

# Negroes Get Strategy Planned

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UPI) — Lawyers for more than 1,000 Negroes arrested in Southern lunch-counter anti-segregation demonstrations agreed at a strategy meeting today to challenge the police actions as violating the 14th amendment.

The attorneys were among 62 Negro and white legal experts on civil rights from Southern and border states who began a three-day strategy session here last night. They were called together by Thurgood Marshall, director-counsel of the legal defense and educational fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

## Public Force

"The lawyers are in agreement that the use of public force either in form of arrest by the police or conviction by the courts is in truth state enforcement of private discrimination and is in violation of the 14th amendment," Marshall said.

The 14th amendment forbids any state from depriving any person of life, liberty or property "without due process of law" or from denying anyone equal protection under the law.

Marshall said the ways in which the lawyers would press their theory of the "sitdown" arrests "will vary with the circumstances of the case."

"Furthermore we have outlined other related legal doctrine which will be applied, depending upon differences in the state laws, the manner in which the arrests were conducted and the way in which different types of protests have been made," he said.

## Multitude Of Laws

Marshall said that "students have been arrested and charged with violating a multitude of laws and ordinances."

"Some of the students have been accused and tried for trespassing, assault, parading without a license and violating fire regulations by blocking aisles in stores," he said.

"Some have even been accused of conspiracy to obstruct commerce. All of these and similar laws are in our opinion being used as means to enforce racial discrimination."