

Integrationists Set Big Atlanta Drive

An Atlanta civil rights group announced it is launching a new and more intensive attack on racial segregation in the city with massive demonstrations, civil disobedience, fasting and tougher terms of negotiation.

Ralph Moore, a past chairman of the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, warned of "massive demonstrations" and said 800-900 persons already are available for mass street sit-ins.

Spokesmen for the committee said at a press conference late Monday afternoon it has become necessary to resort to such measures because city and business officials are dragging their feet and "Uncle Tom Negroes have infiltrated the freedom movement."

THE PRESS CONFERENCE announcements came shortly after 13 white and Negro demonstrators were sentenced to 34 days each in Municipal Traffic Court on charges of blocking traffic and disorderly conduct - disturbance. The charges stemmed from a demonstration last Friday in front of segregated Leb's Restaurant when the 13 persons sat down in the intersection of Forsyth and Luckie streets and blocked traffic

for several minutes.

Larry Fox, Negro student chairman of the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, attended the demonstrators' trial, then called a press conference immediately after their conviction.

He said the 13 prisoners refused the choice of paying a \$34 fine each and instead have pledged to fast during their 34 days in jail. The actions of the demonstrators, he said, "have formally given notice that we are going to keep trying to desegregate Atlanta."

HE SAID, "We will continue street demonstrations until the situation has been remedied, until segregation has been eliminated in Atlanta."

Mr. Moore said demonstrations will be focused on Leb's Restaurant and on City Hall—Leb's because it is a "symbol" of continuing segregation in the private sector of the economy, and City

Hall because qualified Negroes cannot obtain employment there.

He said, "Just replacing a white employe leaving City Hall with a Negro is not fast enough. We need corrective action."

Asked if this meant firing some white persons so that more Negroes could get on the payroll, Mr. Moore smiled and remarked, "I didn't say that. I said we need corrective action."

HE DID ASSERT, however, that Negroes should be employed in city government in the same ratio as their percentage in the general population.

He praised Mayor Allen for his support of President Kennedy's proposed public accommodations law but added the mayor still "has not exhausted his moral influence" in helping Atlanta Negroes to "achieve first-class citizenship."

"Since small, nonviolent demonstrations have been ineffective," he continued, "we're going to involve as many people in Atlanta now as we can." He said his organization was now able to marshal 800-900 demonstrators.

HE SAID, "Uncle Tom Negroes have infiltrated" the committee.

Mr. Fox pointed out, "In the past three years, some people who are not interested in the student movement have tried to infiltrate and water down our action."

He said attempts are being made to oust "the Uncle Tom types." He repeatedly declined to identify by name those members of the Atlanta Negro community that he considered "Uncle Tom types."

Mr. Moore added that in future negotiations with Mayor Allen, the committee will refuse to talk if the mayor includes "Uncle Tom Negroes" at the bargaining table.

He said demonstrators will start resorting now to street demonstrations "because the police, judges, officials and the state are not protecting them at restaurants."