

Excerpts From Gov. Wallace Testimony

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 Following are excerpts from the testimony today by Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama before the Senate Commerce Committee on the bill to prohibit racial discrimination in public facilities:

The leaders of the Federal Government have so misused the Negroes for selfish political reasons that our entire concept of liberty and freedom is now in peril.

We daily see our Government go to ridiculous extremes and take unheard-of actions to appease the minority bloc vote leaders of this country.

I was appalled and amazed to read of recent statement by Pentagon officials relative to proposed civil rights investigations on our military installations. There was a time when military installations were established in accordance with the requirements of the national defense posture.

Today these officials use the threat of withdrawal of military bases to accomplish political purposes. Any officer or official who issues such orders should have his background investigated.

Refers to Purple Hearts

The Air Force is encouraging its personnel to engage in street demonstrations with rioting mobs and is even offering training credits as an inducement. Perhaps we will now see Purple Hearts awarded for street brawling—heretofore they were awarded on the field of combat.

I note that by way of further intimidation, one of the President's committees has recommended that any business be placed off limits to military personnel unless they surrender to current Federal ideologies.

Is the real purpose of this integration movement to disarm this country as the Communists have planned?

I personally resent the actions of the Federal Government which have created these conditions. As a loyal American and as a loyal Southern Governor, who has never belonged to or associated with any subversive element, I resent the fawning and pawing over such people as Martin Luther King and his pro-Communist friends and associates.

Last Friday Gov. [Ross D.] Barnett [of Mississippi] showed this committee a picture of Martin Luther King and a group of Communist leaders attending a meeting together. As widely reported in the press in the last two months, King's top lieutenant in Alabama, Fred L. Shuttlesworth, a self-styled "reverend," was elected president of the "Southern Conference Educational Fund" which is headquartered in New Orleans and active in seventeen Southern states.

Asks Bill's Defeat

This organization has been described by both the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and the House Un-American Activities Committee as an organization "set up to promote Communism" throughout the South.

I come here today as an American, as a Governor of a sovereign state and as an individual with full respect for constitutional government. I appear to respectfully call upon the Congress of the United States to defeat in its entirety the Civil Rights Act of 1963.

The President of the United States stated in his message accompanying Senate bill 1732 that enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1963 at this session of Congress—however long it may take and however troublesome it may be—is imperative.

The President might well have further stated: "And however many people it hurts or businesses it destroys and regardless of the rights of the vast majority of our people."

In my judgment, the President of the United States and the Attorney General of the United States, by design and political motivation, are sponsoring and fostering a complete and all-inclusive change in our whole concept of government and society—



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Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Washington Democrat, who is conducting hearings on civil rights legislation.

a revolution of government against the people.

Senate Bill 1732—the so-called Public Accommodations Bill—would, together with the President's full civil rights package, bring about government of the government, by the government and for the government.

The free and uncontrolled use of private property is the basic and historic concept of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence. One of the primary reasons our forefathers came from Europe to carve this nation out of a raw and savage wilderness was the purpose of using, controlling and enjoying their private property and to pursue their chosen professions without fear of interference from kings, tyrants, despots, and I might add, Presidents.

Gentlemen, I'll tell you what this Senate Bill 1732 does—it places upon all businessmen and professional people the yoke of involuntary servitude—it should be designated as the "involuntary servitude act of 1963".

The President, the Attorney General, and every member of this Congress who has sponsored this legislation stand indetested before the American people.

Scores Negroes, Tactics

He [the Negro] no longer wants mere equal treatment, he expects and apparently intends to bludgeon the majority of this country's citizens into giving him preferential treatment.

He shows his sense of responsibility by flouting law and order throughout this country, even threatening to intimidate the Congress of the United States. And all of this is done with the tacit approval of the sponsors of Senate Bill 1732.

A President who sponsors legislation such as the Civil Rights Act of 1963 should be retired from public life. And this goes for any Governor or other public official who has joined in this mad bloc vote.

Does not the present situation in Washington, D.C., give you some idea of the result you would obtain with this legislation? The nation's capital is supposed to be the supreme example of what civil rights legislation can accomplish. It's an example all right, an example of a city practically deserted by white people. If you in the Congress are really sincere about this civil rights business, why don't you give home rule to the people of Washington? Let's see how the local residents can run this city.

I believe in local self government. I challenge you to vote for home rule in Washington, D.C. I suspect that if you attempted to do this, the Secretary of State would have to testify behind closed doors that this would result in damage to our image before the rest of the world.

I think you gentlemen are well aware of the reason you are having to consider Senate bill 1732. The President of the United States and the Attorney General of the United States have used the

powers of the Executive branch in such a manner as to create a tense and explosive situation which they can no longer control.

Notes President's Talk

The President so much as admitted this in his nationwide telecast which prefaced the introduction of this civil rights legislation. He wooed and won the minority bloc vote. Since then he has committed a series of blunders in trying to appease the mob leaders.

These leaders have now pressured the President into the ridiculous position of placing his stamp of approval on mob violence and rioting in the streets of this country.

The entire handling of this racial situation by the present Administration has shown an ineptness and total lack of understanding in handling the problems which have been created by the political efforts to capture these votes.

The promised New Frontier is a nation torn by strife and turmoil on the brink of civil warfare.

The Kennedy Administration is in political jeopardy, and in a calculated attempt to recover from losses of political prestige, it has shifted the burden of its gross mistakes in judgment to the Congress of the United States—all the while catering to a lawless minority which shows utter disregard and contempt for law and order.

This bill will not remedy the situation. This bill will inflame the majority of the citizens of this country. When you determine that you will control and destroy private property rights—you invite chaos.

If you intend to pass this bill, you should make preparations to withdraw all our troops from Berlin, Viet Nam and the rest of the world because they will be needed to police America. You are going to make the American people law violators because they are not going to comply with this type legislation.

No part of the Civil Rights Act of 1963 is acceptable and we people in the state of Alabama and the South will take the lead for all freedom-loving people of this country—black or white—in an all-out effort to defeat any man who supports any feature of the civil rights package.

The Executive branch of this Government has ignored the Constitution of the United States and fostered the march toward centralization and the ultimate destruction of our system.

The judicial branch has perverted the Constitution of the United States in a manner which shocks the conscience of the American people.

The Congress of the United States is the last remaining bulwark against the destruction of our system of government.

Asks Referendum

I challenge the President and the Congress to submit this proposed legislation to the people as a national referendum.

I promise you that you will get the shock of your life because the people will overwhelmingly reject this encroachment upon their right to own and enjoy private property.

I say that it is high time freedom-loving people of this nation stand up and be counted and if the tree of liberty needs refreshing by the political blood of those who ignore the heritage established for us by the founding fathers, then so be it.

Gentlemen, I appreciate this opportunity to appear before you today and before leaving I have a request I would like to make. I have charged here today that there are Communist influences in the integration movement. From the mountain of evidence available everyone should realize that they are true. You have heard these charges before you—You have seen the evidence—Why don't you do something about it? Don't sweep this matter under the rug—let's expose these enemies...they are enemies of both black and white in this country—bring them out in the open.