

5 Barber Shops Close Thursday

Four barbers closed shop Thursday, apparently of their own accord.

John's, 506 E. Green St.; Hampel's, 524 E. Green St.; Rudy's, 510 E. Green St.; and Jenkin's, 704 S. Sixth St., were all reported closed during several hours of the day.

No cases of Negroes attempting to get haircuts in these shops was reported. It appears the barbers are awaiting the outcome of the suit Negro student Robert Johnson is bringing against barber Lee Ingwersen before taking any definite action.

An informal meeting of the YMCA racial equality committee last night discussed two ideas for its campaign to eliminate racial discrimination in campus barber shops.

The first plan involves a mass student meeting with the barbers and their lawyers invited. The second would ask each housing group to send a couple of representatives around the local barber shop circuit to find out their side of the story.

Bill Blaine, speaking for the committee, said the idea is to get both sides of the issue in front of the public.

AGREEMENT IN BARBERSHOP CASE IS TOLD

An agreement "in accordance with the best interests of the University and the community" was reached Monday afternoon by members of the Student-Community Human Relations Council, UI Security officer Joseph Ewers and State's Attorney John J. Breesee.

The agreement canceled the slated S-CHRC picketing of barbershops in the UI area Tuesday. The picketing, scheduled by student members and supporters of the council, had been designed to "publicize the existence of discrimination" in campus barbershops.

By the terms of the joint statement, issued following the luncheon meeting at the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel, representatives of the three groups decided to let Breesee "seek a solution to the problem of discrimination in campus barbershops" for an "interim period" ending April 25.

S-CHRC members present at the meeting were: Archer Michael, chairman of the barbershop committee of the council, and Phil Young, committee member. Michael released the joint statement to the press.

"We decided that this was an explosive situation," Michael reported. The group agreed that the state's attorney could better do his job if there were no pressure from student pickets or "other agitation."

Plans for the picketing of some barbershops were announced earlier Monday by Harry M. Tiebout, assistant professor of philosophy and public relations director for the council.

The S-CHRC agreed in the joint statement that "it would be responsible for the cessation of picketing, leafleteering or agitation of any type" on the campus.

Under the agreement's terms, Breesee also agreed to take action "against those barbershops found still discriminating in violation of the law," on April 25.

"Conciliatory measures" will be tried first, Michael reported.

Barber Shop Case Begins Today

Preliminary hearings in the discrimination suit, Robert Johnson, Negro, vs. Lee Ingwersen, barber, are scheduled to begin today in the Champaign County Courthouse with Circuit Court Judge Eugene P. Lierman presiding.

Barbershop Picketing Is Called Off

A group of University of Illinois students has cancelled until April 25 plans to picket campus-area barbershops that refuse to say they are willing to cut the hair of Negroes.

The Student - Community Human Relations Council, an independent organization, had planned to begin picketing Tuesday, but called it off after S-CHRC representatives met with State's Attorney John J. Bresee and a U. of I. representative Monday afternoon.

Bresee agreed that at the end of the "truce" period he would institute action against barbershops found to be discriminating in violation of state law. He also will meet with barbers during the interim period.

In return, the S-CHRC has agreed to cease "picketing, leafleteering or agitation of any type" until the April 25 deadline. Representatives at the meeting said in a joint statement "this solution to the problem was in accordance with the best interests of the University and community."

S-CHRC members have polled campus - area barbershops, asking "Will you go on record as willing to serve Negroes?" Those shop proprietors who answered "no" or refused to answer were to have been the target of Tuesday's picketing. Results of the poll have not been disclosed.

Representing the council Monday were Archer Michael, 1206 S. Anderson St., and Phillip Young, Nacogdoches, Tex.

Negro Enters; Shop Closes

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John's Barbershop, 506 E. Green St. Champaign, closed shop Wednesday half an hour after opening when a Negro student came in requesting a haircut.

John Barthelemy, proprietor of the shop, said he began business as usual at 8 a.m. Wednesday, but closed around 8:30 a.m. because he had to go out of town. His shop, as most other barbershops, is usually closed Wednesday afternoon. Barthelemy refused to make any further statements.

Tom Rowan, assistant in psychology, said he was in the shop waiting for a haircut about 8:30 a.m. when the Negro student, whom he identified as Don Stokes, entered. Rowan said the only others in the shop at the time were Barthelemy, his assistant, and two customers who were already being waited on.

Stokes sat down on a bench, Rowan said, when Barthelemy told him, "Sorry, fellow, we're closed." When Stokes asked why, Bar-

thelemy only replied, "We have to go to a funeral; we're closed the rest of the day," Rowan said. Stokes then left the shop.

Before Stokes, a senior in liberal arts and sciences, entered, Barthelemy had given no indication of closing, Rowan said. However, Barthelemy told all prospective customers, who came in within the next few minutes the shop was closed for the day.

The shop was still not closed to Rowan, because he entered before Barthelemy announced that his shop was closed. Rowan asked the barber about what had happened, but Barthelemy only answered, "Barbering is a personal service; there's no law that says I have to keep this shop open."

Rowan disagreed and walked out without a haircut.

It was indicated that this action was part of the campaign by the Student-Community Human Relations Council to have campus-area barbers provide service on a non-discriminatory basis. It was also indicated that this may be just

one of several "tests" of shops in the near future.