

Negro Students Plan Protest At College

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Wildly cheering Negro students Friday night pledged a mass protest strike at Alabama State College in retaliation for expulsion of nine campus leaders who sparked demonstrations against segregated lunch counters.

An estimated 900 students in Montgomery roared frenzied support of the plan after one of

their leaders said, "There are other schools in Alabama you can go to."

Gov. John Patterson had ordered the expulsions.

They renewed their chant of the past several days, "Can't go to Alabama, we go to Auburn." Auburn is a state-supported white school.

Student President Bernard Lee of Norfolk, Va., drew applause when he announced that Negro adult spokesmen had promised to start a scholarship fund for any student expelled from Alabama State.

At one point Lee said, "We are not little children where we can be spanked and sent back to class."

Registration Urged

An adult leader, Rufus Lewis, urged students of voting age from Montgomery to seek registration as voters and have their parents do likewise.

Meanwhile, the Negroes' campaign for equality at restaurants spread into Miami, Fla., when eight ministers tried unsuccessfully to enter a downtown department store lunchroom.

In Sumter, S.C., 26 Bible-carrying students from Morris College, a Negro institution, were jailed after taking seats at lunch counters in three stores.

In Nashville, Tenn., state warrants were issued charging 80 students, most of them Negroes, with conspiring to violate the state trade and commerce law by helping direct last Saturday's lunch counter sit-in demonstrations.

Those charged included the Rev. James Lawson, Negro student expelled from the Vanderbilt divinity school on grounds he was a leader in the demonstrations.

The students posted bond. Officials said the cases will be presented to the grand jury which meets Monday. Conviction could carry a maximum penalty of 11 months 29 days in the workhouse or a \$1,000 fine or both.

Breach of the peace charges were filed against the 26 students who tried to obtain service at three stores in Sumter.

Bond was set at \$100. None could raise the money immediately.

Sheriff E. Byrd Parnell told newsmen he would see that no businesses in Sumter would have to close because of such demonstrations.

In Columbia, S.C., students from two church-supported Negro colleges, Allen and Benedict, agreed to discontinue for the present their campaign for integrated lunch counters.