

INFORMATION SHEET

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>LOCAL ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST</u>		

STATEMENT OF FACTS

(Please include action taken, persons present, statements made by you or anyone in your group which was heard by you, statements by officers or restaurant personnel heard by you.)

N. B. Please make in duplicate in order that you may retain a copy.

There were approximately 17 of us. Upon entering the Sprayberry Cafeteria located in the P4ree Seventh Building, ~~we~~ some of use got in the line for service at the hot tables and seven persons went to the soda fountain for a sandwich and soda.

As spokesman for the group, I was approached by one kid Allen who explained that he didn't work in the cafeteria but was a friend of Mr. & Mrs. Sprayberry. He stated that he realized that the demonstration was some test case but because Mr. Sprayberry wasn't in at the time, and Mrs. S. was very nervous, "She asked him to ask us to leave." I explained that it was ~~not~~ test case. Instead, we were there because we were hungry. Therefore, we would prefer staying.

I was the second Negro in the line. A white man was two persons from me. The help had begun clearing the hot tables and we were only able to place entrees, pie, etc. on our trays. The white man, immediately directly in front of us was permitted to pay the cashier and when we reached her (overheard some call the cashier Mrs. Sprayberry) she refused to take our money ~~and~~ by saying, "We're giving it away today." I stated that we

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going in and told her that "She needn't go in there because they were closed."  
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We left and went to Fascio's Restaurant to eat.

preferred paying and she replied that they were closed.

Miss Allen again approached me and said ~~that~~ in a friendly voice that because we had some things on our trap we should eat them in that we were hungry. (We were standing alongside the hot tables). I told him that if he wanted to eat the food on our trap we would permit him to, however, he refused.

In the meanwhile, several reporters had been in and finally a patrolman from the city police dept. approached the door. He looked in and did an about face. At about 12:35 P.M., one hour and five minutes after entering the cafeteria, Captain Warler of the police dept, entered with about three patrolman and one lieutenant. Captain Warler asked the proprietress if she had asked us to leave. She answered yes. He asked her to do so again in his presence. She did. He then explained that if we refused to leave we would be arrested and placed under \$1000.00 bond each. I stated that we would take the latter if we could not be served in a building built by federal funds. He then placed us under arrest and ordered a patrolman to line us up in front of the cafeteria to await the arrival of the paddy wagon.

While outside, I overheard an onlooker ask a patrolman about the charge we would be arrested under. He answered, "a misdemeanor."

Capt. Warler then approached us and said that we would not be arrested if we left right away and if we remained, would be arrested for loitering. I told him that if anyone else were permitted to eat in the cafeteria we would re-enter to try to be served also. Before this statement was made people were entering and leaving the cafeteria. It was then that he stopped a lady who was

## The Sit-In at Sprayberry's Cafeteria

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As spokesperson for the group, I was approached by one who introduced himself as Mid Allen who explained that he didn't work in the cafeteria, but was a friend of Mr. & Mrs. Spraberry. He stated that, he realized the "demonstration" to be some kind of test case, but because Mr. Sprayberry wasn't in at the time, and Mrs. Sprayberry was nervous, "She asked him to ask us to leave." I explained that it was not a test case; we were there because we were hungry. Therefore, we would prefer to stay.

I was the second Black person in the line. A White man was two persons in front of me. The help, who were Black, were ordered to clear the hot tables and we were able only to place dessert such as pie on our trays. The White man directly in front of us was permitted to pay the cashier and when we reached her I overheard someone refer to her as Mrs. Sprayberry. She refused to accept our payment by saying, "We're giving it away today." I stated that we preferred paying and she answered that they were closed.

Mid Allen again approached me and said in a friendly tone that, because we had some things on our trays, we should eat it, because we were hungry. We were standing alongside the hot tables. I offered that, if he wanted to eat the food on our trays, we would permit him. He refused.

In the meanwhile, several reporters had entered and finally a police officer approached the door. He looked in and did an immediate about face. At about 12:35 pm, one-hour and five minutes after entering the cafeteria, Captain Mailer of the police dept. entered with about three patrolmen and one lieutenant. Captain Mailer asked the proprietress if she had asked us to leave. She answered, yes. He asked her to do so again in his presence. She complied. He then explained that if we refused to leave, we would be arrested and placed under a \$1,000 bond each. I stated that we would accept arrest if we were not served in a building that housed offices of the federal government. He then placed us under arrest and ordered a patrolman to line us up in front of the cafeteria to await arrival of the paddy wagon.

While outside, I overheard an onlooker ask a patrolman about the charge under which we would be arrested. He answered, "A misdemeanor". Capt. Mailer then approached us and said that we would not be arrested if we left right away, and if we remained, we would be arrested for loitering. I told him that if anyone else were permitted to enter the cafeteria and be served, we would re-enter to request service as well. Before this statement was made, people were entering and leaving the cafeteria. It was then that he stopped a lady who was going into the cafeteria. He told her that she "needn't go in there because they were closed."

We left and went to Pascal's Restaurant on Hunter St. to eat.