

# Negroes Attending TCU, Sadler Says

President M. E. Sadler issued a statement Monday acknowledging the fact that Negro students have been admitted to TCU. The news release was made following a story about the students printed by a local newspaper last week.

The release added that while there were "two or three soldiers" attending Evening College the practice was nothing new because colored soldiers were taught at the school during World War II. Off-campus classes have been held for a few years for the benefit of Negro public school teachers.

The following is Dr. Sadler's full statement.

"There has been no fundamental change in the policy of Texas Christian University concerning the admission of Negro students to our school.

"For the past ten years, we have wanted to avoid any action which would cause any people to point to us and say 'Texas Christian University is pioneering and pushing out in the matter of non-segregation.

"At the same time, we have been anxious to meet the needs of conscientious and worthy Negroes, either as persons or as military personnel, if we could meet these needs without involving ourselves in any discussion of segregation or non-segregation.

"In the furtherance of this purpose, we have provided teachers for courses needed by groups of Negro public school teachers here in Fort Worth. These classes have been held in the Gay Street School building and have been composed entirely of Negro students. Such a class is going on at the present time.

"Another way in which we are trying to meet the need at the present time, in helping a young man complete his degree requirements at Jarvis Christian College, is to organize some individual conference courses so that the Negro student can meet with the teacher and get some of the work he needs to complete his degree at Jarvis.

"Another way in which we have in the past and are at the present time meeting the need with referenc to courses for military personnel is to enroll in the course the students which the military establishments send to us.

"At the present time we have two or three enlisted men from Carswell Air Base who come in with others in the military personnel to take some courses which the military contract with us to give for their men. They are sending in all 166 men.

"When they select these people for various educational courses, they do not check to see whether or not they are Whites or Negroes."

"If the University attempts to render this service for the military establishments it does not feel it should bar any students sent in by the military to take the courses which they contract with us to give."