

Public Pulse

Is This Right?

Editor of the Daily News:

I am a citizen of the U.S. and have been a resident of the city of Greensboro for seven months. When I first moved to Greensboro I was very happy and pleased to find a city of this caliber. The reception I have had has been wonderful, the people have been very nice to me and the industry hasn't ceased to amaze me.

I was very surprised to find a college, a Negro college, the size of A&T with as high an academic rating as it has here but still very pleased.

Then on Thursday I saw what the majority of the people of Greensboro is really like. I walked into Woolworth's Department Store and I found a great many Negroes occupying the seats at the luncheon counter.

I had heard and read in the paper that some students at A&T College were trying to exercise their rights as citizens by asking to be served at the luncheon counter as any man or woman would expect to. They haven't had too good luck, I understand, but nevertheless they are still trying.

Now when I walked into the store and saw them sitting there minding their own business waiting patiently to be served but in the meantime studying for their coming lessons in college, I thought to myself, "Why should not these people be served? What children of God are they that they are not good enough to be served?"

Then I heard some sly, snide remarks from the white spectators which had gathered there to see what was going on and some even to save seats for the white people! Remarks, such as "These niggers have lived in the brush for 300 years and now they expect to be treated like decent white people" and another one, "Damn these niggers, they think that they are as good as we are."

Now I realize that these came from uneducated white people who didn't know any better, and I passed it off as that until I went outside and everybody along the entire street was talking about how horrible it was that those "damn niggers" had to

come in there and ruin everything for everybody else.

If any of you have ever been in service then you must recall that in service you had to sleep beside Negroes, eat beside them and fight beside them. A lot of us even went on liberty with them. They were good guys and we all thought so at the time. But now look at you; what type of animals have you turned into?

These students have a lot more education than a great deal of white people I know. And yet they are still looked down upon. I ask, is this right? Are you proud of yourself, Greensboro?

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