

# Harry Tells NAACP He Said Just That

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., March 24 (AP)—Former President Harry Truman today informed two officials of the Detroit branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that he was correctly quoted on a statement he made about southern lunch counter sitdowns.

At Louisville the former President was quoted as saying: "If anyone came into my store and tried to stop business, I'd throw him out. The Negro should behave himself and show he's a good citizen. Common sense and good will can solve this whole thing."

Edward M. Turner, president of the Detroit NAACP branch, and Arthur L. Johnson, executive secretary, sent Truman a telegram saying they had read his statement, and added that if he had been quoted accurately, it was "shocking and deeply disappointing."

Truman's wire said:

"I would do just what I said I would. NAACP is an organization which has been working for good will and common sense in this situation with which we are faced. When they do things that cause people, who have been friendly to them as I have been, to feel that they are doing the wrong thing, they are losing friends instead of making them. If I were in Detroit I would say the same thing to you personally for all the newspapers and televisions in the country. I can't come to Detroit because of illness in the family, but if I were there I would tell you exactly what I am saying now. This is not personal nor confidential."

His reference to the trip to Detroit concerns the Midwest Democratic conference in Detroit which he was scheduled to attend. His brother-in-law, George Wallace, underwent surgery Tuesday.