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Demonstrators Defy Governor

125 March Against Segregated Store

By JOEL BULKLEY

Some 125 singing and hand-clapping Negroes and whites staged the fourth peaceful mass march against a downtown drugstore late yesterday in defiance of Gov. Terry Sanford's publicized plea for an end to mass demonstrations.

The march, sponsored by the Chapel Hill Committee for Open Business, was centered against the segregated lunch counter policy of the Colonial Drug Store, 414 W. Franklin St.

Demonstrators met at St. Joseph's C.M.E. Church, marched two blocks singing freedom songs to the Colonial Drugs, sang several more songs, and paraded back to the church.

The Open Business Executive Committee held a special meeting Tuesday night following Gov. Sanford's televised appeal to the State and voted to continue its three-pronged direct-action campaign against 14 segregated establishments in the local area.

In a statement released yesterday, the Committee stated that it had held off action from May 30-June 7 while the Mayor's Committee on Integration attempted to negotiate the desegregation of local businesses. The Mayor and his committee, however, were unable to persuade the owners to persuade the owners to segregate . . .

The statement continued: "After hearing from the Mayor, we had our negotiating committee resume its work. Early in the week of June 10th, we contacted the management of the Colonial Drug Store. The management refused—by telephone—to negotiate with, or even to meet with, our negotiating team (Father Clarence Parker, James Gardner, and Hilliard Caldwell).

"Therefore the Executive Committee recommended . . . that direct action of picketing, boycotting, and thrice-weekly demonstrations be instituted against the Colonial Drug Store . . .

"After hearing the Governor's statement, we immediately called the management of the Colonial Drug Store to see if the Governor's attitude had changed his attitude. Despite the Governor's statement, he again refused to negotiate with or even to meet with us. Since the management has refused negotiations with either our committee or any other, we feel that we have no choice but to continue our policy of picketing, boycotting, and peaceful demonstrations."

The Committee voted last Thursday night to launch a direct-action campaign against the Colonial Drugstore. The store has been picketed in the past (1960), but continued to restrict its luncheon facilities to white customers. It has served Negroes at other counters in the store.

Plans approved included boycotting of 14 segregated establishments in Chapel Hill, picketing for four hours daily, later extended to eight hours, against the drugstore and mass demon-

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Merchants Assn. Against Law On Accommodations

The Board of Directors of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association went on record Wednesday opposing a proposed public accommodations law for Chapel Hill.

The Directors also said businessmen should not be "picketed, coerced or threatened by any means."

A Chapel Hill public accommodations ordinance was proposed on June 11 by the Mayor's Committee on Integration. The Committee recommended that the Aldermen enact a law that would make it illegal for restaurants, retail stores, theaters and similar establishments doing business with the general public to discriminate on the basis of color.

The Mayor's Committee emphasized that it was recommending the anti-discrimination ordinance only because all other efforts to encourage desegregation of some 14 business establishments had failed.

The Board of Aldermen is expected to consider the recommended ordinance at its regular meeting next Tuesday.

At a special meeting Wednesday morning, the Directors issued the following statement directed to the Board of Aldermen:

"We, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association, after full consideration, believe that a Public Accommodation Law would not be in the best interest of this community.

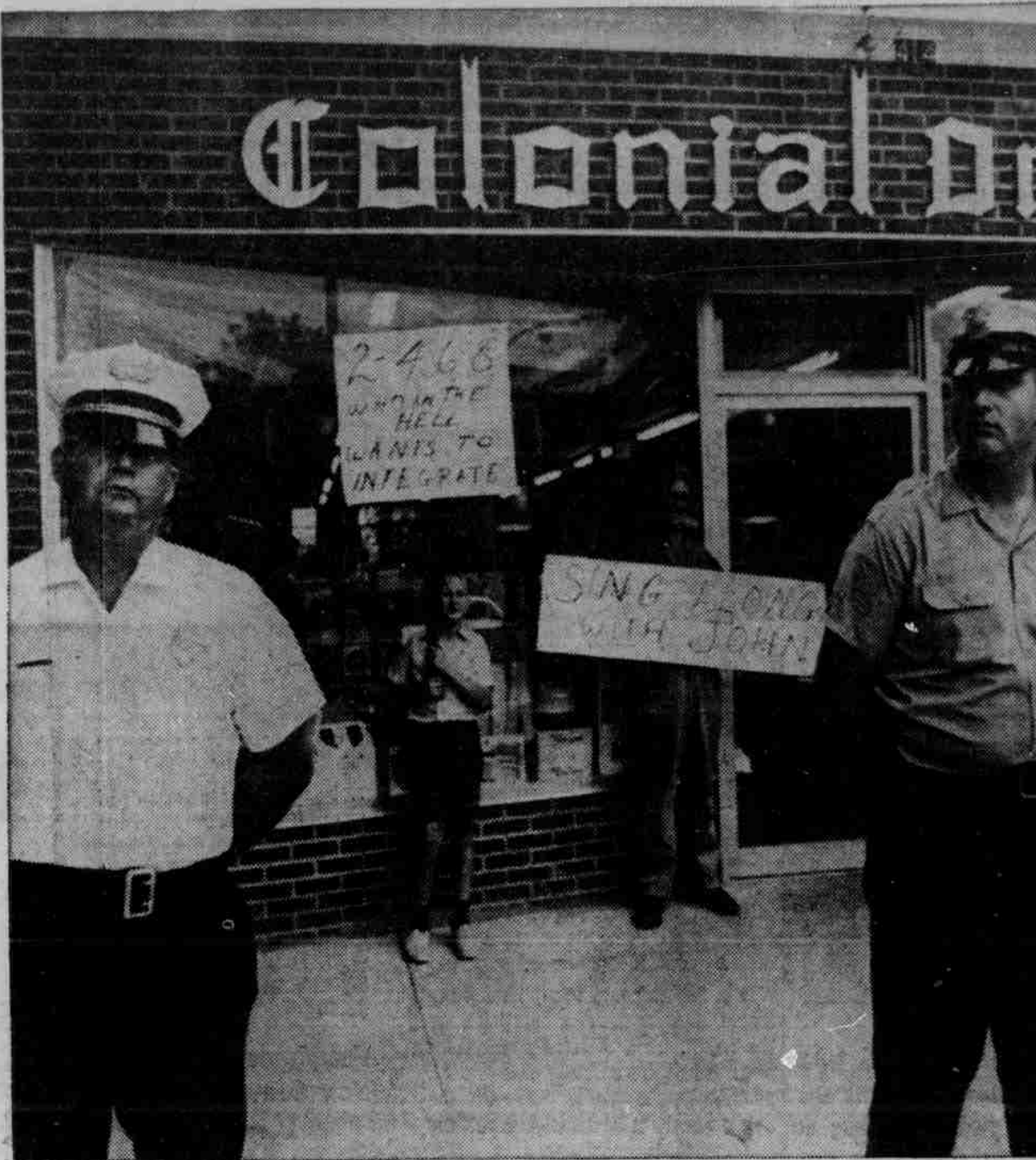
"The proponents of a public accommodation ordinance, though well-intending in their effort, advocate the enactment of legislation that is a denial of a fundamental right to every American. Our founding fathers believed that economic justice could best be won by free men through free enterprise.

"It is a dangerous move, when any government; local, state or federal can tell any and every owner and operator of a business how he MUST operate that enterprise.

"The eighteenth amendment to our federal constitution is vivid proof that legislation of social customs is not feasible. Social legislation coupled with restrictive economic legislation offsets a free enterprise principle that was basic in the development of this great nation.

"We have publicly stated that

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SMILING ANTI-PICKET PICKETS and stone-faced police stand in front of the Colonial Drug Store yesterday afternoon while approximately 125 demonstrators from the Committee For Open Business protested the store's segregated lunch counter policy. Yesterday's demonstra-

tion was held despite a state-wide television appeal by Gov. Terry Sanford Tuesday that all demonstrations cease. The Committee For Open Business will hold a freedom rally Friday night at the First Baptist Church.

—Photo by Jim Wallace

South Building Will Enforce Apt. Rule For Both Sexes

By JOEL BULKLEY

University officials announced this week they are enforcing an administrative apartment rule for all undergraduates, while student leaders reported they would have no part of it.

According to Dean of Men William Long, the administration is now enforcing the following rule: "Undergraduate students are not permitted to visit in the living quarters of members of the opposite sex, either in dormitories or in apartments in town. Women students may visit men's apartments provided there is a minimum of two couples present."

Dean Long failed to say what would happen to those who violate the rule, except that they would be dealt with by the Dean of Men's and Dean of Women's offices.

Chairman of the Women's Council Carolyn Pinion stated that the council will not enforce it because it is an administrative rule. She noted that it was the Council's duty only to enforce women's rules as legislated by the Women's Residence Council (WRC), and at present the WRC has no apartment rule.

Dean Long said that the administration's new rule grew out of the failure of a specially organized ad-hoc committee to resolve the controversial issue to the satisfaction of students, faculty and administration alike.

This committee, composed of five students, two faculty members and Dean of Women Katherine Carmichael and Dean Long, was formed on May 14 to come up with a compromise solution satisfactory to everyone.

The committee met three times but failed to propose an acceptable rule. During the period of negotiations an interim rule, stating that at least one other coed had to be present when a coed visited a man's apartment was in effect. After negotiations failed this rule expired.

The original controversy began on March 19 when the old two-couple apartment rule was charged to apply only to freshmen coeds, by the WRC.

Two days later Dean Carmichael announced that she did not consider the rule change valid and regarded only those rules in the 1962-63 Handbook for Women Students to be in effect.

The Women's Council then announced it would uphold the rule

changes as legislated by the WRC.

On May 2, University officials stated that the students must choose between temporarily reinstating the old apartment rule while a compromise was negotiated or force the administration to impose and enforce a rule of its own.

Eight From UNC In Intern Program

Eight of twenty interns in State Government working in Raleigh this summer are UNC students or graduates.

The students and agencies participating in the program are: William Aycock II, The Curriculum Study; Walter Dellinger III, Board of Higher Education; Gil Stallings, Welfare Department; Inman Allen, Revenue Department; Richard Vinroot, Probation Commission; Dennis Winner, Department of Conservation and Development; and Frank Hall, Prison Department.