

# Trade Halt Is Urged By NAACP

(From Daily News Wire Reports)

CHARLOTTE, March 21 — The State NAACP has asked its 18,000 members to stop patronizing stores whose segregated lunch counters have been picketed by Negroes.

State President Kelly Alexander of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said the North Carolina action is in line with a letter distributed nationally by Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, last week.

Stores in Charlotte that have been picketed include Belk's and Ivey's department stores, and four variety chain outlets—Woolworth, Kress, Grant's and McLellan's.

## Williams Convicted

Meanwhile in Monroe, Robert Williams, controversial president of the Monroe Chapter of the NAACP, was convicted of trespassing today in connection with a sitdown demonstration March 11 at a drug store lunch counter. He received a 30-day suspended sentence in Union County Recorder's Court, was fined \$50 and court costs and ordered to remain on good behavior for two years.

Williams served notice of an appeal to Union County Superior Court and was released under \$300 bond.

At Raleigh two Shaw University Negro students were arrested today and charged with trespassing at a chain variety store on Raleigh's main street.

The pair, Albert Sampson, 21, and James E. Fox, were engaged in demonstrations against segregated lunch counter facilities. They were released under \$25 bond for trial Friday in City Court.

Forty-three other Negro college students were arrested last month while standing on the privately owned sidewalks of a Raleigh shopping center.

Two were convicted of trespassing last week. The others are scheduled for trial next Monday.

Earlier, today a white truck driver was freed of assault charges connected with a bi-racial fracas which occurred last month on the main street.

David Price, 21, was acquitted of attacking a Shaw University student carrying picket signs in protest of segregated lunch counters.

Detective Sgt. A. A. Bunn said Price was arrested Feb. 17 after a Negro was struck with a dog chain wielded by a person in a

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crowd. The officer said he later learned Price was not the assailant.

## Bi-Racial Committee

In Henderson, members of the Vance County Ministerial Association asked Mayor Carroll Singleton today to form a bi-racial committee to serve as "a bridge of understanding" between the races.

Singleton turned down the request after reading the petition. He said Henderson "already enjoys peaceful, harmonious relations between the races and no useful or worthwhile purpose could be served by such a committee."