

# Dismissals Protested By Negroes

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Negro students staged a demonstration in a rainstorm Tuesday on the campus of Alabama State College in Montgomery protesting the dismissal of 100 fellow students.

A group of 30 or more students from Tuskegee Institute in Alabama joined some 50 Alabama State students in the march around the campus, singing hymns and waving signs. State highway patrolmen were sent to the campus and police cars blocked the entrances to the school, apparently to prevent the demonstrators from leaving the campus.

## Probe Ordered

Alabama State has been the scene of numerous recent demonstrations and Gov. John Patterson has ordered an investigation into whether the Negro school, supported by the state, should be closed. Alabama State authorities announced dismissal of 100 students Monday for failure to meet a March 14 deadline for spring quarter registration.

A spokesman for the Tuskegee students said "we came here to show that we are friends, neighbors and brothers in misery" of the Alabama State students.

A classroom boycott had been called earlier and some 300 Alabama State students were reported staying away from classes. A similar boycott was started several weeks ago after nine students were expelled for participating in a lunch counter sitdown demonstration in downtown Montgomery.

## Threaten To Quit

In Baton Rouge, La., more than half the student body of Southern University (Negro) threatened to quit if seven students arrested during a lunch counter sitdown incident Monday are expelled. A mass rally was called on the campus shortly after the dean of men, S. U. Jones, summoned the seven students to his office.

The Louisiana students said that there would be further lunch counter demonstrations. Monday's incident was the first such protest to occur in Louisiana.

The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), which is spearheading the lunch counter sitdown movement in the South, announced plans to picket all 105 F. W. Woolworth stores in New York City next Saturday. CORE said it would be the largest boycott effort thus far in the drive to put an economic pinch on chains which adhere to segregation customs in the South.

Other racial developments Tuesday included:

Richmond, Va., Negroes protesting lunch counter segregation extended picket lines to a second large downtown department store. The store, Miller and Rhoads, is next door to Thalhimers Department Store which has been picketed since Feb. 23 and 34 Negroes were arrested there. Miller and Rhoads refused service to a group of Negro students at its lunch counter Saturday.