

# Symington Favoring Sitdowns In South

NEW YORK, June 5 (AP)—Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo) today expressed sympathy with Southern students staging sit-in demonstrations at lunch counters to protest discrimination against Negroes.

The 58-year-old senator, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, was interviewed on the taped WCBS television program, "The New York Forum."

He was asked, "do you agree with President Truman with respect to the sit-down strikers in the South, that he would have kicked them out of his store, too?"

Former President Harry S. Truman has said he was recently misquoted making such a statement. Truman has endorsed Symington.

Symington said:

"I believe that every citizen

should have the right of every other citizen. And I believe that this idea of a man going into a store and buying a comb or a brush and toothpaste and saying, 'I would like to have a cup of coffee,' and not being given it, is morally wrong."

Symington continued:

"The sit-down strike situation, or the sit-in situation, I understand, hasn't been worked out legally. I see no reason for an emphatic emphasis of position on the part of these people that they are being wronged because I think under our Constitution they are being wronged.

"On the other hand, I would hope that they wouldn't do anything which they could be criticized for legally which would hurt their position because I feel very strongly that public opinion is moving very rapidly in the favor of those people who are being discriminated against."