

## "New Negroes"—Dr. Martin

# Hampton Head Lauds Courage Of Students

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Dr. William Martin, acting president of Hampton Institute, asserted in an address Sunday morning in Norfolk that "in the Lower Peninsula the action of students (in the sit down protest against lunch counter segregation) is reflecting the meaning of democracy.

Dr. Martin, who was the guest speaker for Men's Day at St. John AME Church at 11 o'clock, discussed "The Promised Land Re-examined." This goal, he said, "is a promise of democracy for all people."

**THE SPEAKER** noted that the students are courageous, and represent the "New Negro." They represent the kind of mental attitude and courage in the current world wide struggle for freedom which America needs, Dr. Martin said. The drive for freedom, the speaker said, represents what is happening in Africa and other parts of the world. "Today's drive for freedom is without precedent in human history," he added.

America needs a new state,

the Hampton educator said, but it is not land, but a new state of mind on the problems of freedom.

**DR. MARTIN** called attention to the parallel between the Jews and colored Americans in their struggle for freedom. Both groups look forward to the Promise Land.

The speaker said the struggle for freedom must remain on a high plane, and "we must be earnest and sincere in our study and efforts." He stressed the point that a belief in one God who treats all with equality is "as important today as ever."

**HE** pointed out that "there are rival beliefs — those who believe in God and those like the Russians with a disbelief in God." He noted that students have been learning moral truths on books and in the classroom, and now they want to translate these truths into action. "They are acting with great intelligence," he said.

Dr. Martin was introduced by L. T. Robertson. The Men's Choir sang.

Dr. W. L. Hildebrand, pastor, conducted the devotions.