

# Negro Told Not To Fear Jail Terms

[Another arrest made at  
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DURHAM, Feb. 16 (AP)—“Let us not fear going to jail if the officials threaten to arrest us for standing up for our rights,” Negro leader Dr. Martin Luther King of Atlanta, Ga., told 100 students from colleges in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia here tonight.

Earlier, during a tour of the Durham F. W. Woolworth store, where Negro students protested segregated eating facilities with a sitdown strike, a scuffle broke out between store employes, police and news photographers.

The incident followed on the heels of a news conference at which Dr. King said he could not say whether the demonstrations over the South would continue. King led the successful boycott of segregated buses in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955.

Kelly Alexander of Charlotte, state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, witnessed the scuffle in the store. He told a newsman he was only a bystander and just happened to be in the store.

## Speaks At Church

Speaking at the White Rock Baptist Church, Dr. King said Negroes must be willing “to fill up the jails of the South” to gain their rights. “Maybe it will take this willingness to stay in jail to arouse the dozing conscience of our nation,” he added.

The protest of segregated eating establishments, Dr. King added, highlights that “segregation is . . . is America's shame.” He asked that both white and Negroes in North Carolina “back up the marvelous protest of these students.”

“You have given an additional death blow to the once prevalent idea that the Negro prefers segregation,” Dr. King told the students. “You have also made it clear that we will not be satisfied with token integration which . . . is nothing but a new form of discrimination.”

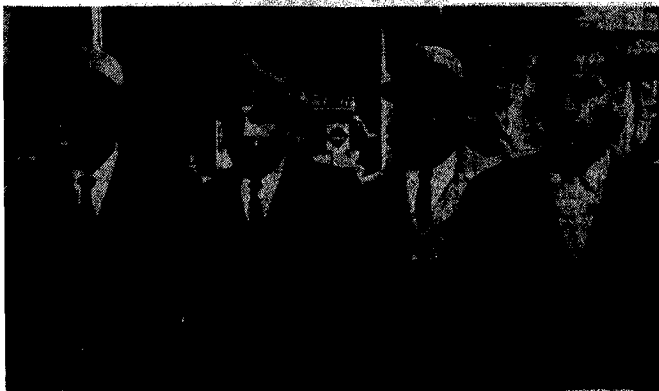
## Given Instructions

The Negro students were in Durham for questions and techniques of nonviolence in sitdown demonstrations. Before hearing Dr. King's address, the group met but a spokesman would say only that a “coordinating council has been set up” for the demonstrations.

The spokesman said these colleges were represented:

North Carolina A&T and Bennett, Greensboro; Winston-Salem Teachers; Johnson C. Smith, Charlotte; Shaw and St. Augustine, Raleigh; North Carolina College, Durham; Friendship Junior College, Rock Hill, S.C.; Norfolk Extension of Virginia State; Elizabeth City Teachers; Hamp-

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(Associated Press Wirephoto)

## NEGRO LEADER JOINS IN PROTEST

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Negro integration leader of Atlanta, Ga., (second from left) walks toward Woolworth Store in Durham, scene of a Negro protest action over denial of lunch counter service. King later addressed a rally. Others in the picture are not identified.

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ton, Va., Institute and Durham Negro Business College.

At the news conference before his address, Dr. King said, "The continued existence of segregation in any form in North Carolina and the United States can have a much more devastating effect than the sitdowns."

Woolworth employes and police scuffled with press photographers this afternoon and seized cameras in the wake of a tour of closed lunch counters here by Dr. King.

The incident occurred shortly after a news conference where King said he couldn't say whether the outbreak of sitdown demonstrations against segregation lunch counter facilities in North Carolina would continue.

King and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, the Negro who succeeded him as president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, were posing for pictures when an assistant manager burst into the group and demanded that they leave.

Noticing the photographers and television cameramen, an unidentified store employe made a rush for one and the lensmen took to their heels. Both King and Abernathy immediately left the scene.

A WTVD television cameraman, Ed Gray, was on his way out the door when a policeman attempted to confiscate his camera and asked him to step inside. A Negro photographer on an assignment from the Carolina Times had his camera taken.

## Retrieves Camera

Store officials and police spoke to both photographers and the WTVD cameraman retrieved his camera. The Negro photographer, C. C. Burtney, was detained by police and store officials until a Negro lawyer advised Burtney his film could not be confiscated unless a warrant were issued.

Burtney was advised to take his camera and film and leave the store.

A crowd gathered in the store as officials and policemen talked to photographers. The Woolworth officials contended the store was private property and no photographs could be taken without prior permission.

Durham Morning Herald photographer Jim Thornton was chased for nearly a block by a store official. Thornton outran his pursuer and made it safely to the Herald office on Market Street.