

NAACP Acts Boycott Of Stores Is Advised

By Associated Press

Negroes throughout the nation were urged today not to spend their money in chain stores that refuse to let Negroes eat at lunch counters alongside white customers.

The element of economic pressure was introduced yesterday by the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People as hundreds of Negroes in half a dozen Southern cities faced fines and jail terms for demonstrating against segregated eating facilities.

The NAACP said in New York all its members would be asked to withhold patronage from branches of four variety chains — Woolworth, Kresge, Kress and Grant's—and one independent department store, Thalheimer's in Richmond, Va.

The development came on the heels of mass Negro demonstrations and a statement by President Eisenhower that there is nothing improper or unconstitutional about orderly marching in the streets and peaceful assembly by groups seeking to show their desires for equality.

But the President, in his news conference, made no direct comment on sitdown demonstrations.

Eisenhower's position was challenged by one Southern governor, Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, where tear gas and fire hoses were turned on 1,000 Negro paraders earlier this week and hundreds were arrested.

Hollings said the President's statement caused "great damage to peace and good order in South Carolina." The governor said the issue is one of maintaining the public peace and not of establishing rights.

Shortly before the Negro organization issued its statement, segregation policies crumbled in downtown San Antonio, Tex. Six

variety stores and a citywide chain of pharmacies opened their lunch counters to Negroes on an integrated basis.

Four Negroes also received integrated service at a bus station in Nashville, Tenn., scene of a sit-in demonstration in which 56 Negroes were arrested recently.

New sit-in attempts were few Wednesday, following mass demonstrations and arrests the day before in Atlanta and Orangeburg, S. C. Seven young Negroes were arrested and released under \$20 bond after a demonstration at the public library in Greenville, S. C. Three Negroes were arrested at Savannah, Ga., after a group made futile efforts to get service at several downtown eating establishments.

In Baltimore, about 200 young Negroes staged a silent sitdown Wednesday at a white restaurant. There were no incidents.