

Police Keep Close Watch For Trouble

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HIGH POINT, Feb. 17—Police-men stepped up their vigil today for possible violence while city officials sought to reduce race tensions stemming from protests by Negroes against denial of lunch counter service at stores.

The Police Department assigned two full shifts of officers to the downtown area and equipped each with night sticks and other riot-breaking weapons.

Effect of the police action was immediately noted. Demonstrators, who heretofore have clustered in and in front of stores, were kept moving by the patrolling officers.

As soon as schools closed youngsters started congregating on downtown streets, the scene of several fist fights and reported fights with bottles, snow, and rocks for the past few days. The whites far outnumbered the Negroes. Several white students, under 16 years of age, were turned over to Domestic Relations Court officials and others were carried to their homes and lectured in front of their parents. These were the ones who seemed to be leaders in the constant parading up and down Main Street.

There were several additional arrests.

Frank Nathan Laws, 20, was charged with breach of the peace while in the 200 block of East Washington St., Lindsay Thomas, Negro, 18, of Jamestown, was booked for disorderly conduct in the 100 block of South Main St. Coy Spoon, 58, was charged with

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 congregating on a public sidewalk and refusing to move on when told to by officers.

Meanwhile, school officials today reportedly were urging youngsters to go directly to their homes after school closed, pleading with them not to make a bad situation worse.

Yesterday afternoon George Covington, manager of the High Point Chamber of Commerce, and Clyde Campbell, secretary of the High Point Chamber of Commerce, met with five self-styled leaders of the white students. The youths were asked to form the core of a "constructive club, instead of the watchdog type" they now apparently lead.

Both men said apparently the meeting failed as the five boys left upon receiving word that a Negro group had moved into the downtown area—about five blocks from where the discussion was being held in the chamber offices.

Police Chief C. C. Stoker today said, "We are not taking sides, but we cannot tolerate violations of laws such as was the case here yesterday." The department is not involved in issues, he said, but now that public safety is threatened "we intend to eliminate this threat at all costs."

He pointed out that participants in violent demonstrations can be arrested under a number of city and state statutes, includ-

ing inciting to riot, carrying weapons, and congregating in public places.

TWO WHITE YOUTHS ARRESTED IN RALEIGH

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two white youths were arrested yesterday and charged with assaulting Negro students picketing Raleigh's main street variety stores for refusing to integrate their lunch counters.

One, 25-year-old William B. Faulk, was accused of slapping a Negro picket across the wrist with a dog chain. A reporter said the picket, Shaw University student Otis Clark, a strapping six-footer, retaliated by slugging Faulk in the cheek. The blow knocked him against a nearby auto.

As the fracas began on Raleigh's Fayetteville Street, other Negro students summoned police and pointed to Faulk and David Price, 19, a Raleigh truck driver. Price was charged with assault and battery. Police said he was accused of trying to snatch a placard from one of the pickets.

Second Day

A large crowd gathered in front of the Fayetteville Street variety and drug stores as the picketing went into its second day.

Whites carried signs taunting the Negroes for their protests against the segregated lunch counters.

After the arrests police Capt.

H. T. Bailey ordered the crowds to keep moving. When they failed to heed his warning, he motioned to a paddy wagon parked nearby. They dispersed.

Faulk was freed under \$100 bond for trial in City Court docketed for Thursday. Price was released under \$50 bond. His trial was set for Feb. 26.

At one point a large crowd gathered around a little, elderly white woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller who told the white hecklers, "You're going about this in the wrong way. I'm as much a segregationist as you are, but I believe you should meet courtesy with courtesy."

She said none of the Negro pickets were carrying signs with insulting words.