

Negroes Eat At Counters In 2 Cities

Served In Winston And Salisbury

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Six Negro college students were served without incident at drug store lunch counters in Salisbury Monday. Another group was served in Winston-Salem. It apparently was the first such service in the state where the wave of sitdown demonstrations started.

Pairs of students from Livingstone College entered three downtown Salisbury drug stores, purchased some merchandise and then sat down at the lunch counters and ordered. They were served.

But two other pairs of students were declined service while seated in two other drug stores about the same time. The protests against segregated lunch counters began at Greensboro Feb. 1.

At Petersburg, Va., 11 Negroes were arrested for trespassing after they occupied a section reserved for white persons in the City Library and refused to leave.

At Winston-Salem hymn-singing Negroes marched around city hall and the county courthouse building today, waving picket signs protesting segregated lunch counters.

The pickets appeared after a large group of young Negroes succeeded in obtaining service at the food counter of an appliance-hardware store. Earlier segregated lunch counters at four other downtown establishments were closed on their arrival.

Police Chief James Waller said the demonstrators were orderly and there were no arrests.

J. Charles Jones, 22-year-old theology student at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, told newsmen in Washington he expects some restaurants and variety store lunch counters in downtown Charlotte to abandon racial segregation within three weeks.

Jones, who was in Washington for a day-long workshop, said he expects segregated seating to be dropped quietly and with no publicity.

Get Sodas, Hot Dogs

Bill Dixon, manager of Brown-Rogers & Dixon & Co., said a group of Negroes estimated at 75-100 came to his soda fountain for service. Dixon said several sat down and were served sodas and hot dogs, and all left after a few minutes. The store, which does both wholesale and retail business, is located in the heart of the tobacco district.

Dixon did not say why they were served but pointed out it has been his store's policy for years to serve such items to Negroes to take out.

The demonstrations here began around 1 p.m. when the Negro group attempted to gain service at the S. H. Kress Co. counter. It was closed immediately and they proceeded into the

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F. W. Woolworth Co. store across the street. Three or four sat down at the counter while the others stood.

Herman Warren, who signed trespass warrants two weeks ago against 22 Negro and white students engaged in a similar demonstration, roped off the lunch counter and halted service. The Negroes left after about 20 minutes.

Warns Demonstrators

Warren said he told Carl Matthews, 28, one of the 12 Negroes arrested previously and a leader in the latest protest, "if you don't get out of here you will be seeing Judge Sams again." He said Matthews left immediately.

The group then proceeded to Walgreen's Drug Store and a second Woolworth store, where both counters were closed, and then on to Brown-Rogers & Dixon.

Later in the afternoon a group of Negroes began picketing the second Woolworth store.

At Chapel Hill orderly teenage Negro pickets resumed demonstrations late this afternoon in front of a drug store and dairy bar that have refused seated service to colored persons.

Twin lines of sign-carrying high school boys and girls moved out together at 5:30 p.m. to march slowly and silently in front of the Long Meadow Farms dairy store and Colonial Drug Co. where they held similar demonstrations and failed to obtain service last week.

A spokesman for the group said they were acting with the sanction of a steering committee that included adults of both races. The spokesman added that several attempts to privately negotiate agreements with the eatery managements had failed.