

## CLUBS, BRICKS USED

# Negroes Attack Cars At S. C. Drive-In

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Angry Negro students swinging clubs and hurling bricks attacked cars of patrons of a white drive-in restaurant at Columbia, S.C., early Saturday and disappeared before police arrived.

There were new "sitdown" demonstrations against lunch counter segregation at Tampa, Fla., and similar protests occurred at Houston, Tex., and Lexington, Ky. "Support" demonstrations occurred at dime stores outside the South—in New York, Washington and in Ohio.

Two groups of Negro demonstrators staged sitdown demon-

strations in Tallahassee, Fla., dime stores Saturday and a white youth, heckling the demonstrators, was hustled to police headquarters for a stern lecture.

At Richmond, Va., three more Negro students were convicted in police court of trespassing during demonstrations at Thalhimer's department store and were fined \$20 each. Twenty-seven other trespassing cases were continued until March 15.

Twenty Negro students from the University of Kentucky staged

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## ANGRY STUDENTS

# Autos At Drive-In Attacked By Negroes

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a "sitdown" at a variety store lunch counter at Lexington. The counter was closed.

Twenty-eight Negroes from the NAACP's Tampa Youth Council staged a three hour sitdown—the fourth of the week in Tampa—at an F. W. Woolworth Co. store. The lunch counter was closed and a group of 20 white teen-agers showed up, took seats and glared at the Negroes. A squad of police prevented possible trouble.

The violence at Columbia brought minor injuries to one white girl. It followed a cross-burning and brick-throwing incident on the campus of a Negro college last night.

At least 436 arrests of Negro and white demonstrators have occurred in the past month's wave of sitdown protests and related incidents in the South—most of the arrests being made in the last two weeks. And the demonstrations against segregation customs have showed no let-up.

More than 2,000 Negroes are expected to converge Sunday on grounds of the white-columned Alabama state capitol at Montgomery, scene of a city-wide bus boycott five years ago, for a huge prayer meeting protesting segregation.

"We cannot work in the capital of the Confederacy but we can pray here," said the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, president of the Montgomery Improvement Association which was formed to conduct the bus boycott.

A witness, A. G. Toms, told Columbia police he was sitting in the parking lot of a drive-in near two Negro colleges in the South Carolina capital when what appeared to him to be "a small army" of Negroes, armed with clubs, marched on the place.

Toms said actually about 25 Negroes were involved in the disturbance. He said they surrounded "three or four" cars and

"began beating on them."

He said he drove off in his car, but the vehicle's left front window was smashed. A girl, apparently a passenger in Tom's car, was treated for facial cuts from broken glass.

Police Chief William Campbell confirmed that four Negroes were arrested, held for several hours for questioning and then turned over to Allen University officials.

Negro students from Allen and Benedict colleges were involved in lunch counter protest demonstrations during the week. An Allen source said white teen-agers had thrown bricks on the campus and had set fire to a Ku Klux Klan type cross in front of one of the university buildings.

The march on the drive-in was apparently in retaliation.

The lunch counter protests, which started their current phase about a month ago when four Negroes tried to get service at a white eating place in Greensboro, N.C., have spread into six Southern states.

Similar demonstrations have popped up in several regions outside the deep South—Xenia, Ohio, Houston, Tex., and New York City Saturday.

Some 450 persons, both white and Negro, picketed the big Woolworth's store in crowded midtown Manhattan for an hour and a half at mid-day, demonstrating in support of the lunch counter sitdowns in the South. There were no disturbances and no arrests, police said.

The demonstrators in the South got strong moral support Saturday from an independent church group within the Episcopal Church. The group, called the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, endorsed "peaceful disobedience" by the demonstrating groups and said the same methods should be extended to organized church activities.