

# 15 Are Convicted In Sitdown Cases

ORANGEBURG, S.C., March 19 (UPI) — A six-man magistrate's court jury today convicted the first of some 400 Negro students charged with breach of peace in Tuesday's antisegregation demonstration. Magistrate D. Marchant Cullen sentenced each to pay a \$50 fine or serve 30 days.

Defense spokesman Matthew J. Perry of Spartanburg served notice of appeal to Orangeburg General Session Court after Magistrate Cullen had turned down three defense motions for a new trial.

The jury deliberated only 20 minutes in the case, which is expected to be appealed through the courts as a test case.

All 15 posted appeal bonds of \$100 each and were freed.

The other students were expected to be brought to trial in groups of 15 and likely will plead nolo contendere pending appeal court ruling on today's verdict.

Elsewhere in the South, Negro demonstrators staged protest sit-downs today at lunch counters in Savannah, Ga., scene of tense interracial disturbances earlier in the week.

There was no trouble in Savannah and no arrests were made. The demonstrators took seats at segregated lunch counters in four stores, but left quietly when asked to do so.

A dozen well-dressed Negro youths took seats beside white patrons at the lunch counter of an H. L. Green variety store in Wilmington, N.C. Waitresses ignored

the Negroes.

Wilmington was the 16th city in North Carolina to be affected by the wave of sitdown demonstrations. In Raleigh, the North Carolina State AFL-CIO convention said it was in sympathy with the demonstrations.

Meanwhile, 40 Negro demonstrators at two segregated, all-white public libraries in Memphis, Tenn., were arrested and jailed today.

Thurgood Marshall, counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will speak at a Negro rally in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday.

Florida Gov. Leroy Collins has scheduled a television "heart-to-heart" talk with the people of his state Sunday about the racial problems.