

Ticketers Continue Drag Demonstration

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Approximately 150 integration-ists demonstrated Saturday from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. in front of the Texas and Varsity theaters, displaying a touch of holiday spirit by the singing of Christmas carols.

The peaceful demonstrators, mostly students and faculty members, again formed ticket lines to purchase tickets if the theater would admit both whites and Negroes. The theater, however, still maintained policies of segregation.

Most of the demonstrators first stood in front of the Texas Theater with a few going on to the Varsity. The majority of the demonstrators later assembled in front of the Varsity.

Two purposes of the demonstrations, according to Sandra Cason, graduate English student, are integration at movies on the Drag and to show the University committees as well as the theaters that the demonstrators believe in a principle and are willing to stand up for it.

"At the present we feel as though we have made some accomplishment in the latter purpose," she said.

Mrs. Ludwema Werchan, ticket seller of the Texas Theater, was presented an orchid at 8 p.m. by the demonstrators. A card was signed "With kindest regard for your long suffering patience."

Jerry Cooper, manager of the Varsity Theater, said the demonstrations had become a matter of routine and are being carried on in a sensible manner.

When asked if his business had been hindered by the moves, he said business had been very good recently but he could not contribute it to any one factor.

Glenn Morsbach, manager of the Chief and Burnet drive-ins, who stood in front of the Texas to assist in handling the demonstrators, said the demonstrations were being conducted sanely, noting the main threat of disturbance as curious onlookers who drive by the theaters.

More than 100 demonstrators also were present at the two theaters Friday night.

A meeting of the Students for Direct Action is planned for 3 p.m. Sunday in the University "Y." Another demonstration has also been planned for Sunday night.