

Cafe Ruling Gets Mixed Reaction

A check Thursday night by The Star-Courier of restaurants that had been closed for three days as a silent protest against what they called a forced movement of Negro students on the Indiana University campus, revealed that there had been no Negro customers in the eight restaurants during the day.

The restaurants had re-opened Thursday morning after being closed since Sunday evening after being visited by Negro students asking service. Previously, such visits had resulted in temporary closings.

The restaurant owners who talked to The Star-Courier said that customer reaction to the restaurants newly announced policy of serving all who asked for service ranged from one extreme to the other.

The concensus, however, seemed to be that the restaurant owners had done the only thing possible under the circumstances. Many of the customers evidenced a marked disinterest in the question, while others were definitely opposed to non-discrimination.

There had been reported meetings between the restaurant owners and the students in recent months before the close-up Sunday. The announcement of the policy of restaurant owners when they re-opened came at a point when it seemed the negotiations had broken down completely.