

A Moral Question

Declarations by Greensboro ministers favoring "equal treatment" for whites and Negroes at lunch counters in downtown stores serve to emphasize the moral aspect of the question. The ministers are to be commended for reminding the community of the true nature of the problem.

The Greensboro Ministers' Fellowship includes both white and Negro members. Its statement commended the appointment of the Mayor's advisory committee on the matter and urged that the community demonstrate the "moral maturity which would call for equal treatment of all customers by businesses serving members of both races."

The Methodist Ministers Fellowship emphasized that it could not speak for the members, but gave as its own considered opinion the statement that the request of the Negro students for equal service has "logical justice." It added that the ministers would "not be offended in the least should they [the Negroes] be served at lunch counters. In fact, our Christian sensitivity would be offended if they were not served."

The community should go about resolving the lunch counter question in the spirit indicated by these statements.