

"SIT-IN" DEMONSTRATIONS

—Governor Hodges devoted large part of his news conference to discussion of what he calls the "sit in" demonstrations around lunch counters. Such affairs do no good he said, and contribute nothing toward the desired objectives. He reiterated that he has no sympathy for any group which deliberately does things which tend to cause trouble and lead to breaking of the law.

The Governor disclosed that a week ago he wrote to the president and chairman of the board of trustees of every state-supported college sending them a copy of the talk made by Chancellor Gordon Blackwell to Woman's College students a few days after the outbreak of the lunch counter disturbance in Greensboro.

Beverly Lake had charged in a speech made before he entered the race for governor that the state (apparently meaning the Governor) should exercise its inherent authority to require college presidents to control their student bodies—or replace them with presidents who could. The Governor told newsmen later that he had no such authority and he doubted that college presidents had the "authority" suggested. However, he commended Dr. Blackwell's approach. The chancellor said the college should never attempt to tell the student what stand to take on controversial questions, but reminded the students that they have obligations which go beyond personal consideration. "On and off the campus you represent this institution," he said. "Your actions bring credit or discredit to the college. You are not living in a social vacuum unencumbered by duties and responsibilities."