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Editor  
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The recent statement of Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., to the Senate Commerce Committee in Washington is, to my mind, the most courageous, statesmanlike utterance made by a political figure in Georgia during the past one hundred years.

In a time of grave social crisis, this man chose to say and do what he considered right. History will validate his decision.

Mayor Allen seemed a lonely, minority voice from Georgia but such appearance is ephemeral and illusory. This man was traveling in spirit with Robert E. Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt. This man was fortified with the tradition of our Judaic-Christian culture; he was armored with the democratic weapons of equality, fair play, moderation and justice.

Oblivious to censure, derision and hate, Mayor Allen was proudly heralding the promise of America -- the dream that must not die!

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