

# Council Report Says Sitdowns To Increase

ATLANTA, June 6 (AP)—Use of interracial committees to settle Negro sitdown controversies has proved to be the most satisfactory and effective method of dealing with the problem, according to the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

A recent report compiled for the council by freelance writer Margaret Price notes that the "best promise of successful settlement has come from a small interracial committee of outstanding citizens who are amenable to change."

The report predicted that "more and more communities inevitably will be confronted by the sit-in problem." It based this on a conclusion that "the student sit-ins—only one aspect of Negro discontent—have been too widespread and indicative of too great impatience for anyone to expect they will disappear as quickly as they began."

In reviewing settlements in some Southern cities, the report says that no store in the South which has opened its lunch counters has reported a loss in business.

"Once lunch counters have been opened to all, the change has been accepted with considerable urbanity. Negroes have not congregated to demonstrate a victory. White customers have observed the change calmly for the most part and without a break in their shopping routine," the report said.

Concluding, the study said, "Southern white citizens will have only themselves to blame if they are faced with a new rash of time and money consuming lawsuits. They will have only themselves to blame if they permit the extremists to lead them down the path toward hate and violence and economic damage."