

Danville City Council Orders Libraries Closed

DANVILLE, May 19 — Faced with a federal court injunction integrating the public library effective next Saturday, the City Council this evening voted unanimously to close the system as of the close of business tomorrow. All nine members of the council were present.

City Council took action on

being informed by the city attorney that efforts to obtain a delay of the effectiveness of the injunction pending perfection of an appeal had been unsuccessful. Several days ago federal Judge Roby Thompson ordered the city to open the library to both races.

After the Council had taken action, questions were raised as to whether the action consisted of contempt of court.

Several weeks ago teen-age Ne-

gro students invaded the library and requested full library facilities. Mrs. Florence Robertson denied the request and the library was closed as was the Negro li-

brary branch. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is seeking through court action to open the library facilities to both races.