

Protest of the Richmond 34, 1960

200 Protest in Richmond
RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 20 (UPI)—Scores of Negro college students staged passive sitdown protests of segregated lunch counters in three downtown stores jammed with shoppers day.

Two of the stores were closed a few hours after the demonstration began to avoid trouble with a group of white teenagers who showed up waving Confederate flags and wearing replicas of Civil War caps.

About 200 Negro students from Virginia Union University, Negro college here, descended on the F. W. Woolworth, G. C. Murphy and Thalhimer's stores on Broad Street at staggered intervals.

Murphy's and Woolworth's

closed when the group of about thirty white teen-agers began to march up and down the aisles in a counter-demonstration. Both stores had closed their lunch counters when the Negro students arrived at mid-morning.

Thalhimer's, a large department store, closed its four lunch and snack bars about 2 P. M. when groups of Negro students began to arrive. The store remained open.

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