

Explain Reason For Closing of Restaurants

A flash famine spread hunger among many Bloomingtonites today as most of the local downtown restaurants failed to open.

The mass closing of local establishments caught the breakfast trade by surprise and also backfired into bakeries, creameries, soft drink plants, and other businesses providing supplies for restaurants.

The comparatively few restaurants which remained open downtown today were experiencing unusually heavy volumes of patronage as the food-seekers located them and swarmed in.

Cause of the flash famine was explained as follows in a statement from a spokesman for eight downtown restaurants participating in the closing:

"Certain Bloomington restaurants have closed their places of business in the interest of public safety for an indefinite period of time as the result of an organized effort on the part of a group of individuals to force their patronage on restaurants which are located in the business district of the city.

"The restaurant operators elected to take this action to forestall any incident which might be the foundation for civil violence".