

Business Unharmed At Oklahoma Eatery In Serving Negroes

Oklahoma City (UPI)—The manager of a large downtown eating place who last month began serving Negroes after a "sitdown" demonstration by colored youths said today the new policy "hasn't hurt our business in any way."

The statement from J. B. Masoner, manager of Katz Drug Co.'s store, was solicited after an official of a citywide church organization announced plans for a campaign among whites to support the firm's action.

Question of U.S. Policy in Formosa Denied by Chiefs

Washington (UPI)—Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy and Gen. Nathan B. Twining flatly denied Thursday a published report that the new U.S. commander in chief in the Pacific questions American policy in the Formosa situation.

The Pentagon issued a two-sentence statement from Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, repudiating the New York Times report involving Adm. Harry D. Felt.

Members of the youth council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People occupied most of the seats at the Katz soda fountain for two days before the company agreed to serve them. The S. H. Kress & Co. nearby immediately bowed then to the group's demands but all stools at the Kress lunch counter were removed. Both whites and Negroes must stand up while eating.

A nine-day sitdown at the John A. Brown Co., described as Oklahoma's largest department store, involved as many as 100 Negro youths at one time. Store officials refused to serve them and have steadfastly refused comment on the problem.

Whites To Assist
The demonstration was called off last week. NAACP leaders said white organizations had agreed to assist in achieving the same goal by other means, since the youths had to return to school.

Mrs. Reno said church leaders have been interviewing restaurant owners and managers. They favor desegregation, she said. "In most instances, they would like to open up their restaurants to Negroes, but they don't believe their customers would let them. They would lose the business of white customers, they fear."

One of Oklahoma City's largest downtown cafeterias, operated by the Young Women's Christian Association, has served Negroes for many years. Oklahoma City's schools and public transportation have been desegregated in the past three years without incident, although some schools have remained all-white because no Negroes live within their districts.

Recalling our historic friendship with China, Mr. Truman says "When the present Administration in Washington took office, it reversed American foreign policy in the Pacific." But he warns that this is not the time to discuss past mistakes.

His program for the free world in blocking Communist advances in the Formosa area will be included in a series of articles by Mr. Truman, which will appear in Sunday's Mail Tribune.



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