

9 Students In Sitdown Expelled

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The South's lunch-counter-revolution grew more intense Thursday with fresh desegregation demonstrations and the threat of mass resignations by the student body of a Negro college.

The day's biggest flareup was in Montgomery, Ala., where the governor and the State Board of Education ordered expulsion of nine Negro students of Alabama State College, ring leaders in a group who tried to desegregate a courthouse lunch counter last week.

Chanting students, numbering well over 1,000, boycotted winter quarter exams. They milled about the campus shouting that they would resign en masse from the state-supported school to protest the expulsions.

"On to Auburn—On to Alabama," the demonstrators chanted. These are the state's two big white universities.

Call For Support

The expelled students told newsmen they could not accept the punishment as "just and fair" and called on the entire nation to support them.

"We have broken no laws, we have assaulted no one, we have violated no rules of the college," said Bernard Lee of Norfolk, Va., spokesman for the group.

Demonstrations also broke out again in Columbia, S.C., where students of two Negro colleges marched through the main street of the capital city and attempted to get service at 10 downtown lunch counters.

Apparently because of the excitement of a waitress, several Negroes actually were served at one Columbia variety store lunch stand. But the management swiftly closed the place as soon as the situation was discovered.

The Rev. James Lawson Jr., a Negro divinity student at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., was expelled following

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discovery that he was instructing Nashville Negroes in passive resistance techniques.

Lawson was offered the chance to resign from Vanderbilt but rejected it.

University Chancellor Harvie Branscomb said the issue was not whether Lawson was interested in desegregation but "whether or not the university can be identified with a continuing campaign of mass disobedience of law as a means of protest."

A total of 144 sitdown demonstrators, five of them white, have been arrested in Nashville. Sixty-one have gone to jail rather than post bonds.

Nashville city attorneys asked conviction of six Negroes on charges of conspiracy to disrupt trade. Conviction on the charge carries a maximum \$5,000 fine and almost a year in jail.

The Rev. E. H. Hardge, president of the Winston-Salem, N.C., chapter of the NAACP, said convictions of 12 Negroes there for counter demonstrations would be appealed all the way into federal courts if necessary.