

# 50 Negroes Are Jailed In Sitdown

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 12 (AP)—Fifty young Negroes—two of them dripping wet from a hosing—were arrested during a sit-down demonstration in a Chattanooga, Tenn., variety store today and taken to jail singing hymns.

Robert V. Thacker, manager of the Kress store, said that when the Negroes refused to leave the white lunch counter he threatened to turn a water hose on them.

He said all but two left and "we hosed them (the two) down real good." The others then returned and police were called.

Some of the Negroes carried school books. They sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" while being taken to city jail.

The Negroes, including 22 girls, were charged with disorderly conduct and loitering.