

Rev. King Says:

Negroes Would Die To End Segregation

By Associated Press

A Negro leader says young men of his race are willing to die for the cause of integration.

"Our young men are out to show we are eternally through with segregation," Rev. Martin Luther King told a Negro church gathering in Birmingham, Ala., Sunday.

King said Negro students who have demonstrated against segregated lunch counters in the South "symbolize tomorrow—the white segregationists symbolize a dying order."

King led the successful campaign to end segregated city buses in Montgomery, Ala.'s capital city. He recently moved to Atlanta.

Montgomery was the scene of a tense racial situation Sunday, but an armed force of more than 500 officers separated crowds of Negroes and white persons before trouble could erupt.

Meanwhile, leaders in several other Southern cities urged stepped up demonstrations or mediation.

Officers of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People in Virginia and Florida have advocated continued demonstrations. But an interracial group in South Carolina and a college president in Tennessee favor conciliatory meetings.

The situation remained tense

in Montgomery today following Sunday's powder keg meeting.

The Negroes planned a mass prayer meeting on the State Capitol steps to support Alabama State College students whose recent demonstrations brought expulsion of nine campus leaders and the promise of nearly 1,000 students to boycott the college.

But the Negroes changed their meeting place to the nearby Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. While the session was in progress an estimated 5,000 white spectators, including a number of women and children, assembled in the vicinity.

The Negroes started to leave the church and between 300 and 400 white men surged through police lines. Officers armed with clubs and service pistols broke up the white demonstrators and pushed the Negroes back onto church property. City firemen stood by ready to drench the crowd with water but did not have to turn on the hoses.

A squad of mounted sheriff's deputies broke up the white crowd and the Negroes left the church property in small groups.

At Richmond, Oliver W. Hill, chairman of the legal committee of the Virginia NAACP, told a mass meeting of about 750 Ne-

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groes that the sit-in protests are far from over.

"We need help on the picket line," he said. "The students have done enough. It is time for the adults to participate."

Rev. A. Leon Lowry, president of the Florida branch of the NAACP, called for Negroes to continue demonstrating and to consider business boycotts to end discrimination. He spoke to 500 Negroes at a Tampa meeting.

In South Carolina, the Negro Citizens Council of Columbia and Richland County, planned to meet with students to talk things over. At the same time, the South Carolina council on human relations, an interracial group, issued a statement supporting the students and said it could mediate differences between students and merchants or municipal authorities.