

Formally-Organized Chapel Hill Negroes Ask 'Equal Service'

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CHAPEL HILL—Leadership of a formally-organized movement to secure "equal service in eating facilities" for Negroes has been announced in Chapel Hill.

The elected 12-member executive committee consists of white and Negro persons, adults and teen-agers, as well as University and Lincoln High School students. They were chosen at a general meeting of Lincoln High School students who spontaneously initiated local protest movement here last week.

A committee spokesman announced the group's membership as follows: Leola Bynum, Hilliard Caldwell, William Cureton, David Densby, Marion Davis, Harold Foster, the Rev. Lonnie Horton, Vivian Foushee, the Rev. Charles Jones, Mary Mason, Richard Stroud and Robert Winston. Revs. W. R. Foushee and J. R. Manley were listed as consultants.

In a public statement the committee described the present effort as a "non-violent peaceful movement designed to protest the lack of dignity and respect

shown to Negroes as human beings in the failure to give equal treatment in our eating facilities."

"Non-violent and peaceful picketing will be engaged in to enlist the support of all, whatever their color, in getting services in business places that would grant dignity and respect to those who are being served. Friendly negotiation is offered at all times to businessmen in an effort to resolve this problem."

A spokesman for the Chapel Hill Human Relations Commission said this group was planning a private session to consider the "sit-down" situation.

On Monday, under the committee's sponsorship, Negro student sign-carrying pickets, paraded for an hour in front of the Long Meadow Farms and Colonial Drug stores in Chapel Hill. One of their leaders said these demonstrations would be continued indefinitely until some progress is made in negotiation attempts with the store managements, which, they said, have refused equal service to Negroes on grounds of "local custom."