

## STORES ARE PICKETED IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH

By The Associated Press

College-age youths and girls carried placards along Raleigh's main street to protest refusal of stores to give them lunch counter service. Eating areas remained closed at three stores, while two others continued open to whites with warning signs posted.

"'Open to employes and guests only.' That's a dirty trick — shame!" read one of the placards carried by the Negro pickets.

The demonstrations, in the past two weeks, have spread into nine North Carolina cities and into several states.

The picketing began quietly in

Raleigh. Groups of students began walking back and forth along a two-block area at the noon lunch hour. There were stares and some veiled taunts from white bystanders.

At Walgreen's Drug Store, and Woolworth's and McClellan's variety stores, lunch counters remained closed. Eckerd's Drug Store served white patrons, with a "no trespass" signs at the entrance to the eating area. Kress kept its eating section open, roped off, and with a sign "for employes and guests only" at the entrance.