

# Grant Stores To Keep Lunch Counters Closed

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—The W. T. Grant Co., which responded to lunch counter sit-downs by closing counters in its 180 Southern stores, says the counters are going to stay closed until local customs change.

The question of opening the counters to Negro customers was raised at a stockholders meeting by James Peck, owner of a single Grant share, and a member of the Congress of Racial Equality.

He said the present practice can lead only to creating ill-will among Negro customers. He further noted that lunch counters were opened to Negroes in Grant's Baltimore stores six years ago after he had made a similar request.