



Hundreds of Negroes gathered in front of The Raleigh Times-News and Observer building last night in a protest demonstration. (Staff Photo)

Negroes Demonstrate

Local Newspapers Visited

A crowd of approximately 500 Negroes, carrying placards, gathered in front of The Raleigh Times-News and Observer Building last night threatening to boycott the city's two newspapers for their manner of covering news events about Negroes.

A leader of the demonstrators, Charles Earle of Shaw University, accused The Raleigh Times and The News and Observer of failure to provide front page coverage for anti-segregation events and threatened economic reprisals by the city's Negroes.

"If the owner doesn't see fit to cover the events concerning the Negroes here, it is time to stop buying The News and Observer and The Raleigh Times," Earle said.

"We pay the same price as any other man, he said. "Negroes buy The News and Observ-

er and The Raleigh Times. If the owner of this paper can run this enterprise without the Negroes' money, let him . . ."

"We had 1,000 people on the street last night. This morning's paper said we had 500 with a handful of whites.

"This is a shame and a disgrace to the Negro population. You agree with me?"

"Sure, we agree with you," shouted the demonstrators.

Claiming newspapers all over the country carried accounts of anti-segregation event, Earle said, "All places get front page coverage except Raleigh."

The Negroes left the news building to march to the State House where a night session of the General Assembly was being held. The crowd gathered and sang at the main entrance, but did not

enter the building.

After leaving the State House, the demonstrators returned to Shaw University by way of Fayetteville Street.

A motorist who officers said "headed straight for some Negro demonstrators standing just off the curb at the corner of Cabarus and Salisbury streets," was arrested on a charge of careless and reckless before the demonstrations began.

Larry Joe Curry, 19, of 622 N. Boylan Ave. was arrested at about 7:30 p. m. after demonstrators had begun filing off the Shaw University campus, police said.

Lt. James Stell, who made the arrest said: "A couple of the Negroes might have been hit had they not jumped back onto the curb." The youth was taken to Wake County jail where bond was set at \$500.