

# 41 Negroes Charged With Trespassing In Raleigh Area

(From Daily News Wire Service Reports)

RALEIGH, Feb. 12—Forty-one young Negroes were arrested here today before another of the widespread student demonstrations against lunch counter segregation developed. The police action took place in the vicinity of a Woolworth's store in the Cameron Village section, a privately owned shopping center.

All 41 were charged with trespass and released under \$50 bond pending trial in Raleigh City Court on Feb. 25. All, or nearly all, were students at either Shaw University or St. Augustine College. They included both men and women students.

William Worth, vice president of Cameron Village Inc., said the young Negroes

were arrested by officers after he had requested them in the officers' presence to leave. He pointed out that sidewalks and parking areas in Cameron Village are private property.

Worth said some of the group had attempted to enter Woolworth's Cameron Village store and some had tried to enter other stores in the shopping section—located about two miles from Raleigh's downtown area.

## Negroes Are Orderly

All the Negroes, he said, were orderly and were asked to leave "purely as a matter of public safety" and in order to preserve order.

H. T. Browning, manager of the Cameron Village Woolworth store, asserted that the arrests "did not involve us." He added that "the arrests were made outside our store, and we had nothing to do with it at all." He said his store was closed at the time the arrests were made—although it re-opened later. None of the students entered his store during the day. He declined to explain why the store was closed.

## Action Explained

However, Negro students entered the store both Wednesday and Thursday and took seats at the lunch counter. Both times the counter was closed. Browning said the counter also was closed today.

George R. Greene, a Negro attorney representing some of the students, said they were not trying to create a court test case but were trying to establish their privilege to eat in public places serving food.

He said he did not think the trespass charges were constitutional and, if necessary, would be carried to the U.S. Supreme Court.

As the students were released under bonds signed by a Negro bondsman, Green advised them to return to their campuses and added, "No more sitdowns."

One student, Cornell L. Adams, 24, a Shaw University student from Birmingham, Ala., said he was making a phone call in a phone booth in front of Woolworth's when "a man walked up to me and mentioned something about getting off private property . . . he gave me two minutes."

Adams said he had started toward a street when an officer arrested him saying his "two minutes" were up.

Another, David L. Walker, 20, said he was helping another student start a stalled automobile when he was arrested. He said he had been given two minutes to get off Cameron Village property. One student said he was arrested as he sat on a bench in front of Woolworth's. Another said he was walking along the sidewalks in front of Woolworth's when arrested.

The North Carolina-born passive resistance movement also spread into South Carolina—thus into the heartland of the Deep South's total segregation — and into a ninth North Carolina city.

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(Associated Press Wirephoto.)

### NEGRO STUDENTS ARRESTED

Two of the 41 college students await bond after they were arrested for trespassing in a Raleigh shopping center. They are the first to be arrested in a statewide sit-down movement against segregated lunch counters.

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White spectators heckled the Negroes in each new location.

White groups taunted the Negro demonstrators who appeared for the first time in Rock Hill, S.C., and Concord, N.C.

#### Toughs Arrive

"They ought to throw them out," said one person among the crowds of whites watching the students at two variety stores and a drug store in Rock Hill. The lunch counters had closed after the students arrived.

Negro students excused themselves as they passed through the white crowds around Woolworth's and McCrory's variety stores and the Good Drug Store. The spectators were peaceful until a group of young white toughs arrived.

The stores closed after receiving anonymous bomb threats and policemen and detectives were required to escort the demonstrators back to Friendship Junior College. One white youth threw an egg which struck a Negro student and police moved a line of officers between the two groups to keep control.

The students disclaimed any connection with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), an international organization which had announced two days ago that there would be demonstrations in Rock Hill.

#### Fill Seats

The Concord demonstration came without advance notice. Fourteen Negro students from Barber-Scotia College filled the 14 seats at the Belk Department Store lunch counter and remained there after the store posted a sign saying the facility was temporarily closed.

A group of white spectators gathered outside the store and some suggested belligerently that they go in and pull out the Negroes.

But the students departed as a group, without hindrance, early in the afternoon.

In Raleigh, a group of Negroes, believed to be students at St. Augustine College or Shaw University, appeared at the reopened lunch counter of McLellan's variety store downtown. When one of the youths persisted in a request for a cup of coffee, a store official told him:

"We have no coffee. You're illegally in this store. I'm going to ask you to leave."

Several white youths stepped across the path of the departing demonstrators.

But the scene generally was calm at other cities where demonstrations have occurred—Greensboro, Durham, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Elizabeth City and High Point in North Carolina; Hampton, Va., and DeLand, Fla.