King, 51 Others Arrested Here in New Sit-In Push

Further Protests Foreseen

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The Rev. Martin Luther King and 51 others were arrested here Wednesday as Negroes launched an extensive sit-in protest against lunchroom segregation.

King pleaded innocent to a charge of breaking Georgia's 1960 anti-trespass law and vowed to "sit in jail 10 years if necessary" rather than post $500 bond.

Thirty-five others were bound over by Municipal Court and ordered held under $500 bonds. Charges against 16 others were dismissed

MOVED TO TOWER

The 36 demonstrators bound over were moved to Fulton Tower. None of them made bail Wednesday night.

Judge James Webb dismissed the 16 after Lt. R. F. Jordan testified under cross-examination by attorney D. L. Hollowell that they had been asked to leave the dining room but not the premises.

King said protests will continue "until something is done."

Demonstrations were staged at Rich's, Davison's, S. H. Kress, F. W. Woolworth, H. L. Green, Newberry's, Grant's and McCrory's.

ALL ARRESTS

All arrests were made at Rich's and all made under the anti-trespass law. At the other stores, eating facilities were closed and Negroes remained unserved as long as they remained.

Simultaneously, picketing with signs urging economic boycott was launched on sidewalks around the stores.

The demonstration, largest yet staged in Atlanta and one of the largest in the South, came only three days after the end of a Southwide meeting here of the integrated Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

At the sessions, students re-

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SIT-IN LEADERS ON WAY TO JAIL

L-R: Lonnie King, Dr. Martin Luther King

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portedly discussed new sit-in tactics and were counseled to go to jail rather than take bail in a play for public sympathy.

Among those arrested and refusing bail was Lonnie C. King, head of the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights and acknowledged leader of the Atlanta Negro students.

At the F. W. Woolworth store on Broad Street, a Negro student who identified himself as Bernard S. Lee of Morris Brown College said approximately 200 members of the CAHR participated in Wednesday's demonstrations.

Police said that of those arrested, 51 were Negroes and one white.

Arraigned in an early session of Municipal Court, M. L. King branded segregation a "festering sore" and called it the "most vital issue facing America today."

He told the court: "I don't feel that I did anything wrong in going to Rich's and seeking to be served. We went peacefully, nonviolently and in a deep spirit of love.

"If we lived under a totalitarian system, communism or under the Gestapo, then it would be wrong to go.

"One of the glories of living in a democracy is that citizens have the right to protest for what they believe to be right."

King also declared that if convicted under Georgia's anti-trespass law, he might serve his sentence without trying to appeal.

He said he believed the law would not stand up in federal court but added that staying in jail "is a way to bring the issue under the scrutiny of the conscience of the community."

Jail-not-bail, he continued, "grows out of the whole idea of non-violence that you must accept suffering. . ."

SPENDING REPORTED

The minister said during 1959, his family spent $4,500 at the store and added: "We are welcome at all counters other than the lunch counters."

Lonnie King branded segregation "a moral issue that needs to be solved."

Several of the Negroes testified that they had not been requested to leave before they were arrested.

Detective Capt. R. E. Little said that in each instance, store officials in the presence of police asked the demonstrators to leave.

Judge James Webb at first invited photographers into the court, later changed his mind and said: "This was a planned demonstration for the purpose of obtaining publicity . . . my courtroom is not going to be used for that purpose."

PICKET HEADQUARTERS

A dozen Negro students bearing hastily drawn posters began picketing police headquarters during the trial.

Webb ordered the students brought into the courtroom and delivered a stern tongue lashing.

"If there is anywhere in the world that a Negro has received impartial treatment, it has been in the courts," he said. "It is clear in my mind that this act is contemptous.

"It is conceivable in my mind that you did not know such a thing was in contempt of court. If you persist in such vile acts, you will loose ground at every step."

" Webb warned that any further such demonstrations would be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

MOST ARRESTS

Most of the arrests took place at Rich's Magnolia Room on the sixth floor. Four were made at the Cockerel Grill in the basement and three more at the Barbeque Room in the subbasement.

In most instances, police told the demonstrators that under the law the management had a right to request anyone to leave. When they refused, they were arrested.

The sit-ins occurred in waves.

After the first six arrests in the Magnolia Room, Rich's Vice President Cecil S. Semple and General Manager Ben Tuck told two young demonstrators at the Cockerel Grill that those upstairs had "already made your point" and urged them to leave. The Negroes refused and were arrested.

Tactics indicated the Negroes were deliberately forcing the issue of arrest.

The two Kings (no relation) and two young Negro women left the second-floor bridge at Rich's when 10 demonstrators there were left unserved and unarrested and proceeded to the Magnolia Room.

BRIDGE CLOSED

Unlike the other facilities in Rich's, the bridge was closed down. No one was arrested there.

M. L. King, interviewed while he was still on the bridge, said, "They requested my participation and I felt I had a moral obligation . . ."

(M. L. King was leader of the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott and a leading exponent of non-violent demonstrations.)

"I am not the leader," he continued. "It was student planned and student originated and student sustained."

The sit-ins started about 11 a.m. At stores where no arrests were made, students spent most of the afternoon reading, doing lessons or talking.

FEW INCIDENTS

There were few incidents. A few persons made remarks to the demonstrators, such as "I know what to do with uppity niggers." A white woman brushed rather heavily against a Negro girl waiting to get into the Barbecue Room, and a white man there displayed a Ku Klux Klan card.

A white teen-age girl snatched a poster from one of the Negro girls picketing a dime store and a few remarks were hurled at the picketers.

But there were no reported instances of violence.

Pickets, who concentrated on Rich's but who also spent part of the day around the variety stores, carried hand-lettered signs such as "Jim Crow must go" and "Don't buy where you can't eat."

AT CAPITOL

At the state capitol, state troopers were called out after the presence of a large number of Negro women in the area led to rumors of a sit-in push on the capitol cafeteria.

The women were taking a nurses' examination. There were no demonstrations.

Those ordered bound over to Fulton Criminal Court include Charlotte Cherry 19, Spelman College; Jacqueline Kay Anderson, 18, and Patricia Ann Smith, 18, no address given; Benjamin Montgomery, 20, of 69 Martin Ave., SE; Benjamin Daniel Brown, 19, of 196 Napoleon Dr., Southwest.

Wilford Weldon Hepburn, 19, college student; Rev. Otis L. Blackshear, 72 Martin Ave., SE; Bobby N. Schley, 24, of 480 Griffin St., NW; the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Lonnie King; Blondean Arbert, 19, of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Marilyn Pryce, 19, Spelman College.

NAMES LISTED

Herschel Sullivan, 22, Spelman; Wylma Long, 18, of 1275 Fair St., SW, and Albert Dunn, 25, of Fort Worth, Tex.

Those scheduled for arraignment were listed as Clarence Henry Seniors, 23, of 947 Palmetto St., SW; William Edward Brodie, 26, of 50 Chestnut St., NW; E. Christine Sparks, 20, of 266 Dora St., SW; Ann Ashmore, 18, of 2790 Valleyheart Dr., SW; Johnny Bullock Jr., 20, of Durham, N.C.; Gwendolyn Iles, 19, of Spelman.

Dianne Marie Attaway, 19, Spelman; Yvonne Tucker, 18, Spelman; Johnny Price, 20, Spelman; Laurine Weaver, 22, of 1576 Archer St., SW; Minnie Riley, 19, Orlando, Fla.; Patricia Simon, 20, Spelman; Bernard Scott Jr., 25, Montgomery, Ala.

Harold Albert Middlebrooks, Memphis, Tenn.; Lana Joyce Taylor, 17, Memphis; Carolyn Long, 19, of 1275 Fair St., SW; Mattie Cox, 22, of 721 Crew St., SW; Grady Butler, 25, of Greenville, S.C.; Melvin Arthur McLaw, 23, Omaha, Neb.; Betty Williamson, 21, of 2814 Dale Creek Rd., NW; Earl Perry Mills, 21, Houston, Texas.

WERE RELEASED

Those released were:

John Epps, 27, of 9 McDonough Blvd., SE; Ralph L. Stephens, 21, Fayetteville, N.C.; Richard M. Ramsey, 26, white, of 501 Auburn Ave., NE; Roland L. Turpin, 19, Morehouse College; Bettye Durden, 354 Leonard St.; Desiree Jett, 20, of 350 Leonard St.

Bertha Singleton, 21, and Norma Wilson, 22, of Spelman; Ruby Doris Smith, 18, of 782 Frasier St., SE; Bronson Unthank, 17; Leona Taitt, 21, and Roberta Smith, 17, of 350 Leonard St.; Leola White, 18, Clark College; Benjamin F. Williams, 21, of 1405 Carey Dr., NW, and Jistin C. Williams, 35, of Chicago.

AGAINST PLAN
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