and students in discussions with representatives of the F. W. Woolworth Co. and the S. H. Kress & Co.—whose stores were scenes of the Negro demonstrations—bowed out of the picture earlier this week.

Dr. Blackwell said he told the mayor he felt the time had come for the use of "official channels" in settling the dispute, and suggested that the city or the Chamber of Commerce might seek a solution.

The two local stores yesterday kept their lunch counters closed for the fifth straight day.

They were closed originally last Saturday at the peak of week long sit-down demonstrations by Negro students — most of them from A&T College — protesting segregation at the counters.