

# Negro Student Is Sentenced For Assault

HENDERSON, March 15 (AP)—A Negro student at nearby Kittrell College was sentenced to 60 days on the roads today for beating a white man delivering groceries to the institution.

Robert Roberson, 24, of New York City pleaded guilty March 4 to simple assault on Eddie Thompson in the college kitchen Feb. 29. Prayer for judgment had been continued until today.

His attorneys contended the sentence was too stiff and gave notice of appeal to Superior Court. Bond was set at \$100.

Thompson, 26, suffered minor injuries. Roberson, following his arrest, signed a warrant charging Thompson with assault. He accused Thompson of kicking him Feb. 26 during a demonstration by Kittrell College students against segregated lunch counters in Henderson.

Thompson told police he was delivering groceries in Louisburg at the time of the alleged kicking incident. His employers corroborated the story.

When Thompson's case came up today before Recorder's Court Judge Sterling G. Gilliam, Roberson waived the presentation of evidence and agreed to an acquittal verdict.

Police quoted Roberson as saying he was the only one in a group of three or four Negro students to hit Thompson in the college kitchen.