

NEGRO STUDENTS ARE CONVICTED

COLUMBIA, S.C., March 25 (UPI)—Two Negro college students were convicted of breach of peace charges today in City Recorder's Court for their part in a March 14 lunch-counter demonstration here.

Thomas J. Neal, 20, a Benedict College student, admitted to the court that he went to Eckerd's Drug Store with the intention of being arrested.

Judge John I. Rice sentenced Neal and Simon Bouie, 20, to \$100 fines or 30 days in jail on the charge. In addition, Bouie received a similar sentence on a charge of resisting arrest.

However, \$24.50 of each fine was suspended. The pair is free on appeal bond.

Rice denied a motion for a new trial and also a motion for extension of the 24-hour time limit for Appeals Court.

Neal at first refused to answer the prosecuting attorney's question concerning his wanting to be arrested. However, he admitted that was his intention after

Judge Rice advised him he had to answer questions on cross-examination.

Neal told the court he had bought goods in other departments of the store and "considered it my rights to buy food." However, police submitted evidence showing Neal had no money on him when arrested.