

NAACP Leader Convicted Again In Trespass Case

MONROE, May 10 (AP)—Robert F. Williams, Union County NAACP leader, was convicted by a Superior Court jury today of trespass.

Judge Frank Armstrong sentenced Williams to 30 days in jail or a \$10 fine and probation for one year.

The case was an appeal from an earlier conviction on the trespass charge that stemmed from a Negro sitdown protest in a drug store here. Williams was the only one arrested among the Negro demonstrators.

After his first conviction, Williams was fined \$50 and put on probation for two years.

His attorneys gave notice of appeal today.

Three attorneys are representing the militant NAACP official, who was suspended by the national NAACP several months ago for advocating that Negroes meet racial violence with violence. He has since been reinstated.

Representing Williams are J. Lynn Conrad of New York City, Thomas Wyche of Charlotte and W. B. Nivens of Charlotte and Monroe.

Williams and three others testified at the Superior Court appeal Monday. Also taking the stand were William May and Dolan Jones, co-owners of the drug store, and retired drug salesman John Welsh of Monroe. Each told how Williams and the group entered the store, asked for lunch counter service, was refused, left and Williams was arrested when he returned and asked for a package of cigarettes.