SPENDS NIGHT IN JAIL

$173 Fine Given To Prof. Nesmith

Weary 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.

MAINTAINED CUSTODY

But as he started to leave, Durr said, Nesmith he could not remain in custody. Durr rushed to see Judge Eugene Gunn in the judge told him he could not see Nesmith and would be unable to do so until he could be arraigned on the charge.

During the courthouse parley, Durr went to the Grand Center Inn to [illegible] Durr returned to the courthouse, Nesmith was gone. Durr went to the office of Sheriff Mathews' office to [illegible] on the telephone at home.

At this point Chief Deputy Mac Simpson said he was taking Nesmith to the county jail and that Durr could see him there.

Durr [illegible] Nesmith [illegible]

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

After a moment of hesitation,

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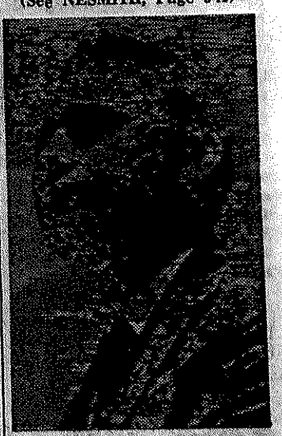

PROF. RICHARD NESMITH
. . . Convicted By Jury

MIXED RACING

Ruling Delayed In Trial Of 8

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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 collected. At this point they arrested the group for conduciting a riot.

The Rev. King and his compatriots 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"

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Cleric Amazed—

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

RACKED BY PASTOR

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.

Embroiled 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 ear-marked for integration uses for the more than 1000 individuals who have been arrested like himself, as well as for negro students [illegible]