Segregation Resistance To Continue
Students Attend Durham Session

Statement On Protests Given By McNeill Smith, 81.

DURHAM, Feb. 22 (AP) — Negro leaders of a statewide revolt against lunch counter segregation pledged themselves today to continue their protests through “non-violent resistance.”

In a resolution released by the Rev. Douglas Moore, a Durham Negro leader, they said:

“We shall actively explore, study and use whatever and whenever practicable the methods of protest associated with picketing, boycotting and other lawful and peaceful means of protest notwithstanding threats of arrest, imprisonment or other harassment and punishment.”

About 30 students from Negro colleges at Fayetteville, Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro met Sunday night at Moore’s home. He called the group an agency to coordinate and provide help among the various Negro colleges involved in the demonstrations against racially segregated lunch counters at Tar Heel drug and variety stores.

While the sentiment at the meeting was to continue the protests until success is achieved, Moore said local strategy would be left up to leaders in each city.

The meeting agreed especially to “adopt the technique of non-violent resistance as our primary method of protest and persuasion to win converts to the causes of equality of opportunity, freedom of assembly and freedom of speech on a nondiscriminatory basis in every avenue of life in our native land.”

They called racial and religious discrimination “unpatriotic, unchristian and uneconomical.”

Meanwhile, in Raleigh where 43 Negro students are to be tried Thursday on charges of trespassing, picketing continued in front of the downtown variety and drug stores which have closed their lunch counters in the fire of the demonstrations.

The pickets, however, were not present in front of the S. H. Kress store which opened its upstairs lunch counter Saturday afternoon with both races standing up, while another lunchroom downstairs remained closed.

The 43 students were arrested as they stood on a privately-owned sidewalk two weeks ago in a Raleigh shopping center.

At Winston-Salem, the F. W. Woolworth store’s lunch counter was reopened, but was rearranged so as to make it easier to serve whites only.