

# A&T HEAD PRESSURED TO HALT STUDENTS



Demonstrators Sit at Howard Johnson's

Sheriffs Attempt Arrests

Mayor Arrives For Negotiations

## Anti-Segregation Demonstrations Race Through Tarheelia

### TALKS BEGIN IN DURHAM TRUCE

#### New Mayor Acts Swiftly To Solve Issue

A shaky truce in a series of racial demonstrations which rocked Durham for three successive days was in effect at mid-week.

The truce was the result of negotiations begun by the city's newly elected Mayor R. Wensell Grabarek.

It brought a halt to three days of mass demonstrations by Negro students protesting segregation in the downtown restaurants and hotels.

Some 1,400 students, mostly from North Carolina College and Hillside high school, were arrested in demonstrations on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Shortly after news of the truce was released, it was also announced that seven restaurants, mostly drive-ins, had lifted racial barriers. They included Tops, Oh Boy's, Turnage's Barbecue, the Blue Light Inn, McDonald's and the Rebel Room.

Mayor Grabarek acted swiftly to set negotiation machinery in motion early this week and by Tuesday had called together white and Negro leaders of the business community to form a committee to resolve the issue.

The Mayor said Wednesday he

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**N. C. MUTUAL GROUND BROK**  
EN—Mrs. Martha Merrick Donnell daughter of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. founder John Merrick, turns first shove

#### North Carolina Mutual Breaks Ground For \$5 Million Office

Ground for the North Carolina site, at the corner of Duke and Chapel Hill streets.

Some 1,500 persons, including leaders of the business community in Durham and other parts of the country, witnessed the occasion.

J. W. Goodloe, secretary of the firm, presided over the ceremony and introduced more than a dozen distinguished persons who read brief messages of congratulations.

Included among these was a message from Liberian ambassador Edward Pelee. Although Pelee was not present, his message was read by Mrs. V. G. Turner, a vice president of the company.

#### DOWDY POSTS NOTICE

### Elder Won't Stop Students

GREENSBORO — Acting A. and T. College President L. C. Dowdy has been reported under extreme pressures from the high state officials to take action to halt A. and T. students from taking part in racial demonstrations which have been staged here almost daily for the past two weeks.

Although there was no official comment from the institution, a notice from the office of the president was posted throughout the campus early this week warning students that they face dismissal if they continue to demonstrate.

A. and T. and Bennett College students have formed the bulk of demonstrators here.

The notice, dated May 22, was headed "Office of the President," and bore the signature of L. C. Dowdy, acting president.

### Speaks Fails To Get Heavy Support; Loses

One of the surprises of the municipal election Saturday was the failure of Durham Negroes to support Rev. Ruben L. Speaks in the councilman-at-large race. Rev. Speaks was defeated by a margin of 128 votes.

Rev. Speaks, pastor of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, who had the endorsement of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, received 5,424 votes, with 3,414 from predominantly Negro voting areas.

If more than 120 voters had cast their vote for Rev. Speaks, he would have won one of the at-large seats. A Negro voting strength of more than 9,000 has been claimed by Negro leaders.

It is also noted that the number of votes received by Rev. Speaks represented quite a decrease from the number received

Dr. Alfonso Elder, who retires this year as president of North Carolina College, rejected suggestions this week that he use his

### Supreme Court Strikes Jimcros In Restaurants

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, in a ruling hailed as important as the 1954 decision affecting segregation in public education, ruled this week that it is unlawful for a state or city government to interfere with peaceful sit-in demonstrations.

Although the decision did not specifically spell out the legal position of a shopkeeper who insists on maintaining segregation, it did say that he could not use the agencies of government to enforce such a policy.

The ruling has been hailed by Negroes throughout the country as giving added weight to their contention for being admitted as any other citizen to all places of public accommodation.

#### WILKINS SLATES AREA SPEECHES

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of NAACP, was scheduled to address a mass meeting in Durham on Thursday night in connection with mass protests against segregation.

Wilkins was scheduled to speak at the St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church at 7:30 p. m.

John D. Brooks, of Richmond, Va., director of the NAACP's voter registration campaign in this area of the South and who has been in Durham since the start of demonstrations Sunday, said Wilkins will probably go to Raleigh after the Durham rally.



**UNDER ARREST**—The Rev. Melvin C. Swann, pastor of Durham's St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church, leans on door of police car while under arrest during a demonstration by Durham, North Carolina, youths at the Howard Johnson Restaurant four miles south of Durham.



**COVER DRIVE WAY**—Hundreds of students from North Carolina College and Hillside high school against racial segregation. Small segment of the crowd is shown parking areas at Howard Johnson's here.



**HECKLERS**—Pictured here is a typical group of white hecklers who turned up at a scene showing a typical group of white hecklers who turned up at a scene of all the demonstrations, the city jail Sunday night.

### Over 2,000 are Involved In Demonstrations

A wave of racial unrest over segregation that started in Birmingham broke-out a new throughout cities in North Carolina.

An estimated 200 Negro students from Fayetteville State Teachers College picketed main department stores on Hay St., in Fayetteville. This was the first evidence of racial demonstrations there in about a year. There was no violence and no arrests.

More than 50 Negro students at Williston High School in Wilmington staged a two-hour march to Wilmington City Hall on Saturday. They are seeking better employment opportunities, the removal of all segregated signs from public place.

There were no incidents nor arrests in Charlotte Monday when more than 80 Negroes paraded through the downtown area, and then prayed on the steps of the courthouse for the "end of segregation."

Guilford County taxpayers are supporting the jailed Negro demonstrators at a cost estimated at a minimum of \$1,200 a day, a county official said in Greensboro on Monday.

More than 1,300 persons have been arrested in Greensboro in demonstrations during the past week. Targets for protest were the S&W and Mayfair cafeterias and the Carolina Theater. On

#### ENFIELD YOUTHS PICKET THEATRE

By J. B. HARREN  
ENFIELD — This usually-quiet peanut capital Halifax County town lifted its eyebrows more than usual Sunday afternoon as nine neatly-dressed colored teenagers quietly picketed the town's lone theatre which has for many years, provided a Jim-crow balcony for the use of Negroes.

The local NAACP youth leaders, apparently were operating by remote control. No adults participated actively in the picketing which lasted for about two hours and took a break for the local school program during the afternoon.

### McLendon Takes Post in Kentucky

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — John B. McLendon, Tennessee State University's coordinator of health, physical education and athletics since last September, resigned to return to college basketball coaching.

McLendon's new coaching duties will keep him in the conference with Tennessee State. He takes over as head basketball coach and athletic director at Kentucky State College at Frankfort, Ky.

### M'Kissick's Home Guarded After Bomb Threats

Armed guards volunteered to protect the home of attorney Floyd B. McKissick Tuesday night after several "bomb threats" were received.

Mrs. McKissick told newsmen that she had received several calls during the day threatening to bomb the house and neighbors reported witnessing threatening incidents during the afternoon.

Several young men ringed the home of the young attorney, adult advisor to the student demonstrators, Tuesday night after the calls.

One neighbor reported seeing a white man get out of a car, place a bag on the lawn and race back to the car which left the scene hurriedly. The bag turned out to be empty, however.

Another reported hearing several shots fired from a side arm in the back of the McKissick home late Tuesday evening.

Attorney McKissick and his family of three daughters and one son live in a transitional neighborhood, and several white families live behind his home and in the next block.