

Negroes Splattered With Eggs As Sitdown Spreads To Raleigh

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RALEIGH, Feb. 10 (AP) — Eggs splattered Negroes here today in a spreading North Carolina sit-down demonstration against segregated lunch counters.

Eggs thrown in the F. W. Woolworth downtown 5 and 10 cent store hit the lunch counter and splattered on some of the Negroes standing there in defiance of the rule that only whites would be served. They showed no emotion. The youthful Negroes, apparently college students, stood lined up at the counter, which had been closed in the face of their demands for service.

The store closed 25 minutes before its regular time and the crowd dispersed without further incident. The crowd included groups of white high school and college-age youths who had gathered in the store.

The next door McClellan's variety store shut down earlier in the afternoon when a crowd gathered. A white photographer

said he was pushed and shoved and forced to leave by store officials who did not wish to have pictures taken. Fire trucks had roared up to the store in answer to a false alarm.

Despite the explosive atmosphere, there were no reports of damaging violence and there were no arrests.

Police officers were not stationed in the Raleigh stores, where sitdown demonstrations began in mid-morning in similar fashion to those staged over the last eight days at Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Fayetteville and Durham.

Raleigh Police Chief Tom Davis said he would send men out on request. "But we have no part of this unless there is a violation of the law," he asserted.

Meanwhile, State Attorney General Malcolm Seawell suggested that municipal and college officials act against the "serious threat to the peace and good order" raised by the demonstrations.

He said owners of private re-

tail establishments have a legal right "to sell or not to sell to customers as they see fit," although there is no state law requiring separation of the races in eating places.

Seawell said his office would be glad to help municipal officials draft ordinances to deal with any threat to peace and order.

He said college officials "have the perfect right, and probably the duty, through appropriate action, to prohibit any action on the part of students which threatens or is prejudicial to the peace and welfare of the community."

In the incidents spreading across North Carolina, the Negro participants have generally been students at private or state-supported Negro colleges.

Dr. James Boyar, president of St. Augustine College, said the dean of students is investigating. Any action the administration of the Episcopal Negro college

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might take, Dr. Boyar said, would depend on the results of the investigation. He added, "I do not understand that anyone has broken the law in participating in the demonstrations."

One Raleigh drug store owner used the trespassing law to send away a group of Negro students who asked for service in a booth. A police officer, called by the owner, warned the group they would be arrested if they did not leave. They heeded the warning.

However, in the Raleigh chain variety and drug stores, managers closed down lunch counters but made no attempt to have the Negroes leave until the stores closed.

The Negroes engaged in the demonstrations made no response to taunts voiced by groups of white youths and girls.

About 100 students appeared in-

involved in the incidents which affected lunch counters or eating areas at five downtown Raleigh stores.

Sitdown Begins

The Negro students, mostly from Shaw University and St. Augustine College here, began circulating through three variety stores some 15 minutes before the apparently well-organized sit-down began at 10:30 a.m.

Luncheonette managers quickly closed the counters which customarily serve only white. Signs were put up saying the counters were closed temporarily. Some signs said the action was taken "in the interest of public safety."

The sitdown began at F. W. Woolworth's, McLellan's, and Kress, then spread to Walgreen's, Hudson-Belk, and Eckerd's, all located on Main Street in the downtown district.

The sitdowns followed the pattern of earlier demonstrations at Greensboro, Charlotte, Winston-

Salem, Durham and Fayetteville. Each of the cities has state-supported or private Negro colleges whose students have been the vanguard in the sitdowns.

At Charlotte, police cleared the Kress store after an anonymous caller warned that a bomb had been planted there to go off at 1:15 p.m. A search was made but no bomb was found. The store was one of several whose lunch counters were closed Tuesday after Negroes started protest sitdowns.

At Fayetteville, about 20 Negro students appeared at Woolworth's lunch counter at 10 a.m., but were not served. White patrons continued to be served until the lunch counter was closed about noon. Eight students went to the lunch counter at McCrory's dime store and took seats at the counter. The lights at the counter were turned off just as they arrived, but some white patrons continued eating.

Raleigh Mayor W. G. Enloe issued a statement in which he expressed regret that some Negro students would risk endangering race relations between the city and the two Negro colleges here "by seeking to change a long-standing custom in a manner that is all but destined to fail. We are in sympathy with the merchants involved in that they must, to operate profitably, follow this custom over which we have no control."

Enloe strongly urged "a more serious study be made from a realistic viewpoint by the leaders and participants of this action and "I sincerely feel that this unfortunate situation can be immediately corrected. I realize this must be done on a voluntary basis, even perhaps to the extent of yielding certain sought facilities in order to continue other more valuable relations long enjoyed between all races in our city."