

Crosses Burned In South

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Flaming crosses in the Deep South and antisegregation sympathy demonstration by students in the North and West added fuel to the nation's tense racial situation Sunday.

Hooded Ku Klux Klansmen burned crosses in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Florida, where hundreds of Negroes have gone to jail for defying segregation laws.

"We just wanted to show the public we are organized and ready for business," one unidentified Klansman told a policeman in Alabama's Calhoun County where more than 100 crosses were set ablaze Saturday night.

New Negro attempts to break color lines at lunch counters in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Texas were made Saturday.

Stores Picketed

White and Negro students supporting the campaign of Southern Negroes picketed stores in Los Angeles, Calif.; Iowa City, Iowa; State College, Pa.; and Albany, N.Y. In New York City,

an outdoor rally in support of Southern integration efforts was held in Harlem.

Tennessee state agents were ordered by Gov. Buford Ellington to determine if a Nashville sit-in demonstration was staged by Negro students for the benefit of television camera men.

A special mayor's committee said the Nashville incident wiped out three weeks of work to ease racial tensions.

Negro leaders and CBS television officials denied the demonstration was staged for the benefit of a camera crew that was in Nashville to make a documentary film on the background of sit down protests.

In Florida, where two crosses were burned, racial feeling was given as the reason for canceling a meeting of about 800 Negro high school pupils. Florida A&M University, some of whose students staged a demonstration that brought on a near riot in Tallahassee several weeks ago, sponsors the meeting to encourage Negroes to go to college in Florida. It had been scheduled

for next Saturday.

Two U. S. senators, Georgia's Talmadge (D) and New York's Keating (R), went on the air Sunday night to debate civil rights legislation and wound up arguing about the lunch counter demonstrations. Talmadge said they "have done a great deal to set back race relations." Keating argued that Negroes have a right to protest discriminatory policies of store owners.

The senators' remarks were recorded for the radio program, "American Forum of the Air."

A Woolworth store at Marshall, Tex., was closed by the manager after Negroes sat at the lunch counter. Negro sitdown demonstrators and sympathy pickets appeared in four Virginia cities—Hampton, Richmond, Norfolk and Suffolk. Charleston, W.Va., and Winston-Salem, N.C. were scenes of other sitdowns.

Crosses were burned in Savannah and Marietta, Ga.; Clearwater and Jacksonville, Fla.; Orangeburg, Greenville, Columbia, Greenwood and Charleston, S. C., plus several rural areas.