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DEMONSTRATIONS RESUME IN CAMBRIDGE, MD.  
AGAINST POSSIBLE REFERENDUM OF RIGHTS AMENDMENT

CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND, JULY 9 — Demonstrations resumed here yesterday for the first time in two weeks immediately following the withdrawal of 400 Maryland state troopers. Officials of the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee, an affiliate of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, said the direct action was being used to point up the Negro community's objections to a city charter amendment outlawing segregation in public facilities.

Reginald Robinson, a SNCC field secretary, said the Negro community favored such a law, but objected to it in the form of a charter amendment which could be repealed by a majority vote in a referendum. He said that some white persons are already circulating petitions to ask for a referendum, which can be obtained by 20% of the population within 40 days of the amendment's passage.

Whites outnumber Negroes in a 2-1 ratio in Cambridge.

Robinson said, "This should have been put into law. We object to the rights of Negroes being put up to the whims and frustrations of the white community."

Ten persons — four of them white — attempted to sit-in at the Dizzyland Restaurant, owned by a Mr. Fasensfeld whom Robinson said was prominent in the referendum campaign. Fasensfeld threw the demonstrators bodily out of the restaurant and onto the street.

Two of the demonstrators — Eddie Dickerson and James Lewis — were attacked by whites and pelted by eggs. They gave affidavits of the attack today to the F.B.I.

Later last night, some 200 Negroes marched to the courthouse and the city jail. Robinson said another march would take place tonight "and will continue to take place until we have freedom here in Cambridge."