

Served In Two Cities . . .

Negroes Claim Victory In Lunch Counter Drive

By Associated Press

Negro demonstrators claimed a victory in North Carolina today as the growing anti-segregation campaign entered its sixth week and spread into the eighth Southern state.

Students seeking equal eating facilities at traditionally segregated lunch counters were served while seated in two North Carolina cities yesterday. Apparently it was the first time this had happened in the state where the current wave of sit-downs started.

The first demonstration in West Virginia took a new form. Students paraded at a motion picture theater protesting segregated seating arrangements.

In Houston, Tex., the sit-downs spread from drug stores to a supermarket lunch counter. Service was refused and the counter area roped off. No trouble was reported.

Eleven Negroes were arrested for trespassing in Petersburg, Va., after they occupied a section reserved for white persons in the city library and refused to leave.

Some 700 students at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., planned a one-day boycott of classes today as an expression of sympathy for nine Negro students expelled from Alabama State College at Montgomery.

The proposed boycott was in support of students expelled for taking part in demonstrations.

At Winston-Salem, N. C., 75 placard-carrying students staged a two-hour demonstration climaxed by singing and brief prayer service in front of city hall. Police warned a repetition would result in arrests on charges of staging a parade without a permit.

After the demonstration some of the participants were served hot dogs and soft drinks while sitting in a combination hardware and variety store.

Later, however, a store spokesman announced plans to remove the soda fountain stools. He said in the future white persons and Negroes would be served only while standing.

At Salisbury, N. C., six Negro students from Livingstone College were served in pairs at three downtown drug store lunch counters. There were no incidents. But four other students were refused service in two other drug stores.

In other North Carolina developments, the Forsyth County (Winston-Salem) Ministers Fellowship voted 31-25 to endorse a Unitarian Fellowship statement endorsing the demonstrators' actions. Some of those who voted against the proposal said they did so not because they opposed the statement but preferred to issue their own rather than endorse the Unitarian statement.