

# State AFL-CIO Backs Lunch Counter Drive

RALEIGH, March 18 (AP)—The State AFL-CIO convention went on record today in support of the efforts of Negroes to get desegregated lunch counter service.

The delegates passed the resolution as they wound up their third annual meeting here.

President Millard Barbée said, "We definitely feel that since the different religious organizations have said this is right then the least we can do is support it."

No one spoke against the resolution offered by the convention's executive committee.

Another 30 resolutions passed by the convention sets up a labor study committee to investigate the state's industrial expansion program.

"We are continually getting reports that reputable industry is not coming into North Carolina," Barbée said.

## STATE STUDENT ASSEMBLY DEBATES RACIAL ISSUE

RALEIGH, March 18 (AP)—The North Carolina Student Assembly today debated a proposal to outlaw segregated facilities in commercial establishments. The measure passed the House 51-17.

About 150 young men and women from 22 colleges and univer-

sities took over the state's legislative halls for their 23rd annual Student Legislature.

The highlight of today's activity was house debate on the desegregation measure sponsored by A&T College of Greensboro.

It was the Assembly's reaction to the current wave of protests by Negroes against segregated lunchrooms in Southern variety and drug stores.

Of the 17 who voted against the bill, 15 said they did so because of "legalistic" implications.

The proposal is to be debated in the senate during Saturday's session.

The students passed measures calling for reapportionment of the North Carolina General Assembly, providing for tenure for school teachers and abolishing capital punishment.

The Assembly is to hear an address by author Harry Golden of Charlotte during Saturday's session. The meeting, which began Thursday, ends at noon Saturday.

Also on tap for the morning session is consideration of a bill by Raleigh's Shaw University to withhold state aid from local school boards which fail to integrate their schools.