43 Students Face Trial In Raleigh

[Fire hoses scatter crowd in Chattanooga, Front Page.]

RALEIGH, Feb. 24—Forty-three Negro college students face trial in City Court here Thursday on trespass charges stemming from protests to segregated lunch counters.

George R. Greene, young Raleigh Negro attorney who represents some of the students, has promised to take the cases to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary. He contended the trespass charges were unconstitutional.

Forty-one of the students from Shaw University of St. Augustine were arrested Feb. 12 on sidewalks near the F. W. Woolworth store in privately-owned Cameron Village shopping center here. Two others were arrested the next day in the same area.

William Worth, vice president of Cameron Village Inc., said he summoned police after the Negroes failed to heed his warning to get off the property.

Following the arrests, Negro students announced they would "discontinue activities in Cameron Village not through intimidation, but pending court action in the cases of the 43 students ar rested."

Meanwhile, the trial of 22 persons arrested in Winston-Salem Tuesday on trespass charges were postponed, today in Winston-Salem Municipal Court until next Wednesday. The group, including 10 whites, was arrested in one of the two downtown Woolworth stores after manager Herman Warren warned them they were trespassing.

Both downtown Woolworth stores in Winston-Salem had closed their lunch counters today.

Negro students carrying signs continued to picket five stores in Raleigh today.

The protests against exclusion of Negroes from lunch counters began about three weeks ago in Greensboro, then spread to nine other Tar Heel cities and to several other states.