National Student Association Sponsored

Integration Conference Endorses Negro Sit-Ins

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In response to the widespread interest throughout the nation concerning the recent sit-in demonstrations the United States National Student Association convened a conference in Washington D.C. over the past weekend.

It was my privilege to attend this meeting as an observer. There were 184 official delegations. Although most of the schools were from the South, delegations were in attendance from Portland, San Francisco, and Hawaii, as well as from the North. In addition there were some 250 students who were observers from 75 other schools.

The conference gave general endorsement to the principle of complete integration. Concerning the sit-ins, they emphasized the fact that this was non-violent protest and hence the Association could throw its support behind this particular type of demonstration. In doing this the conference made several important suggestions. These are:

1. USNSA promote petition campaigns against Woolworth, Kress, Kresge, W. T. Grant, and urge all students to support them.

9. Exchange programs between northern and southern schools shall be undertaken to effect mutual understanding.

10. USNSA suggest student government — eliminate discriminatory practices (at their own schools).

16. Racial inequality is inconsistent with the concept of uni- (Continued on Page 4)
universal brotherhood of man and a denial of rights granted every American citizen by our constitution. Racial inequality in our country affords Communism one of its most effective weapons. Racial inequality hurts all of us because a society in which opportunity is based on color or creed is less dynamic and progressive than one in which opportunity is afforded according to merit.

These views, represent the opinion of the conference. I feel that the representation was fair to each section of the country. Of course, the Southern schools had a large role in the convention even though there were strong delegations from the East and Midwest.