

Several N.C. Stores Close Lunch Counters

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City of the Carolinas" all closed their lunch counters, although a spokesman for Sears said the counter had been "closed for repairs."

A spokesman at Liggett's said several Negroes appeared there but "only two sat down at the fountain and we refused to serve them. We closed the fountain down right away."

Lunch counters at Woolworth and Kress stores in Greensboro and Durham remained closed. The protest also touched off a bomb scare today at partially integrated Durham high school. A caller who attributed the "bombing" to the Negro protest reported that explosives had been placed in the building. Police searched the school but found nothing.

The Walgreen Drug Store in the heart of downtown Winston-Salem closed its lunch counter shortly before noon while the Kress store, scene of a demonstration Monday, did not open its lunch counter when the store opened for business this morning.

The downtown Woolworth store in Winston-Salem, which has a separate lunch counter for Negroes, closed both counters shortly after noon after 10-12 Negroes sat at the white counter without being served. Herman Warren, store manager, said "it must be an outside element. It irritated our regular Negro customers."

O'Hanlon's drug store in Winston-Salem closed its counter shortly after 3 p.m. when a group of Negroes attempted to gain service. A drug store in the huge Reynolds building — Bobbit's drugs, closed its lunch counter after they had served a few Negroes "until further notice . . . in the interest of public safety" about the same time and for the same reason.

The H. L. Green Department Store, which maintains a separate counter for Winston-Salem Negroes located in a different section from the white counter, closed both counters today.

PROTEST AT CHARLOTTE IS GUIDED BY STUDENT.

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 9 (AP) — A passive resistance movement by North Carolina Negro students against segregated lunch counter service spread to Charlotte today, guided by a young ministerial student.

"I have no malice, no jealousy, no hatred, no envy," said Joseph Charles Jones, a Negro graduate student at Johnson C. Smith University.

"All I want is to come in and place my order and be served and leave a tip if I feel like it."

"Of course, this movement here and those in Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Durham are interrelated," said Jones, "in that they are parts of my race's efforts to secure God-given rights."

"But they are not part of a plan and were undertaken independently. We did not consult with groups or individuals at the other schools. There is no organization behind us."

Jones disclaimed leadership of the Charlotte demonstrators, yet he periodically received whispered reports from the students. And when a reporter began to question a demonstrator, Jones moved down the line of counter seats, saying, "Don't talk to anyone."

He denied that he was their spokesman, yet he was the only one of their number who talked freely.

NEGRO MINISTER CRITICIZES STUDENT MOVEMENT

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 9 (AP) — A Negro minister and newspaper publisher condemned student demonstrations for an end to segregated lunch counter service today as "uncalled for, unnecessary, ill-advised and inexpedient."

Dr. J. S. Nathaniel Tross, pastor of an AME Zion Church here and publisher of the weekly Charlotte Post, made the statement in a radio interview.

Dr. Tross asserted that the demonstration in Charlotte was inspired and financed outside the city, but did not elaborate.

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