

Sitdowners Convicted In South

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Courts in several Southern cities Friday convicted a number of Negroes for taking part in demonstrations as the wave of discontent over segregated lunch counters appeared to be declining.

Negro students at Columbia, S.C., canceled plans for a march to the South Carolina State House Saturday. But, a spokesman said, "We will be back."

At New Orleans, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the Dallas, Tex., school board to submit a plan to desegregate its public schools within 51 days.

City Court at Montgomery, Ala., convicted 32 Negro college students, a former classmate and a faculty member of charges growing out of an anti-segregation demonstration Tuesday.

Heavy Guard

A heavy police guard stood by to prevent any demonstrations at city hall while the trial was in progress.

The 32 students at Alabama State College at Montgomery were convicted of disorderly conduct and refusal to obey an officer. So was the former student tried with them.

Judge Eugene Loe delayed sentencing. Those convicted could receive six months in jail and a \$100 fine on each of the two counts. The faculty member was convicted of disorderly conduct and her husband of disobeying an officer at the jail when he tried to see his wife after her arrest.

Negro attorney Fred Gray of Montgomery, who represented the defendants, told the court the student body at Alabama State had agreed to return to class and stop the racial demonstrations.

Trial Set

Trial of five Negro students at predominantly Negro Philander Smith College at Little Rock, Ark., was set for next Thursday. The students were arrested Thursday after they refused to leave a variety store lunch counter during a demonstration by about 45 classmates, police reported.

At Tampa, Fla., Leon Bellamy, a 19-year-old Negro, was sentenced to 80 days in jail for improper advances toward a white girl. He was given a choice of paying a \$600 fine or serving an additional 100 days. He also was sentenced to a \$100 fine or 50 days in jail on a charge of disorderly proceedings.

'White Trash'

Police said Bellamy referred to a white girl as "white trash" during a lunch room sitdown demonstration March 1.

In another racial development, 10 students at Allen University at Columbia were arrested Thursday night and held for investigation in connection with a Negro foray on a drive-in restaurant for white people Saturday night.

At the University of Texas in Austin about 20 Negro and white students marched near two campus entrances carrying placards and passing out leaflets protesting university segregation policies in athletics, drama and housing.