

FOREWORD

The Montgomery Citizen's Council makes public this file concerning the events which transpired during our public meeting at the State Coliseum June 8, 1961. Due to the hundreds of requests for copies of the speeches made, this file had to be reproduced in large quantities. Several groups and individuals have telephoned our new office (on Dexter Ave. above Newberrys—formerly the Alabama Bible Society) asking to participate in the production cost of this publication. Many people want a copy of this publication to keep for future reference; others wish merely to read a copy and "pass it on". In either case, if you feel that it is a worthy venture—one of those things about which you just might have said "Somebody ought to etc." Please mail at least a dollar bill or a check to the Montgomery Citizen's Council, 23 Dexter Ave (upstairs) Montgomery, Ala.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the many people who made our splendid meeting possible—to those members (and non-members) who volunteered help, especially to the "Unafraid Americans" who were our guest speakers,—to radio station WHHY whom we retained for the "live broadcast and to radio station WMGY who taped and rebroadcast the program several times due to the tremendous public demand and— to those solid Ala. Citizens whose quiet but firm support is always present in such efforts, those men typified by Mr. Tom Jones, Chairman, Montgomery County Board of Revenue; Mr. Fred Short Chairman, Birmingham Federation of Citizens Councils, Judge Richard Emmet, Court of Domestic Relations, Senator Walter Givhan, our State Council President, and many others.

At our meeting it was announced that we would again meet at the coliseum IN THE EARLY FALL*THAT A MAN of great courage and integrity had asked to be one of the speakers. Wild cheering went up when that man's name was announced: ROSS BARNETT, Gov. of Miss. Governor Barnett has since confirmed the date—the second TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER!

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MR. HALLMARK: We'll begin our program. I'm Don Hallmark speaking to you for the Montgomery Citizens Council. I have one or two brief announcements.

One, I want to announce that we are not handing out any literature outside the building. We understood that it is perfectly legal for any organization that wants to, to hand out literature outside the building, but those organizations who do, have positively nothing to do with the Montgomery Citizens Council or the Citizens Councils of America.

First, I think that it is fitting and proper that we begin the evening with the invocation-by Dr. Henry L. Lyon, Pastor of Highland Avenue Baptist Church. Dr. Lyon...

DR. LYON: Almighty, and everlasting God, Our Heavenly Father, we humbly come before Thy throne of grace, in presence of Almighty God, as we stand on the sacred soil of Alabama, the Cradle of the Confederacy of our beloved Southland. Help us to realize with all of the fervency of our heart and mind, that every inch of ground that we stand on tonight is sacred and honorable. We pray that we may come, in these moments, re-dedicating ourselves and our allegiance to the United States of America. But may we never forget, Our Father, this precious way of life that has

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been handed down to us as a sacred heritage. Rather we die than to surrender it. Help us to live every day as Christian American Citizens. Be with us in this gathering and deliberation here tonight. We pray that we shall open our minds and our hearts to the truth. May we come in the spirit of helpfulness and inspiration, for we humbly beg it in the name of Christ, and for His sake, Amen.

MR. HALLMARK: Thank you Dr. Lyon:

Now we will stand for the Pass-in-Review by the Sidney Lanier Color Guard. We will remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. The Sidney Lanier Color Guard... (All standing for the Pass-in-Review, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem.)

And now the Sidney Lanier Color Guard, and their drummer, will remove from the scene of the Flag that we all love.

(Removal of the Flag by the Sidney Lanier Color Guard)

May we introduce the Sidney Lanier Color Guard: James Heacus, Morgan Donahue, Price McLemore, Charles Hoffmier, and drummer, Steve Whaley.

(Applause)

Now ladies and gentlemen, take your seats and we would like to have a few introductions. We have with us tonight a great many dignitaries, some people who have given many, many hours and many years of their lives to this struggle, and I think that the first person that I would like to introduce to you tonight is a man who has given of his time and his effort and his financial support to the Montgomery Citizen's Council and to the Citizens Council of Alabama for many years; the man who has meant the difference between life and death of our own Citizens Council at many

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times, I would like to have stand, Mr. Bruce Wyatt.

(Applause)

Secondly, a man who has served his State and his country in many respects and has served the Citizens Councils of the State of Alabama as their President for some time, a man of impeccable character, a man we all respect, a man who, we feel, will guide us in the following months to a better organization, a stronger effort. Senator Walter Givan

(Applause)

Locally, of course, we have people who stand with us occasionally, and people who stand with us all the time. People that stand with us all the time are typified by Mr. Tom Jones, Chairman of the Montgomery County Board of Revenue.

(Applause)

At this time I would like to state that it is not the purpose of this meeting to merely re-hash the recent racial events, but rather to (1) Declare our position to be legally and morally right. (2) To relate to you the Citizens Council permanent program for victory and (3) One major step in the program of victory; recognizing the enemy and the enemy's goals. And so let us begin then by declaring that our local officials have, in this crisis served well. We are proud to present the Mayor of the finest City in the world, Mayor Earl James.

(Applause)

MAYOR EARL JAMES: Mr. Hallmark, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is indeed a pleasure for me to be here tonight with you- my friends. Montgomery is a town of a hundred and thirty-three thousand people who have lived and worked in peace and harmony for so long a time. I don't know of any city in our great Southland where as much progress

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has been made as here in Montgomery, Alabama. Nowhere can you find people with a more progressive look into the future, but still at the same time, proud of her traditions, and more so, proud of her custome; the same traditions and the same customs that built this great Southland that you and I know and have come to love so dearly. During the last ten years northern industry has been locating in the South at an amazing rate of speed. You can go up and down the great breadth of the Southland and you will see what I mean. Our industrial expansion has been the envy of all sections of this country of ours. Our way of life, even though some of the northern press may not agree with me, has also been the envy of many of the people from other sections of the country who have visited here in Montgomery and in the Southland. However, today in the South, we are experiencing some bitter encounters from those who would try to destroy our traditions and our customs. I am convinced that they are more concerned with destroying our customs and our traditions than they are in destroying our laws.

(Applause)

We could continue to live in peace and harmony if outside agitators and those who do not respect our customs and our traditions would discontinue their efforts to incite trouble among us. (Applause) These people are only concerned with promoting themselves, and not for the welfare of any particular group. (Applause) I feel that not only in Montgomery, but certainly in other areas in the South, we have been misrepresented by the Northern press and the news media. (Applause) Examine their motives if you may. Their areas try to compete with us for industry. But now, in spite of their selfish interests, it is interesting to note that almost daily, we read editorials from some of these same

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newspapers condemning those who would come among us for the purpose of creating trouble and strife.

(Applause)

Could it be that the tide is turning and is beginning to be looked at in a more favorable position, from those who have been criticizing us so very strongly? I am convinced more than ever that segregation of the races is the only solution to the continued peace... (Applause) to the continued peace and harmony that has always been with the people of the South, without Federal Marshals intervening. (Applause)

MR. HALLMARK: Thank you Mayor James.

Mayor James had a death in the family tonight, and we certainly owe him a great debt of gratitude for being here at all. It certainly takes a lot of courage. (Applause)

As we stated earlier we've declared that our position is legally and morally right, We have just heard the highest official in our city speak.

We think that we are morally right. If we were not morally right, if you don't feel in your heart that you are morally right, then you ought to get out and help the other side. You ought to be on the right side...

(Applause)

We have a man who, we feel, is qualified to speak on morals tonight and I might insert a little barb here. A certain young lady here in Montgomery has established herself as an expert on morals. The Citizens Councils investigating committee has been at work on the thing, and of course, if she is an expert on morals, we want to learn from her. She has been critical of you people, as to your bigotry and to your morals—not only you people, but the people throughout the State, and in case there may be children or young people here—and you'll pardon me—but we find that she is a common slut.

And so we are further investigating that, and you will get the full story on that as soon as we have the facts. Of course, we must be careful because of law suits. And so, as I have said, when we speak of being morally right, we want an expert on the subject, and I think that if a vote were taken in Alabama -- in fact, in the South -- as to who is an expert on morals, that at least among the top one or two, would be Dr. Henry Lyon of the Highland Avenue Baptist Church.

(Applause)

DR. LYON: Mr. Chairman, His Honor the Mayor of Montgomery, His Honor the Attorney General of the State of Alabama, distinguished platform guests, ladies and gentlemen, I do not know of any subject that I had rather speak on than the subject that we have up for discussion tonight. Because what we are talking about tonight is deeply rooted in my heart and in my soul. It did not have its beginning with the beginning of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, but for many years in college and in the Seminary. Before the day of the professors in college and professors in the Seminary brain washing their students, we had professors who were Godly men, and above everything they were dedicated Americans, and they revealed the truth unto us. I can hear one of them saying now "Young gentlemen, there will come a day when communism will seek to divide America on the subject of the racial question." And every word of that was true. It has come to pass.

(Applause)

Ladies and gentlemen for fifteen years, I have had the privilege of being pastor of a white Baptist Church in this city. (Applause) It is a white church tonight and if we will stand one hundred years from now, Highland Avenue Baptist Church will still be a white

church.

(Applause)

As I make that statement I do not make it in a spirit of hate or agitation. I make it on the basis of conviction, on the basis of truth. The whole racial movement was launched under the false face, under the guise of Religion. How many times, especially in these past six or seven years, have we been told as preachers and as individual members of the church sitting in the pews, that we could not be a Christian unless we believed in racial integration. But I come and say to you ladies and gentlemen tonight, I am not a believer in racial integration. I am a believer in a separation of the races and I am none the less a Christian.

(Applause)

I received a letter from a dear lady down in Florida the other day. She was writing relative to a sermon that I preached from the pulpit of the Highland Avenue Baptist Church on May 21, and she said, "Dear Dr. Lyon, I am wondering if you even know anything about Jesus Christ. Surely you are not a Christian." And she said, "If Jesus were to be crucified today and the mob would say, 'Away with him! away with him! Crucify Him! the voice of Henry Lyon would be heard above every other voice crying, 'Away with him! Crucify Him!'" Now that's the way they write,

And you know, those same people are among those that say to us that they love us, that they promote the cause of racial intergration in the spirit of love, in the spirit of passive resistance. My friends, I don't believe that you will find any love, any passive resistance in that. I have said time and time again, and I repeat it again **tonight**: The most dangerous doctrine in all of this world is this modern so called doctrine of love and passive resistance.

(Applause)

Back yonder in December, I had business over in Atlanta, Georgia. It may be surprising to some of our intergration friends, that in spite of my stand, I still hold membership on the Home .

Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. I read in the paper about the sit-ins, the stand-ins, and I thought that I would observe first hand. I walked over to the corner where there was located a drug store, and I saw love, in the modern way, as it is being expressed, and passive resistance put into operation. I saw a man's place of business taken over completely, the days business completely wrecked in the name of love. (Applause)

They come and they say to us that you must believe in racial intergration because your Bible teaches it. My friend there is not one single passage in your Bible or mine that teaches racial intergration-not one. (Applause) I was interested to read a speech made by one of our leading Southern Baptists at our recent Southern Baptist Convention. I did not get to go to the Baptist Convention, because my beloved city of Montgomery,

at that time the 21 of May, was in one of the darkest hours of trials that it has ever experienced. I couldn't afford to leave my Montgomery and my Alabama, so I stayed here. This man, Ecclesiastical head, this theologian, made the statement before a great group there, that we have within the ranks of Southern Baptists bigots. You know as I read it, those words had my name and my address on them, because I get letters from some of those brethren, saying that I am a bigot. But let me say to you my friends, we read our Bibles, we find the Bible telling us this; that God made the different races. If you want to get a fight with the one that has started separation of the races, then you come face to face with your God. God has made the different races. He made some men black, he wants them to remain black. (Applause) God made some men white, he wants them to remain white. (Applause) I say without hesitation, no man on the face of the earth, has reason to be ashamed because his face is black, no man on the earth has the right to be ashamed for the fact that his face is white. But let me say to you my friends, the difference in color, the difference in everything, our body, our minds, our life, our mission upon the face of this earth, is God given. And let me say this to you my friends I assume that I am still an American, and I have the right to freedom of speech, that beginning with the decision of the Supreme Court, and along with

individual and every other group, anyone that works against the work of God in the separation of the races is violating the law of God. I believe that with all of my heart and all of my soul.

(Applause)

Then we move on in a hurry, because I am going to cut my speech short. I'll put my watch down there, and some of you people who are members of my church, you know that that doesn't mean a thing, about the watch being there. But, let me say this my friends, one of the greatest dangers that we have today and it's not just something in the way of the figment of imagination, is the infiltration of integration propaganda in our churches, or you say tonight, "I belong to the Methodist, of the Baptist and the Presbeterian, and it is not very bad in my church". Listen my friends, it is bad in all of our denominations, it is bad in all of our denominational churches.

(Applause)

We will cause to bow our head in shame, thousands upon thousands of us as Southern Baptist. You remember reading in the paper recently, on April 19, when one of the mother institutions of our convention, had the nerve to forget the traditions of the South, to forget the Thousands and thousands

of the Southern Baptist who support the institution through their gifts to the cooperative program, invited one of the most controversial leaders in the history of America to stand there and defy every tradition, every belief, and every conviction that we hold dear in our hearts as Southerners, and in the midst of his address to the faculty and to the student body, he says, "individual young men and women do not marry as individuals representing different races but they marry as people, and I am calling upon you to go to every nook and corner of the South and the United States and beg and plead with every State to do away with every law that sets up any barrier to the inter-marriage of races." My friends, that means the complete mongrelization of our race. It made my blood run cold when I read in the paper the frenzy and the applause that was granted to this controversial leader when he made that statement. God help us, God help us, when we come to an hour like that. My friends, let me say this, that you do have a right as a member of your congregation to express your convictions. You do wrong, you commit a sin to sit there silently and say to your fellow church member shh---, let's be quiet. Why? Why keep quiet, my friends, it is no longer a secret. It's out! Red Russian Communism is making it's attack, and the objective is "Montgomery, Alabama, the Cradle of the Confederacy", so for as we are concerned in this hour.

I have said to my congregation, "Red Russian communism would rather break the back of Montgomery than to break the back of any other segment of our Nation. Why? Because my friends, we are a symbol. We represent our sacred traditions, we represent our militant way of life, and they know and they feel that if they can break our back then the rest will come easy. I say to you tonight, Montgomery, Alabama must stand, not only for our own sake, but for the sake of America and for the sake of the entire world.

(Applause)

I made a statement recently in a sermon that Alabama shall never surrender. I appealed to my people of my congregation and the people of the radio congregation and to the people at large, through the printed pages to be proud of America, be proud of Alabama, be proud of Montgomery, Alabama. I had a letter that was written to me in answer to that from Detroit Michigan, and the brother in the spirit of love and passive resistance, said, "God have mercy on your soul. You are not only a fool, but you are right down stupid." He loves me! (Laughter) He loves me. Listen my friends, don't go back to your churches creating strife, just stand, stand as a Christian, stand as a man, stand as an American. Let your pastor know that you will back him up in

standing for the truth and our way of life, for the work of God, for the separation of the races. Some of my brother preachers say, "I'm with you preacher. I'm with you." But I wonder if they are. I say this tonight my friends without hesitation, no preacher stands for our way of life until he is ready and willing and actually gets in his own pulpit and audibly, publicly, speaks his convictions. God forbid that I should besmirch my fellow preacher. I love preachers, not only Baptist preachers but preachers of every denomination. I say to you my friends tonight, that I am not a rabble rouser. If I were a rabble rouser in 1955, and 1956, six hundred and eighty five thousand Alabama Baptist would not have elected me President of the Alabama State Convention. I am not a rabble rouser. (Applause) But I say this to you, my friends, the most dangerous thing that we have today is the pastor talking out of one corner of his mouth to his congregation separation of the races, and the sacredness of our Southern way of life, and then, when some of the brethren get away in Conventions and Conferences, talk intergration out of the other corner of the mouth. There is only one group that can do anything about this, and that is the group that sits in the pew. I am not asking you to get rid of your pastor. I'm asking you to hold up the hands of your pastor, put steel in his heart and in his soul. Let him know that no pastor has a right to feel that he will be ruined and wrecked if he stands for our Southern way of life. (Applause)

They have put it out everywhere that Henry Lyon would be wrecked and ruined. Seven years ago when I preached my first sermon on the racial question from my pulpit they said, "He's doomed! He's gone." But my friends, I'm not doomed and I'm not gone. They said that my church was doomed. My church is not doomed! I'm not doomed! (Applause) For your information, if you don't believe it, you friends who visit with us tonight- I don't say this braggedociously, but you can go out to our church tonight and you can pass in front of it, and instead of one building ther tonight, we have a whole entire block of buildings, that faces Highland Avenue, and they were built since I started **standing** for the cause of separation of the races.

I'm through when I've said this. His Honor, the Attorney General of Alabama, will bring the message of the hour. I want to reiterate tonight that I have full confidence in his Excellency, the Governor of Alabama. I have full confidence in His Honor, the Mayor of Montgomery, and his fellow Commissioners. (Applause) More especially, Commissioner L. B. Sullivan, our Commissioner of Public Affairs. (Applause) And as for Police Protection, I have full confidence in our Sheriff of Montgomery County, our Highway Patrol, and I have saved for last but not least, I have full confidence in His Honor, the Attorney General of the State of Alabama, who is fearless, who loves Alabama and will go all the way standing for our cause.

(Applause)

Now let me charge you just a little bit. You are clapping, you are applauding. Do you really mean it? Do you really mean it? (Applause) Do you really mean it? (Applause) While you are standing at your feet listen; let me say, if you really mean it, do these things: Pray; keep your feet on the ground; keep your head cool; your heart warm; remember, our heritage of the South is sacred. It must not be surrendered! We must stand by it.

God Bless you.

(Applause)

MR. HALLMARK: Ladies and gentlemen there is only one thing wrong with that man. He spells his name wrong, he spells it "Lyon", and it should be "Lion". (Applause) I appreciate very much this fine watch that you left for me here, Dr. Lyon. I will give it back.

DR. LYON: Thank you, I forgot all about it.

(Applause)

MR. HALLMARK: Ladies and gentlemen, we stated that we had three purposes in this meeting. One, to declare our position to be legally and morally right. I think Mayor James has stated our legal case and our case as a city, and certainly, Dr. Lyon has

stated our moral case. Now then, we would like, for a second on our program, to relate to you the Citizens Council's permanent program for victory. We must have a map, we can't flounder around. In times passed we tried to despendence with action. We felt that if we defended our homeland, if we defended our area against the agitators abroad, that they would tire out and leave us alone. But they have brought the fight to us. They are entering into our own homeland, and they will, if they can, enter into our homes. And so, the Citizens Council, in the best manner we know how, has developed a program and we call it the Program for Victory. It is not a defensive program, it's an offensive program. (Applause)

And so, at this time we have a man to present to you that program. Ladies and gentlemen, we are presenting it to you for your approval. We would like a vote of confidence in this program; we would like to know whether or not you are behind it. Whether or not you think it is a satisfactory program. We have a man to present that program, a man who has led us in this program for the last year and half. This man has taken away from his business, his family to serve in the capacity as Chairman of the Montgomery Citizens Council. This man is an architect here in Montgomery, he's a world traveler, one of the most educated people and one of the most cultured gentlemen in the South. It gives me great pleasure, and we in the Citizens Council are very very proud to present to you Mr. Carl Herbert Lancaster.....

(Applause)

MR. CARL HERBERT LANCASTER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, and exasperated Southerners, (Laughter) let me tell you what the Citizen's Council is. First, it is an organization, of level headed conservative people who believe in solving their problems by lawful means.

Second, we were, and are organized to rally the people of the South. We are fighting defeatism.

Don't let anyone tell you that integration is inevitable. That is a lie. (Applause) For three hundred years white people and negro people have been living in the South segregated. We intend to live that way for ten thousand years. (Applause) Yes, we are entering into an offensive operation--not defensive. Your presence here in such great numbers is proof of this.

Third we are fighting federal encroachment of every kind, not simply integration. We believe in self-rule. We believe in local police enforcement, and local police enforcement alone. (Applause)

Fourth, the Citizens Council has a positive program of offence. This program includes education of the public, both North and South, as to the real reasons why certain political powers are pushing for integration. We are informing the public, particularly in the North, about the evils of integration. We know about it here-- we know what it means. We are making plans. If the present trend of Federal intervention continues, there will be no such thing as public recreation in Alabama.

(Applause)

Ladies and gentlemen, we are working on a plan for Montgomery, so look for an important development in the near future. If the present trend continues, there will be no such thing as public education. We are working on a plan in this area.

(Applause)

The Citizen's Council is not a political organization, except that we support any political party: Democratic, Republican, State Rights or otherwise which offers us a platform that we can support in good conscience.

(Applause)

During the last Presidential campaign, we supported the independent, or States Rights group, because we could not stomach either the Democratic or the Republican Platform. (Applause) As it turned out, six States Rights Democrats won against the five who swallowed the whole rotten mess that Chester Bowles and Walter Reuther cooked up in Los Angeles.

(Applause)

Now we are taking steps toward getting rid of that colossal misfit, United States Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

(Applause)

His hand in the recent sorry spectacle in Alabama is clear. During the recent Presidential campaign, he and Senator John Kennedy took time off during the heat of the campaign to telephone police authorities in Atlanta to get Martin Luther King off the hook for deliberately violating the law. (Voice from the Audience: "He's a traitor" Lancaster. Yes, he is a traitor. The NAACP puppet-mayor, Hartsfield, of Atlanta, credited this action of the Kennedys in putting Kennedy in office.

Robert Kennedy has worked behind the scenes with so-called Southern leaders in trying to get them to accept integration peacefully--or else..

According to testimony of so-called "Freedom Riders." he, Robert Kennedy, even plotted their course throughout the South. These "Freedom Riders" carefully planned their acts to cause violence by taking white women along with them, and reporters, and photographers of leading South-hating magazines. Yes, he knew that these were the very things that would make the average Southerner "see red."

When the bus driver refused to drive the busses, he tried to intimidate the bus station manager. He admitted that he had promised the so-called "Freedom Riders" -- which, incidentally, were organized mob-- protection to Montgomery.

He expected violence, and he had photographers placed on the Federal Building, ready to take pictures of it. He sent his special agent, a Mr. Seigenthaler, who was attacked by an angry bystander; and a note fell out of his pocket, and on that note was the names of all the "Freedom Riders".

He sent an honor guard of Federal Marshals to protect his pet, Martin Luther King, who flew into Montgomery, during the height of the crises to hold an inflammatory meeting in the Negro Baptist Church. His chief henchman, Whizzer White, deliberately avoided working with the City Authorities. I think this surly indicates how deeply Robert Kennedy was involved in this monstrous scheme.

Mr. President, You said in your inaugural address, to ask, not what your Country could do for you, but to ask what you could do for your Country. Now, Mr. President, the best thing that you could do for the United States right now would be to remove your brother, Robert Kennedy, from the office,

of United States Attorney General.

(Applause)

Now, fellow-Alabamians, I am going to read to you the creed of the Citizens Council: "Believing in racial segregation and States Rights, as established in the Bill of Rights; having undertaken to help defend by lawful and peaceful means, our people and our land against integration, communism and all other forces which would destroy our God-fearing Nation, and pledging to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Alabama." That is the Citizens Council's Creed.

Now, fellow-Alabamians, if you can, and do believe in what I have read to you, I implore you to join this fight with us. If you are not a member of the Citizens Council, join it and JOIN NOW. (Applause) Our ushers are going to pass among you, application blanks. If you are not a member of the Council, we want you to fill in these blanks. Don't put any money with it, just mail that in, or either drop it in one of the boxes, and we will bill you later. (Applause)

MR. HALLMARK: Thank you, Herbert. Carl Herbert Lancaster, Chairman of the Montgomery Citizens Council. Herbert mentioned the application blanks for membership in the Council, and if you will, during the rest of the program, fill these blanks in, and as you leave the building, there will be a box and a Director standing there. Put it in the box as you leave the building.

Now, we come to the time in the program when I would probably do better to turn this over to the Baptist preacher here, who has a great deal more experience at this than I have, but we're fixing to discuss money here, Dr. Lyon. Actually, I do want to say one thing: In case a box is passed, now

you F.B.I. men...about every other seat we have an F. B. I. man there--now your job is to pretend that you're one of the boys. You're to blend in with the crowd. So the thing for you to do, if the guy next to you puts in a ten, you put in a twenty.. (Laughter) It's our tax money, put it on the expense account.

Right, now, I'm reminded of something a young reporter here on the stand witnessed in one of the colored churches here a week or two ago. They seem to have had some difficulty there, and there were some reporters inside the church; and the Federal Marshals were there in front of the church, and it was announced in the church that the National Guard had been called out. There was an applause, and then it was stated that the Governor had called out the Guard-- the Alabama Governor. And then there was a lot of booing and hissing, for they first thought they were Federal troops. When they found out they were Alabama troops, it made a difference. I'm not sure why. This reporter told me--this is beside the point, but as Dr. Frank Tripp says; "It's a good point anyway--there was a fist fight there in the building. Watched that for a while and then turned around and there, holding the ph one in his hand was that great man of the cloth, that moral giant, that noble creature, the Right Reverend Abehatchet. (Laughter) Brother Abehatched had the telephone ther, and he was talking to someone in New York. He said; "Yes, We'se got de Fedal Mawshals at uses front do!, but I'll tell you one thing, dat Govner don got his bayonets at our back." (Laughter) "Yea, he don got a boyonet at our back, man, and we need money!" Well, now ladies and gentlemen, I haven't been out to the front door. We may have some Federal Marshals there, and there have been the times, particularly during the National election, when the Citizens Council fought Jack Kennedy with every ounce and every dollar they had, when our

Governor would have liked to have had a bayonet at our backs, I'm sure. But there is this about it: We do need money. And so, in those words, I draw a Parallel between us and Rev. Aberhatchet there. Of course, Aberhatchet is used to having hatchets thrown at his back, and shouldn't mind a boyonet.

(Laughter)

I have a little favorite song. I hope they can play a record for us here, and when they start that record, I want you folks to give what you decide you can give here tonight. We are going to have some blank checks and some buckets passed. Decide what you can afford. Look in that pocketbook, look in that checkbook, and if you can afford five dollars, don't give it. If you can afford fifty cents, don't give it. If you can afford twenty dollars or a hundred dollars, don't give it. You decide what you can afford, and then you double it. And if you give until it hurts, we can march arms. We won't have this treatment. There is no force on the face of the earth that can defeat the Southern White people when they decide to sacrifice and to fight. Thank you.

That favorite song I asked for is D-I-X-I-E (Applause)

Incidentally, while we're waiting, we have some guests that I would like to introduce at this time.. We have a mighty pretty girl back here who is with an old gentleman, but this is Velma Gallion. Mrs. Gallion, will you stand, please. (Applause) She came tonight with this old gray-haired gentleman on the front here, who we will introduce later.

May we have the music----(Applause)

(The playing of "Dixie")

(Applause)

MR. HALLMARK: We reiterate that we have declared our position to be legally and morally right. We relate to you the Citizens Council program: To enforce our stand against integration. We think we have a good program; we think there is nothing--positively nothing in our program to be ashamed of. We definitely believe that it is a program for victory, and certainly it is an offensive one.

Now then, the first step in our program--in our Program for Victory-- is recognizing the enemy, and knowing the enemy's goals. There is one man in the South, in the Southern United States, who has spent some time studying that problem. There's one man who spends a great deal of time coordinating a staff which is constantly investigating that problem. There's one man whose heart is in this fight, the man whom you all know, the Attorney General of the State of Alabama, McDONALD GALLION.

(Standing Applause)

NOTE TO READERS:

The following is a word-for-word copy of the advance draft of Attorney General Gallion's speech and except for minor variations, is identical to his words recorded at the meeting.

Bobby Kennedy's telephone call to the Birmingham Greyhound Manager, referred to on page six(6) of Gallion's speech is attached after page 19 (the end) of Gallions speech as is an exact copy of Gallion's letter to President Kennedy, a report of the U. S. SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE and a copy of a Birmingham Post Herald, the article, by Gene Wortsman, entitled; "Sit-ins made to order Hoover says"