

Chattanooga Sitdown Brings Street Fights

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 23 (UPI)—Lunch counter sit-down protests by Negroes swelled into street fighting in Chattanooga today and police called out reinforcements to disperse a "pushing, shoving" crowd.

At least 12 persons were arrested in the brawling as a group of 200 Negro demonstrators and 600 white hecklers swarmed over the downtown area. Police stopped all downtown traffic for half an hour and called out all available cars to break up the crowd.

The incident appeared one of

the most serious in the South's wave of mostly spontaneous Negro student protest demonstrations against lunch counter segregation.

Man Is Injured

Two persons, a Negro man and a white youth, were hospitalized. One Chattanooga dime store, Kress's, closed for the day and others closed lunch counters.

It was the second consecutive day of demonstrating against lunch counter segregation in Chattanooga where the sitdown protests began last week.

In Richmond, Va., police arrested a 58-year-old Negro woman, Ruth E. Tinsley, and Durwood Massenberg, 17, a Negro youth, for vagrancy and loitering outside a department store being picketed by Negroes urging a boycott against lunch counter segregation.

Protective Custody

Police at Rock Hill, S.C., took a Negro youth into protective custody during demonstrations against lunch counter segregation. The youth was chased by a group of whites and one white youth reported he was hit by a brick.

At Baltimore, Negro band leader Duke Ellington was refused service at a restaurant near the Johns Hopkins University campus, scene of a brief "sitdown" demonstration yesterday.

At Whaleyville, Va., police reported fist fights between groups of white and Negro youths last night following an attempt by Negroes to obtain service at a drug store.