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# Hymn-Singing Students Parade In Rain On Campus

Some 50 hymn-singing Negro students, clad in raincoats and umbrellas, walked around in a spring rain Tuesday morning to renew anti-segregation demonstrations at Alabama State College.

The demonstration was in violation of a school regulation but Dr. H. Councill Trenholm, president of the racially troubled college, declined to comment on whether disciplinary action is contemplated against the students participating.

"I haven't done any follow-up," the veteran Negro educator said. "I don't have any basis on which to say anything."

### DECLINED COMMENT

Trenholm, who has been told by Gov. John Patterson to "straighten out" the situation at ASC, also declined to comment on whether the student boycott of classes which began Monday afternoon was still in effect Tuesday.

Whether or not the boycott is continuing, he said, "will ultimately show up in the attendance records."

The Negroes taking part in the demonstration Tuesday morning paraded around the campus in the rain for two hours carrying signs demanding racial equality.

The incident was the first protest march on the campus since

March 10 and it apparently was touched off by the refusal of college authorities to readmit 100 other students who were late in re-registering for the current quarter.

There was no disorder in the demonstration and school officials made no attempt to break it up. City, county and state law enforcement officers watched the march but took no action.

There was no resumption of demonstrations during the afternoon.

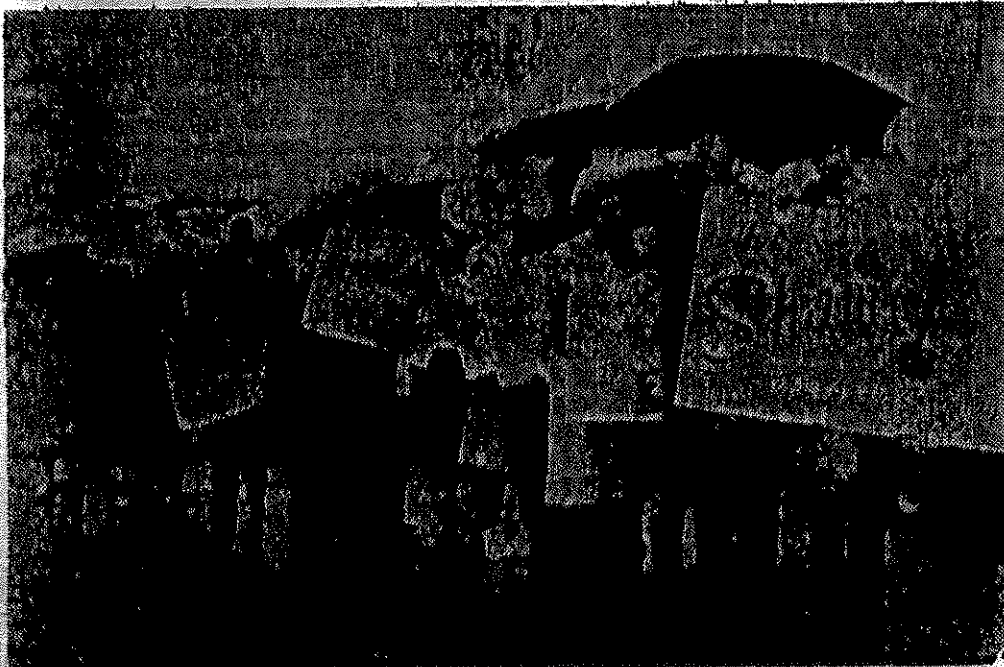
### SOME FROM TUSKEGEE

One of the students in the protest parade said some of the marchers had come to Montgomery from Tuskegee Institute to take part in the protest.

And a school official who declined to be quoted by name said he understood some of the placards the students carried were brought here from Tuskegee.

The classroom boycott Monday followed a rally in a church. Among the speakers at the gathering was Bernard Lee, 24, who was one of nine student leaders expelled from the campus March 4 for participating in an anti-segregation demonstration at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

During one demonstration on a street just outside the college, 34 students were hauled off to jail on disorderly conduct charges.



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