

Greensboro Group in Sit-Down Strike

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Taking their cue from similar protests by youth in Oklahoma City, a group of well-dressed Negro college students staged a sit, down strike in a downtown Woolworth store last week and vowed to continue it in relays until Negroes were served at the lunch counter.

Said the spokesman for the group: "We believe since we buy books and papers in the other part of the store we should be served in this part."

But said C. L. Harris the store manager: "They can just sit there. It's nothing to me."

Even though Harris declined to tell reporters whether it was the policy of the store not to serve Negroes, North Carolinians have long known segrega-

tion policies in this college town.

THE STUDENTS, who attend North Carolina Agriculture and Technical College here, arrived shortly after 10 a.m., on Tuesday and sat at two sections of the lunch counter.

Because examinations were coming up at the college this week some students carried books and note pads to catch up on studies.

At 12:30 p.m., the group filed out of the store, stood on the sidewalk formed a tight circle, threw their hands into a pyramid in the center, and recited the Lord's Prayer.

A SPOKESMAN for the group described the protest as "a student movement," but not connected officially with either the

state-supported A. and T. no Bennett College private Negro school here.

The Woolworth store was chosen for the protest, the spokesman said, because "we drop in here before or after a movie and buy paper or pencils or a newspaper—It's very handy for that.

"We say if we can buy one thing who can't we buy another?" he declared.

Plainclothes policemen moved about the store for a while, but did not approach the students.