

Mel's Settles Civil Rights Dispute

Mel's Drive-In restaurants settled their dispute with student civil rights groups last night by agreeing to set up a training school for Negro employees for all 13 restaurants in the chain.

The settlement was read to about 200 demonstrators five minutes before they were to picket and stage a sit-in at a Mel's at 2399 Shattuck avenue in Berkeley.

Under the agreement, Mel's will train Negroes for jobs as waitresses, carhops, cashiers, bartenders, and fountain attendants, both sides reported.

VICTORY

The civil rights groups viewed the settlement as a major victory. They called off the demonstration, then headed for a celebration to mark the end of the dispute—a dispute that provided a dramatic highlight of the mayoral campaign in San Francisco. Supervisor Harold Dobbs, defeated candidate for mayor, is a partner in Mel's.

The agreement was worked out by James P. Mitchell, the Mayor's human rights coordinator, at a long meeting with

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