

Negroes Resume Picketing

ATLANTA (AP)—Negroes resumed picketing downtown department and variety stores today despite the appearance of white-robed Ku Klux Klansmen. Thirty hooded but unmasked Klansmen paraded in single file around Rich's department store, mingling with holiday shoppers. Shortly before noon, Negro pickets appeared on opposite sides of streets around the store. Klan leaflets passed out to shoppers called for "action now" to maintain segregation. Negroes handed out leaflets headed "your turn to act for freedom." A leader of sit-in demonstrations against segregated eating facilities at the stores said the Negroes would not picket on the same side of the street with Klansmen. He said the decision was part of the Negro effort to avert violence. Police warned shoppers to keep moving. Klan leaders identified their marchers as members of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the largest Klan element in Georgia. The pamphlets handed out by Negroes appealed to shoppers to boycott stores which refuse to desegregate lunch counters. Negroes resumed picketing at Rich's and other department and variety stores Friday after a month's truce. The picketing action was the first since a mass demonstration last month brought 79 arrests, including that of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., integration leader.

Atom Plant Successful

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP)—An experimental gas-cooled mobile atomic reactor was successfully operated with a smaller, lighter radioactive core this week, the Atomic Energy Commission announced Saturday. The AEC said the success of the experiment at its national reactor testing station in Eastern Idaho means the nuclear power plant—producing electricity—can be transported in four packages by truck, air or rail. The power plant, designated the ML-1, is being developed for the Defense Department as a possible portable power source for military field use. It was tested Wednesday at design power of 2,000 thermal kilowatts, although it is not actually connected to electric generators. The energy is dissipated in a water-cooling tower. The ML-1 first reached design power last July 22 with a core containing fuel elements in the form of plates. The lighter and more compact second core consists of 35 fuel elements. Each element is an arrangement of 20 quarter-inch tubes loaded with uranium oxide.

Defense Chief Sets Deadline

WASHINGTON (AP)—Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. has given the military services until Dec. 5 to report what they have done toward cutting the number of dependents overseas from 484,000 to 200,000. Gates also set Dec. 15 as the date by which he will tell the military departments specifically how many families each must return—and how fast. These actions were contained in a memorandum that formally set forth Defense Department instructions on the return of military dependents. The Pentagon directive followed by nine days the announcement by President Eisenhower that urgent steps would be taken to curb the flow abroad of American dollars, particularly in highly industrialized countries possessing strong currencies. A cutback in overseas civilians with the armed forces was included in the measures. Gates said Friday he expected military services to comply with the temporary decision to reduce their overseas civilian dependent population at a rate of not less than 15,000 each month and to be prepared to complete the program by July 31, 1962.

Silver Dollar Not Silver Now

BELLEVUE, Idaho (AP)—The Silver Dollar club is running out of silver dollars. On the night of Nov. 10, about 1,000 silver dollars were chiseled out of the bar. Thursday night another 400 were taken. Only 13 are left. Blaine County Sheriff L. E. Outz said entry in the earlier burglary was made by smashing a window. The Thursday night thieves pried off the board that had been placed over the window.

