

# Negroes Refuse To Pay \$2.50 For Coffee

HOUSTON, Tex., March 29 (AP)—Four Negroes today were under charges of disturbing the peace after refusing to pay \$2.50 a cup for coffee at a cafe.

The three men and a woman sought service at the Tasita Drive-in here last night.

"When they finished their coffee I showed them the special menu for Negroes," said Mrs. Eudelia Yababra, 33, a waitress.

The special menu sets charges of \$2.50 for a cup of coffee, \$15 for steaks, \$6.50 for ham and eggs, and \$3 for a grilled cheese sandwich.

Mrs. Yababra said the Negroes refused to pay for their coffee, so she called police. The Corporation Court charges were filed against Eugene Jackson, 29; Mrs. Jackson, 29; Doll David Johnson, 31; and Willie B. Green, 37.

Mrs. Yababra said Jackson first entered shortly before midnight and ordered coffees to go. She said the other Negroes entered as she was placing the coffee containers in a paper bag. She said they sat at a counter and drank the coffee.

Eugene Martinez, 45, owner of the cafe, said he has never served Negroes.

"But when this sit-down thing started I prepared this special menu," he said. "Negroes can eat here all they want. But they're going to have to pay heavy for it."