## Ashville Citizen 4.19.1947 Two Given Terms for Violations of Jim Crow Law



## Case Regarded As Test Of State's Law On Bus Seating

What was described as a "test case" on the North Carolina Jin Crow law appeared on the docket in police court yesterday, resulting in a verdict of guilty egainst a white man and a Negro. They were sentenced to 30 days each by Judge Sam M. Cathey, the maximum sentence permitted under the statute.

James Peck, 32, a white man of New York city, and Dennis L. Banks, 20, of Chicago, a Negro, were the defendants. They had been arrested at the Union bus station upon their arrival here, on charges of a bus reserved for the other race Banks, in addition, is charged with a liquor law violation because a bottle of liquor with the scal broken was found in his suitcase, officers said. The charge was continued until May 1.

The two defendants gave notice of appeal to superior court, bond was set at \$200 each.

The calendar yesterday contained 41 cases, 19 of them new and 22 from the continued docket.

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