

COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION ON THE RACE PROBLEM
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The legal status of the demonstrators is no clearer than it was in February. Through March 31, nearly 1,300 arrests have been made, and the overwhelming bulk of these were of Negroes; there were nearly 400 arrests in Orangeburg, nearly 150 in Nashville, about 45 each in Tallahassee and Florence, S. C., about 80 in Atlanta, about 65 in Memphis, nearly 85 in Marshall, Texas. Trials are proceeding methodically, and there have so far been approximately 250 convictions.

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish students at the University of North Carolina have launched a drive to distribute cards to patrons of local movie theaters, restaurants and lunch counters asking that they pledge to continue patronizing these establishments if racial segregation in them is eliminated.

The students, representing ten religious groups at the university, are offering the pledge cards to customers, who are asked to sign and return them to the management.

"I am submitting this card," the pledge reads, "to indicate that if you should see fit to offer equal services to all persons in your establishment, this extension of equality of service will in no way affect my continued patronage."

Religious bodies backing the movement are: Baptist Student Union, Canterbury Club, Newman Club, Hillel Foundation, Lutheran Student Association, United Student Fellowship, Wesley Foundation, Westminster Fellowship, YMCA and YWCA.

Roman Catholic and Quaker organizations here have joined other church groups in publicly supporting Negro demonstrations against segregated food service in the South.

DETROIT (4-9-60)—The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Saturday rallied to the support of Southern students who have been suspended or expelled from college for "protesting in peaceful ways against racial discrimination."

Such action destroys the civil liberties of the students, the group said, and is an abuse of academic authority.

In a resolution overwhelmingly adopted, the AAUP said in effect that such demonstrations are not necessarily disorderly, and colleges and universities should not be misled by public pressures into punitive action against the students.

"Since not every conviction under law necessarily represents an offense with which an educational institution must concern itself," the resolution said, it is up to educational authorities to reach their own decisions.

NEW YORK (4-10-60) The national board of the Young Women's Christian Association endorsed Sunday the objectives of the sit-down lunch counter demonstrations in the South.

"The national board," a YWCA policy statement said, "records its support of the objectives of the nonviolent demonstrations of students seeking the elimination of those practices which deny recognition of the common humanity of all children of God."