

# Atlanta Negro Students Stage Protests Today

ATLANTA, March 15 (AP)—Negro college students staged widespread sitdown demonstrations today in Atlanta and police quickly followed with wholesale arrests under a new state law.

Gov. Ernest Vandiver, confined to the executive mansion with a neck ailment, dictated a statement that the state will provide any forces needed to preserve order.

Within an hour after the 150 to 200 students from several Negro colleges marched into eating places throughout the downtown area officers herded them into patrol wagons and hauled them away for booking.

The new state law, enacted by the Legislature only last month as a direct result of sitdowns in the Carolinas, Virginia and Florida, provides up to 18 months in prison and a \$1,000 fine for anyone who refuses a request to leave a privately operated business.

The Negroes, however, didn't confine their activities to private business houses. A group went to the cafeteria at the Capitol, operated under lease to a private individual. State patrolmen arrested six, including four ministerial students and two young women.

At the Fulton County Courthouse, 12 demonstrators were arrested. Eight were taken into custody at the Greyhound Bus Terminal and several others at Union Railway Station.