

Fifteen Sit-Downers Convicted

ORANGEBURG, S. C., March 22 (AP)—More trials of demonstrating Negro college students will start here next Monday.

Fifteen Claflin College and State College men and women were found guilty by a racially-mixed magistrate's jury Saturday and sentenced to 50 fines each. They are out on \$100 bonds during appeals to higher state courts.

That left 375 more to be tried. The first group next week will number 22.

The students were arrested a week ago when they persisted in a downtown parade. Police used fire hoses and tear gas against an estimated 1,000, of whom the 388 arrested declined to disperse.

Public notice had been given that such parades would not be tolerated because of high racial feeling that might precipitate a riot. The notice came after an earlier, smaller parade, and after sit-ins at lunch counters by students from the two colleges here.

The arrested students were freed at the time on \$10 bonds each.
