

# Visit Set To Probe Sitdown

## CORE Official Arrives Today

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An official of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), an organization said to have brought about integration of eating places in several parts of the country, will visit Greensboro today at the invitation of the president of the local chapter of the NAACP.

Dr. George Simkins Jr., a local dentist, said he asked the official, Gordon Carey of New York City, to investigate the sitdown protest demonstrations by Negroes last week at two downtown lunch counters.

Carey was in Durham yesterday as the sitdown tactic spread to the F. W. Woolworth store there.

Dr. Simkins said last night that Carey's organization had brought about integration of a variety store lunch counter in Baltimore by the use of a boycott of the company's store in Harlem.

### Teams Used

He said the organization had used "interracial teams" in effecting integration of stores in other parts of the nation, including Kansas City, Mo., and Chicago.

In other developments yesterday, two persons—one white and one Negro—were convicted of fighting at the Woolworth store last week, and a local interracial group asked Mayor George Roach to appoint a committee to study the problem of local race relations.

The actions came as lunch counters remained closed at Woolworth's and the S. H. Kress & Co. store a half block away.

Both stores closed abruptly Saturday afternoon—Woolworth's after a bomb was reported planted in the store—and Kress a few minutes later "in the interest of public safety."

Both stores had been the scenes all week of Negro attempts to obtain service at their lunch counters.

The Negro demonstrations, countered by groups of whites, had built up what police called "an explosive racial situation" by Saturday noon.

The decision to close both lunch counters was made late Saturday. At about the same time, the protesting A&T College students voted to call off their demonstrations for two weeks to allow a settlement to be worked out.

In Municipal-County Court yesterday, Judge Hampton Howerton Jr. handed down 30-day suspended sentences and fines to Guy Walter Rickman, 16, of 214 Florence St., and Robert Carlton Reddick, 22, of 919 Moody Road, for engaging in a fight last week at the Woolworth store.

### Pair Fined

Both were fined \$25 and the court costs, and Reddick was fined an additional \$25 for his failure to be in court on time.

The request for a committee to study the situation was telegraphed to Mayor Roach Sunday night by the Guilford County Interracial Commission.

Mrs. Hobart Jarrett, assistant librarian at A&T College and a spokesman for the group, said a similar request had been made by the organization last May, but that Roach had not replied to it.

In its 50th year, the commission has been dormant for some time and Mrs. Jarrett said only a small group of persons were still members.

The commission was ousted from the United Fund in 1958 after fund leaders decided that many citizens were refusing to contribute to fund campaigns because they objected to the group. It had an annual budget of \$250 at the time.

Mrs. Jarrett said yesterday that "if we had such a group, then, possibly, when something like this student demonstration came along there would be an organization set up and ready to give it mature handling."

Roach, declining to comment on the group's telegram yesterday, said he would have a statement later in the week.

At the New York headquarters of the Woolworth company, a spokesman said it was uncertain when the Greensboro store's lunch counter could be reopened.

"The situation will have to be evaluated by the store manager," the spokesman said.

He added that his understanding was that the luncheon facilities had been shut down at the request of police as a matter of public safety.

Police said last night, however, that they had not requested the store to close the counter and had no intention of making such a request.