Ike's Plan Can't Work, Mayor Says

President Eisenhower's proposal for local Negro-white committees to mediate the race issue isn't practical, Mayor Hartsfield said Friday.

"I don't question the good intent of the President's proposal," he said, "but big overall committees are not practical in matters which are highly emotional and intensely personal."

Hartsfield said that where citizens' committees are used it must be with reference to a specific problem.

"It must be remembered that much of this present lunchroom campaign involves large organizations that are not going to be amenable to politically appointed local committees but to their management in other places," Hartsfield said.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. has telegraphed President Eisenhower that segregation protests will continue as long as segregation continues, wire services reported.

King, leader of the successful Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott and now pastor of an Atlanta church, was quoted as saying the President's statement "gives new hope to men seeking to move from the long night of oppression into the bright daybreak of freedom and human dignity." He said violence is both impractical and immoral.

'GEORGIA AN ENTRANCE'

Look Deeply, Asks Authoress O'Connor

"The Georgia writer's true country is not Georgia, but Georgia is an entrance to it for him," Flannery O'Connor told the Georgia Council of Teachers of English in an address Friday.

The Milledgeville author of the recently published and widely praised novel, "The Violent Bear It Away," pointed out that in Georgia, "the writer is particularly blessed in having about him a collection of goods and evils which are intensely stimulating to the imagination."

But she warned against the temptation to "use all this regional matter simply to illustrate the region."

BEYOND SURFACE

"The region is something the writer has to use in order to suggest what transcends it," she said. "His gaze has to extend beyond the surface, beyond more problems, until it touches that realm of mystery which is the concern of prophets."

". . . It is what is left over, after everything explainable has been explained, that makes a story worth writing," said the 34-year-old writer who has been awarded two Kenyon fellowships and the O. Henry award.

STILL RECOGNIZE

On the Southern writers' penchant for writing about freaks, she said: "It is because we can still recognize one.

"In the South, where most people believe in original sin, our sense of evil is still just strong enough to make us skeptical about most modern solutions no matter how we long to embrace them. We are still held by a sense of mystery, however much against our will.

". . . The prophet-f r e a k s of Southern literature are not images of the man in the street," said Miss O'Connor. "They are images of the man forced out to meet the extremes of his own nature."

"Our sense of evil and of mystery may have evaporated and the p r o p h e t-freaks may have vanished," she said. "Southern writers may then be writing about men in grey flannel suits and may have lost their ability to see that these gentlemen are even greater freaks than what we are writing about now."

Salvation Army Seeks Food for Blizzard Victims

The Salvation Army Friday issued a statewide appeal f o r canned goods and dried beans to be distributed to about 750 north Georgia families hard-hit by the recent waves of ice and snow storms.

Mrs. Lillian Rowland, of the Salvation Army's welfare department here, said the foodstuffs would be distributed among fam-

2 Arrested At Sitdown Are Freed

Two white youths arrested during a Negro college student sitdown demonstration in Atlanta eating places Tuesday and subsequently sentenced to the city prison farm were released Friday.

The two, Ralph Jennings, 18, of Gretna, Va., and James McAllister, 17, of Detroit, Mich., were taken into custody at the Trailways bus station.

They were the only whites arrested. A total of 77 Negro students were picked up and ordered held on charges of violating the new trespass law.

The youths were charged with an incident involving a Negro radio newsman. Evidence introduced at the trial Wednesday indicated one of the two kicked at the Negro, Municipal Judge James Webb said, but later a number of persons telephoned the judge to say that neither youth kicked anyone.

They were sentenced to 30 days each at the city prison farm.

Jennings said he was en route from Jacksonville, Fla., to his home in Virginia at the time of his arrest and added that he intended to leave immediately for home.

McAllister, picked up while en route from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to Detroit, said he had been offered a job in Atlanta and intended to remain here.

Webb said an Atlanta businessman, present when he released the youths, offered both youths financial aid.