

White Men Arrested At Sitdown

Negroes Keep Up Protest Action

Three white men were arrested yesterday at Woolworth's, one for setting fire to a Negro's coat as he sat with a group of students at the store's lunch counter in protest over not being served.

James Clifton Palmer, 49, of 914 Oak St., was charged with assault with a deadly weapon (a burning piece of paper) on Donald Fuller of Fayetteville. Fuller was not injured.

Also arrested were Calvin H. Johnson, 38, of 211 N. Cedar St. on a charge of drunkenness, and B. J. Grant, 35, of 915 Glenwood Ave. for disorderly conduct. Police said Grant was swearing and cursing in the store.

In Fifth Day

The sitdown protest went into its fifth day with about 250 to 300 Negroes and whites participating. A countermove by a white group of teen-agers and adults partially thwarted the Negroes' move to occupy all the seats in the Woolworth and Kress Stores yesterday morning.

Several white men and women were escorted out of the Woolworth's store for using abusive language by the dozens of detectives and policemen that stood by to keep order. One young white woman was removed from the Woolworth's store for verbal abuse on a Daily News reporter, carrying out an assignment to interview parties involved.

A spokesman for the Negro group identifying himself as X, said that the group intends to continue the sitdown "until we are served."

X further said, "We don't expect violence, but if it comes we will meet it with passive resistance. This is a Christian movement."

Klan Leader Appears

George Dorsett, the Klud (chaplain) of the Greensboro Chapter of the North Carolina Ku Klux Klan, was in the Woolworth store most of the day. He said he was there "to take care of my men and to keep violence to a minimum." It could not be determined how many other Klan members were present.

Of yesterday's group, some were identified as being from Guilford, Bennett, A&T, and Woman's colleges.

Crowd Gathers

A small number of Negro students were in the two stores yesterday morning but began coming in full force shortly after noon. One spokesman said "We have 2,000 persons to call on if needed."

The store managers at Kress and Woolworth's declined to comment on the situation. Rain most of the day was blamed for the lack of shoppers.

Shortly after 5:30 p.m. the Negroes filed out of the Woolworth Store followed by the white group. The store remained open until 9 p.m.

Police said officers would be on duty in both stores today. There were rumors that several white teen-age gangs would show up this morning. A detective said they had heard the same rumor each day since the sitdown began.

Officials of four Greensboro colleges and the two stores met last night in a closed session at the YWCA but reported that no solution was worked out to stop the demonstration.

Newsmen were barred from the session.

Dr. Gordon Blackwell, chancellor of Woman's College, said that he did not know if the group would meet again.

At the meeting were representatives of Greensboro, Woman's, A&T, and Bennett colleges and Woolworth and Kress.