

NEGROES SHOW NO SIGN OF GIVING UP BATTLE

By Associated Press

Negro sitdown demonstrators continued to troop through the jails and courts of the South today but showed no signs of forsaking the lunch counter battlefront.

Negro spectators marched straight from the trial of five demonstrators at Little Rock, Ark., to invade downtown stores in a new series of protests against segregation.

In two other cities swift police action averted near riots, but not before blows were struck in one incident.

A group of white men and youths used their fists on four Negro college students leaving a St. Augustine, Fla., variety store after staging a sitdown protest. Police Chief Virgil Stuart held off a crowd of white persons with a riot gun loaded with tear gas while other officers hustled the Negroes into a taxi which sped them away. The crowd quickly broke up.

Hundreds of whites and Negroes stood on opposite sides of a Savannah, Ga., street and hurled insults at each other during a St. Patrick's Day parade. But police dispersed the jeering mob before any blows could be struck.

The Little Rock demonstrators were not arrested. Managers of the five stores invaded closed their lunch counters and the Negroes left. The five tried in Municipal Court for a demonstration a week ago drew \$250 fines and 30-day jail sentences. Their attorney said there would be an appeal.

Students at South Carolina State College for Negroes at Orangeburg were warned they would be expelled if they participated in any further demonstrations like Wednesday's mass protest. Trial of the first 15 of 350 Negroes arrested was scheduled today.

Bruce W. White, chairman of the Negro college's board of trustees issued the expulsion threat at a meeting in the office of Gov. Ernest F. Hollings.

Eleven Negroes were fined \$300 each and given 30-day suspended jail sentences at Tallahassee, Fla. City Judge John Rudd, warning them not to participate in any further demonstrations, told them, "Do not try to be a martyr."