Movement By Negroes

Frowing No Service Given Students

A sit-down effort started Mon day by A&T College students in an attempt to obtain lunch coun-ter service at F. W. Woolworth's store here gained momentum yesterday.

At one time, Negro students filled 63 of 68 seats at the counter, The other spats were occupied by waitresses. No service was given.

More Negro students waited in the aisle to take the place of stu-dents who left. Developments
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1. A statement of policy by a Woolworth's spokesman in New

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York.

2. A statement from State Attorney General Malcolm Seawell in reply to a question by a Daily News reporter.

3. Participation by Bennett College students in what had been a movement by A&T students only.

4. Moral support of the demonstration by several Greenshorn 4. Moral support of the demonstration by several Greensboro College students who said they believed other students from white colleges might back the

The spokesman said no offi-cial word of the demonstration has been received in New York. But the spokesman said if any group succeeds in changing the custom, "We will of course go custom, "We wallong with that.

along with that."

Seawell Comment

Seawell said that as far as he could determine, North Carolina has no law which would prohibit serving members of both races at a lunch counter, But on the other hand, he said he knew of no law which would force a private business to serve anybody it did not choose to serve.

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As a matter of "custom which has existed for many years," a private businesman can serve or not serve people at his discretion, Seawell noted.

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e students from College identified as Lowell Lott of Ed Bryant of Rich-ick O'Neal of Greens-Greensborn C themselves as Washington, Ed mond and Rick mond and Rica University of the students were acting as individuals and that their activities as individual citizens were not connected with the college.

A similar statement was made by an A&T official.

W. H. Gamble, dean of men at the statement and authors are no authors.

w. H. &T. W. H. Gamble, dean of men at A&T, said the college has no au-thority to restrict students pri-vate activities of this kind. Both men and women students

involved in the demonstra tion

Business at the luncheon coun-ter came to a virtual standstill as waitresses ignored the Negro students.