

Diner Picketed

CORE at Newark White Castle

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About 75 young members of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) demonstrated peacefully last night at the White Castle diner at 307 Elizabeth Ave. for 2½ hours.

The protest was aimed at the chain's alleged imbalance in hiring Negroes. Other White Castles

the diner. Patrons who entered were hooted somewhat good-naturedly by the CORE pickets on leaving and told, if they were Negro: "You're not ready for freedom yet."

The diner is heavily patronized by Negroes. At breakfast hour today in the absence of any pickets, most of the customers in the diner were Negroes.

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Sequel to Bronx

in the Essex-Union area were alerted to expect similar demonstrations during the weekend. Earlier this week one of the chain's diners in North Bergen was picketed.

From 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. the youths, two-thirds of them white, manned a snake dance picket line in front of the chain's outlet at the corner of Hawthorne Avenue, sang freedom songs in the parking lot and finally clogged the takeout counter in a sort of impromptu combination of sit-in and slowdown.

Curvin said his group was demonstrating not particularly against the Newark outlet of the chain, but against the chain's New York operation. Curvin said demonstrations in The Bronx, where violence broke out, had accomplished little, but said he expected the impact to be greater in Newark.

The White Castle was represented at the scene by Patrick Di Salvio, district manager for the nine outlets in New Jersey. He said six of the Newark diner's 20 employees were Negroes.

Barrier to Business

The demonstrators, led by Robert Curvin, chairman of the Newark-Essex CORE chapter, brought business almost to a standstill. Minutes after Curvin called the demonstration to an end, thanked the pickets, and said: "All of you report here again tonight at 10." The diner was filled with customers.

During the demonstration, only a handful of customers patronized the place and the front door was kept locked. Service was provided only at the rear takeout counter until about 20 demonstrators put down their placards and crowded up to the take-out counter to order small drinks.

No attempt was made by the demonstrators to prevent entry to