

At S&W Cafeteria

# Negroes Refused Service

Two Negro ministers who came to Raleigh yesterday with a delegation of some 500 persons from New Hanover complained because they were refused service at the S&W Cafeteria, where many of the others ate.

The delegation, composed mostly of white people, was in Raleigh to urge the Highway Commission to build a high-level bridge across the Cape Fear River at Wilmington.

The complaint came from the Rev. George Gay Jr., pastor of Gregory Congregational Christian Church in Wilmington and moderator of the North Carolina State Conference of Congregational Christian Churches; and the Rev. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Wilmington's Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, president of the Wilmington Civic League and moderator of the Western Union Missionary Baptist Association.

## Says They Were Misled.

They said they had been led to believe they would have lunch at the S&W with the remainder of the caravan. However, they said, at the S&W they were refused service along with Mrs. Mamie H. Thomas and Mrs. Lo-

retta DeBose, also Negroes from Wilmington.

"We were invited to come on this caravan in the interests of the high level bridge in Wilmington," the Rev. Mr. Gay said. "We were instructed we would be eating dinner at the S&W Cafeteria. It was not indicated that certain segments would not be served. As we entered the cafeteria, a man walked up to us and told us, 'I'm sorry, I won't serve you here. I will not do it. I will not do it. You are trespassing.'"

Gay said the Negroes left without further incident and ate at McLellan's.

Asked how they were "instructed" that they would eat at the S&W, he said the schedule as carried in the Wilmington papers listed lunch at that cafeteria. Also, he said, "the gentleman who gave the lecture on the bus" on which

he was riding said that lunch would be at the S&W.

"I think we could have been spared this embarrassing situation," Gay said.

Asked if he referred to being misled or being refused service, he replied, "A combination of the two."

John Lineberger, manager of the S&W, said the cafeteria is a private enterprise which reserves the right to determine whom it will serve.

"If their people misled them, we had nothing to do with that," Lineberger said.

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There will be a regular assembly of Enoch Council No. 5 R. & S.M. this evening at 7:30 O'clock in the Masonic Temple on Caswell St. Regular business and reception of petitions. All members of this order cordially invited to attend.

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