

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:

'Sanders, Not Allen, Speaks for the South'

The Editors: Mayor Allen's assertion that "Congress can't expect local governments to handle as difficult a problem as this (integration) . . . with no help, no definitions, no support" seems to me to be contrary to the opinion of the responsible leadership of the South, who want to preserve our basic freedoms and for the federal government to stay out of local and state affairs.

With more "responsible" leaders being elected all the time, there will be no need for such legislation, and indeed it can only hamper the reaching of "logical agreements" on the local level, where all such problems should and must be solved to have lasting and progressive effects.

It seems to me that Gov. Sanders' progress and handling of his state is exactly the leadership endorsed by Sen. Goldwater in order that the country may get away from federal control and dependence on federal financing. It's a shame that they are on different political teams.

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'Allen's Views Were Not City's'

The Editors: Atlanta has given more rights and privileges to the colored race than any other city in the South, which is as it should be. However, this does not seem to appease the colored leadership. They demand more and more rights and there seems to be no end to what they want.

In all fairness to Mayor Allen, and he is entitled to his views, I think business, which pays the lion's share of local taxes, should have a voice in whom it may serve. It looks as if the mayor went out of his way to muddy the waters. I have a new and profound respect for our governor after his visit to Washington.

Atlanta will go forward no doubt for many years to come, but Mayor Allen should state

that the views he expressed were his own and not necessarily those of his employers, the taxpayers.

RALPH FARMER.

Decatur.

'Allen Using Stepping Stone'

The Editors: I, an Atlantan, am ashamed to claim Ivan Allen as the representative of my city and community. Anyone with normal sense can note that Mayor Allen is using Atlanta for his "stepping stone" to national politics. This is the only reason that he has endorsed the civil rights program that President Kennedy has proposed for our nation.

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Says Mayor Allen Disgrace to City

The Editors: Ivan Allen is a disgrace to the great city of Atlanta. Anyone who heard his remarks to the Senate committee should be up in arms to tar and feather him.

Anyone who would deliberately throw rights and freedom under the heel of a powerful government . . . shouldn't be in charge of the garbage dump.

If private business loses out, the rest will go quickly and quietly. Amen.

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