

Disorders Followed By Quiet

Negroes Hold Prayer Meeting

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Quiet prevailed on the integration front Sunday following a day-long series of racial disturbances that erupted in Florida.

Negro college students gathered Sunday morning on the steps of the state capitol in Raleigh, N.C., for a prayer meeting as part of their protests against segregated eating facilities.

About 275 young students—dressed in their Sunday best—listened to prayers and sang hymns during the half-hour-long services conducted by a fellow student. The meeting was sponsored by "The Intelligence Committee" of the Shaw University student body.

The leader of the meeting, who did not identify himself, said, "We have come a long way but we have a long, long way to go." He compared the plight of Negroes in the United States to that of the children of Israel in Biblical times. He said the Israelites appealed to God for justice, "but in addition to appealing to God, the people had to rise to action."

Tear Gas Used

The orderly demonstration in Raleigh was in marked contrast to Tallahassee, Fla., where police used tear gas Saturday to break up a march by Negro students demonstrating against segregation.

However, Tallahassee Police Chief Frank Stoutamire reported that the Florida capital was as "quiet as can be" Sunday morning and said he expected no further trouble.

Stoutamire said he went to the campus of Florida A&M University, a Negro institution, and "saw nothing brewing there."

Tear gas was used late Saturday afternoon to disperse Negro students who were marching on downtown Tallahassee. Police cars blocked the road and highway patrolmen, sheriff's deputies and city police lobbed tear gas shells into the group.

Gov. Leroy Collins directed the president of Florida A&M University to keep students on the campus. He then called a hurried meeting with city, county and state law enforcement authorities.

Following the conference, Collins said the group agreed "tension had mounted to the point of eminent serious disorder and danger" in the downtown area of Tallahassee.

Tallahassee police had arrested some 30 white and Negro students earlier in the day during a "sitdown" at a downtown dime store lunch counter.

Turned Back

Groups of Negro students then congregated and began marching and demonstrating in the downtown streets. The marchers were met by a group of white men and angry words were exchanged.

The Negroes then turned back and then re-assembled later in the day when their march was broken up by the tear gas attack.

In Jacksonville, Fla., eight Negroes also staged a brief sitdown in a dime store, but left when warned by policemen they would be arrested if they remained.