

Protest Wave Is Carried To New Area

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Negro lunch counter sitdowns spread to West Virginia Friday while a variety store at Suffolk, Va., opened its counters on a service-to-all, stand-up basis.

Elsewhere in the racially troubled South courts continued to crack down on students arrested in various kinds of demonstrations.

Authorities at white Florida State University in Tallahassee enjoined students from participating in demonstrations. At Vestal, N.Y., Glenn G. Bartle, president of Harper College, suggested his students raise \$1,000 to pay fines of southern Negro students convicted in sitdowns.

Bluefield, W.Va., was the scene of two sitdowns. Ten Negro men students from predominantly Negro Bluefield State College took seats at the S. S. Kresge Co. lunch counter and seven others sat down at the F. W. Woolworth Co. store.

No Trouble

Police watched quietly from a distance and said there was no hint of trouble. Three Bluefield movie houses have been picketed since March 7 by Negroes protesting segregated entrances and seating.

At Suffolk, Va., the Woolworth store lunch counter opened on a service-to-all, stand-up basis after seats at the counter were removed. A number of Negroes were served standing. The counter was closed two weeks ago after a sitdown demonstration.

A Woolworth spokesman at district headquarters in Atlanta said the action taken at the Suffolk store was not necessarily the policy which would be followed in other similar cases.

At Tallahassee, Fla., eight Negro Florida A.&M. University students went to jail rather than pay \$300 fines for participating in a sitdown Feb. 20. Three other Negroes convicted with the eight paid the fines rather than serve the 60-day jail terms.

R. R. Oglesby, dean of students at white Florida State University, meanwhile enjoined the

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student body from participating in demonstrations and from taking part in any meetings planning such demonstrations "during this emergency."

Fifteen Negro college students received \$100 fines or 30-day jail sentences in connection with a stick-swinging melee at a white drive-in restaurant at Columbia, S.C., March 5. They pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct charges.

In Atlanta, two white youths arrested during a lunch counter demonstration Tuesday had the remainder of their 30-day sentences canceled. A municipal court judge said he acted because of their ages, 17 and 18, and the fact neither had any previous police record.