

Public Pulse

False Report Law

Editor of the Daily News:

The sitdown strikes by Negroes in Greensboro has had the effect of spreading wildfire. From Greensboro to Durham, to Charlotte to Winston-Salem in just one short week. And this is being done by a group of students unsupported by any state or national organization and without apparent leadership.

It is commendable and should be noted that the Negroes have brought to a virtual stand-still any service at the lunch counters of the several chain variety and drug stores being picketed. Not one act of violence has been attributed to a Negro in their peaceful efforts. However, this cannot be said of the other races involved. Instances of whites being ejected from the stores because of cursing and badgering the silent strikers are frequent. Arrests for assault and drunkenness have been made, all whites.

It is unfortunate that peaceful means cannot be employed to settle this dissension. Whenever any effort is made to change the present scheme of society we have the inevitable presence of hoax bombers. In all cities involved there have been the bomb scares. It should be brought to the attention of the feeble-minded citizens who create these scares that they are criminals in the eyes of the law. The 1959 session of the North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation to make it a crime to make false reports concerning destructive device or perpetrating a hoax by

use of false bomb, etc., penalties involved call for a fine and/or imprisonment in discretion of the courts with a maximum of 10 years imprisonment (Senate Bill 23).

As the stores have prominently placed signs stating that service is suspended "in the interest of public safety," then too the false report law should be posted to bring to the attention of seemingly concerned citizens with warped senses of responsibility. If the bomb scares continue the attorney general should make an example of the parties responsible.

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