

# Demonstration Grows

WINSTON-SALEM, Feb. 8 (AP)—A one-man demonstration against a downtown variety store for refusing to serve Negroes at a sit-down food counter ballooned into a demonstration today.

The one-man show was by Carl Matthews, graduate of two colleges, Johnson C. Smith of Charlotte and Winston-Salem Teachers, and now a local factory worker. The store was the S. H. Kress Co.

Calling his action "passive resistance," Matthews said he is part of a Christian movement seeking fair treatment to Negroes.

Various persons who joined him in his protest promised that more

Negroes would be on the scene Tuesday when the store opens. The store manager, T. S. Bayne, said he did not care to comment.

It all began during the noon lunchtime rush hour. Matthews took a seat in the middle circle of the winding food counter. He asked for service, but received none. Two persons sitting on each side of him accepted their orders, but did not eat.

After that, no white person sat next to him. After an hour or so of silence he was served a cup of water. Later he was served a second cup. In the meantime, he sat and smoked.

At about 3:30 p.m. a white man who works with him saw Matthews and spoke with him. After a few friendly words, the two disagreed on Matthews' aims. The co-worker left.

Ten minutes later, another Negro joined Matthews at the counter. His order was not accepted. By 4 p.m. six other persons had joined Matthews, including two Winston-Salem Teachers College students.

In the meantime, two white men sat at another counter and waved Confederate flags. Two white teenagers also sat down. They had one Confederate flag. They identified themselves as Bennett Sapp and Harold Ingram of Lexington.

J. C. Bess, a Negro, later helped distribute American flags to Negroes joining Matthews.