

Light-Skinned Student Obtains Counter Service

COLUMBIA, March 3 (AP)—Negro demonstrators, appearing here for the second consecutive day, used a light-skinned student to get brief service at a segregated lunch counter.

A newsman at McCrory's Department Store said a very light-skinned Negro sat down at the lunch counter, ordered a hamburger and was served without question. Then he passed the hamburger on to a dark-skinned Negro who took a seat at the counter with several others.

When that happened, lights were turned off and the entire store closed down.

Negro students from Allen University and Benedict College here staged sitdown demonstrations Tuesday at the Woolworth and Kress stores.

Similar demonstrations have been held at Rock Hill, Orangeburg and Denmark.

The South Carolina General Assembly has received seven bills aimed at placing legal barriers in the way of Negroes protesting segregated lunch counters.

Demonstrations today also were staged at the Kress and Woolworth stores.

As many as 500 Negro students reportedly gathered about 10 a.m. on the campuses of the two adjoining church-supported Negro schools and about 200 began the march of a few blocks to the business district.

One reporter said the light-skinned Negro who first entered the McCrory's store asked the waitress for a hamburger and a cup of tea. When she hesitated, he urged her to serve him quickly, saying he was "in a big hurry."

As soon as he received the hamburger, the newsman said, the Negro passed it over to a darker companion who had been waiting.

A group of about 100 marched into the Kress store but found stools at the lunch counter removed and signs saying, "carry out service only."

They were greeted when they entered by some 10 or 15 white youths who made a few remarks and jibes.

The Negroes standing about three deep at the lunch counter, waited about 10 minutes until a store official announced the establishment closed. They left quietly.