

Sitdowns Spread Brings Arrests

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Spread of lunch-counter sitdown demonstrations to Louisiana brought the arrest of seven Negroes in Baton Rouge today, while three young white Northerners were hauled into a Georgia court for demanding service in a Negro grill.

In South Carolina, Gov. E. F. Hollings served notice at a news conference that racial demonstrations which threaten the peace will result in the arrest of both white persons and Negroes.

Negro protests drew continued boycott and picketing support in Northern states, but a Florida candidate for governor, Farris Bryant, denounced them as "a direct, unvarnished, frontal attack on the institution of private property."

An Alabama community, Gadsden, planned an inter-denominational goodwill meeting to heal the wound of a bomb and rifle attack on a Jewish synagogue.

A spokesman said it is designed to show that the assault, by a 16-year-old boy, "was just an isolated incident."

The three white Ft. Benning soldiers arrested at Columbus, Ga., after asking for beer in a Negro cafe, were charged under the new state trespassing law, designed as a weapon against Negro demonstrators.

The GI's were identified as Fred Persse, 20, Penfield, N.Y.; Ralph Vanneman, 17, Quinton, N.J.; and Angel L. Lougren, 24, whose home address was not immediately available.

Seven Negro students from Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., were jailed on an open charge after they asked for service at a lunch counter for white persons in a Kress Department Store. It was the first such incident in Louisiana.

More than 100 Negro students paraded for an hour without incident in the Belk's Department Store basement at Concord, N.C.