

SPENDS NIGHT IN JAIL

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\$173 Fine Given To Prof. Nesmith

Wearied from a night in the county jail, Illinois Prof. Richard T. Nesmith today was sentenced to pay \$173 or serve 173 days for disorderly conduct growing out of an integrated luncheon here March 31. He will appeal the case.

Nesmith was convicted of the charge while his wife and 10 college students were acquitted by a circuit court jury which deliberated their city appeal trials for nearly three hours.

The jury fixed his sentence at \$100 and costs, the same amount he was fined in Recorder's Court. The other defendants had been fined \$50 and costs in the city court.

It was an unusual chain of circumstances which resulted in Nesmith, an ordained Methodist minister, having to spend the night in the jail.

After the jury returned its verdict around 5:30 p.m., Defense Atty. Clifford Durr was under the impression that Nesmith would remain free on the same \$200 bond which he made in the original case.

to the professor and said, "Let's go doc."

After a moment of hesitation, (See NESMITH, Page 3-A)



PROF. RICHARD NESMITH
... Convicted By Jury

Cambridge Chronicle 4/7/60

Local Cleric Amazed At Arrest In Alabama Integration Controversy

Amazed when he heard the charges of "conduct calculated to provoke a breach of the peace" the assistant pastor of the Grace Methodist Church was hauled into jail and fined \$100 in the trouble-laden city of Montgomery, Ala., last Friday.

The Rev. R. Edwin King, a white native of Mississippi, and 19 other white and negro students and ministers, were lunching peaceably in a private dining room in a negro restaurant where similar luncheons have frequently been held. Here's the story as Mr. King tells it:—

Police officers, observing all negro and white activities in the area, moved into the dining area where the group was eating and stood and observed them. They waited some 40 minutes while a crowd of students on their lunch hour, neighbors, passers-by, the sheriff, and television cameras col-

lected. At this point they arrested the group for conducting a riot.

The Rev. King and his companions were held in jail for six hours without a judge or lawyers, he says. The actual trial was brief. The accused were not called to the witness stand. The finding was promptly appealed and the case is expected to go to the Supreme Court.

According to the Rev. King, both praise for heroism and condemnation are irrelevant since the event was "completely accidental." He had gone to Montgomery for a meeting of the Fellowship of Reconciliation to discuss "non-violent organization in accordance with Christian foundations." The luncheon of the group, though held with some risk because of the "police state conditions" (Continued on Page Two)

Cleric Amazed—

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the city, was unplanned and "far from a radical thing to do," he said.

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Back in Cambridge again with the "full support" and interest of his minister, the Rev. Glenn Glazier, the Rev. Mr. King will continue his activities as director of the youth services in Cambridge and his studies at Boston University.

Embroidered as he was in the lunch integration issue, Mr. King emphasized the importance of support from this area in the lunch counter integration controversy.

He also stressed the need for financial support directed to his church and earmarked for integration uses for the more than 1000 individuals who have been arrested like himself, as well as for negro students expelled.

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MIXED RATING Ruling Delayed In Trial

The mixed rating...
The court...
The judge...
The jury...
The verdict...
The sentence...
The appeal...
The case...