

# Sumter Police Arrest 25 Negro College Students

By Associated Press

Twenty-five Negro students from Morris College in Sumter were arrested there today when they sought lunch counter service at three downtown stores.

They were taken to the county jail and charged with breach of the peace. Each was held under \$100 bond.

They were picked up after seeking sitdown lunch counter service at Lawson's Drug Store, Walgreen's Drug Store and the Kress Variety Store.

**Morris College is a Baptist-supported Negro institution in Sumter.**

Officials at the jail who booked the students said they listed home towns in Georgia and North Carolina as well as in South Carolina.

Meanwhile, Negro college students had not shown up in downtown Columbia by late Friday morning to continue the anti-segregation demonstrations begun there on Wednesday. It was not learned whether a warning from city officials or founder's day activities at Allen University caused the demonstration to be broken off.

City Manager Irving McNary issued a statement Thursday night saying continued demonstrations "will not again be tolerated." He said Columbia police have been ordered to take "all necessary steps" to forestall additional downtown marches.

The Allen University Founder's Day program included a noon convocation featuring an address by Bishop E. C. Hatcher of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

One source said demonstrators from Allen and from Benedict College, a Baptist-supported institution in Columbia, have agreed to "work together" and stage combined demonstrations.

After they demonstrated at segregated lunch counters on two successive days, McNary said additional demonstrations would endanger life, property and good order in Columbia.

In Nashville, Tenn., where 144 have been arrested and a Negro divinity student dismissed as the result of demon-

strations, Mayor Ben West called for an end to the public displays as he appointed a bi-racial citizens committee to study the issues involved.

Included on the committee were Dr. Stephen J. Wright, president of Fisk University, and Dr. W. S. Davis, president of Tennessee A&I. Most of those arrested were from these schools.

Trials for the students have brought five more convictions on charges of disorderly conduct. A habeas corpus petition brought by a Negro woman student convicted earlier was denied. Maxine Walker, 19, had chosen the workhouse rather than pay a fine and her court action was looked upon as a test case.

A walkout by 1,000 students at Alabama State College in Montgomery lasted only through morning classes as most of them were on hand for their final quarterly exams in the afternoon. They had promised to stay to protest expulsion of nine student leaders who took part in a recent demonstration.