

# High Point Quiet; Truce Is Called

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HIGH POINT, Feb. 18—Downtown High Point was quiet today—for the first time since Negro high school students started demonstrations against segregation at lunch counters a week ago.

Both white and Negro leaders today visited schools to urge students to stay away from the business district after school. The management of the two Woolworth stores here and of McLellan's store have agreed to keep their lunch counters closed pending development of a definite lunch counter policy. And, the Negro students protesting segregated lunch counter service have agreed to suspend demonstrations while efforts are being made to find a solution.

## Negroes' Statement

The written statement from the Negro students issued today said: "In view of certain negotiations which are being carried on by top leaders in the community regarding lunch counter demonstrations at local stores, we, the students who have been carrying on the demonstrations, have decided to suspend these actions while efforts are being made to find an adequate solution.

"We regret that violent reactions have occurred to what has been a non-violent Christian protest against inequality. Our students are not responsible for and have not participated in any of the violence.

"This movement toward equality was originated by students and is being conducted by students."

## Committee Planned

Mayor Jesse Washburn, after a meeting with members of the Ministers Alliance, which includes both races, has set about appointing a communitywide "human relations committee." He expects to have the final selection within a week.

Meanwhile, to maintain peace, both white and Negro leaders agreed to attempt to engineer a truce among the youthful participants in the violence. Apparently these leaders already have met with some measure of success.

A direct plea to all high school students—made at the schools by various civic leaders—is credited with keeping most students from the downtown area this afternoon.

Last night, city officials met at the YMCA here with community leaders of both races.

Police officials assured the civic leaders that they will maintain law and order by any means necessary.