

Negroes Get Integrated Service

CHARLOTTE, July 9 (AP) — Negroes received integrated lunch counter service here today at seven stores, another major break-through in the South after five months of sitdown protests.

More than one hundred Negroes, all who asked service, were allowed to take seats with white persons in variety and drug stores in this city of 200,000. It was a victory for the biracial Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee, whose recommendation for desegregation was accepted Friday night by merchants.

Latest To Move

Charlotte became the latest city in the South where sitdowns were followed by discussions and then desegregation of lunch counters, or announced plans to serve Negroes along with white persons. Others include Winston-Salem, N.C.; Austin, Corpus Christi, Galveston and San Antonio, Tex.; Nashville, Tenn., and Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax, Va.

However, Greensboro, N.C., where the sitdowns originated among college students Feb. 2, still keeps the races apart.

White students joined the demonstrations in many areas of the nation.

Robert Gore, a Negro philosophy student at Johnson C. Smith University here, and Dr. John R. Cunningham, chairman of the mayor's study committee, agreed that persistence was the key and there was steady progress toward a solution.