

Route One
Selma, Alabama

Mr. George H. Wright
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Sir:

As a taxpayer of Alabama and an Auburn Alumni, Class of "45", I would like to go on record as very forcefully protesting the college having Mr. Ralph McGill appear on the Auburn T. V. hookup. Considering the way Mr. McGill feels about the State of Alabama and the people and their customs, I think it is very untimely having him appear at and on a state supported T. V. network.

Inclosed is a copy of a letter which I wrote Mr. McGill sometime ago and which appeared in the Selma Times Journal. It is my opinion that the majority of the people of Alabama do not care for Mr. McGill or his ideas.

I would appreciate your careful study and consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,



G. L. Edwards
Class of "45"
Selma, Alabama

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October 2, 1962

Mr. Ralph McGill
Editor of Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

In reference to your national television appearance of Monday evening, October 1, 1962, there are a few things I am compelled to say to you, due to the fact that you sat in judgment against the people of Mississippi and the deep South.

How dare you condemn the people of Mississippi, their state government and even the clergy for standing up for the things they believe and for their way of life under which they have lived for many generations. To make matters worse, you cross over into the state of Alabama and say that we are sick also.

I ask you, Mr. McGill, on what grounds do you find yourself eligible to condemn the thinking and traditions of the people of Alabama and Miss. Certainly you do not speak for a large segment of your own people of Georgia.

There are no legal grounds for the ideas you are upholding. Even the Supreme Court in their 1954 decision admitted that this decision was not handed down with any legal reason but for sociological considerations. I would invite you to study how the 14th amendment was ratified and the legality of said amendment. I would further urge you to consult any competent attorney in any part of the United States and see if these two points are not correct.

Mr. McGill, while commending the Kennedy's for their actions in sending the federal troops into the state of Mississippi, you find yourself in quite a cozy cheering section; namely, Fidel Castro of "Soviet Cuba", the Communist Party of the U. S. A., and the Russian newspapers.

I feel sure that it would give you great pleasure to have all the Confederate monuments, in the large and small towns of the South, torn down and that we people of the South forget that the last time the federal troops invaded our states that many of the homes were burned, the silverware, jewelry and other valuables were stolen; the cattle, hogs and chickens were slaughtered; the workstock run off, and the corn and other foodstuff either stolen, eaten or destroyed. Even one of the northern generals boasted that a crow would have to carry his own rations when he flew over this part of the South. Let me remind you, Sir, that the South did not receive foreign aid as did Germany and Japan following World War II.

The dictatorship, against which I fought on behalf of the United States during World War II in North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany, seem to be the tactics used against the South in recent weeks.

If we, the people of the South are sick, we are indeed sick of the Southern traitors to our traditions.

Yours truly,

G. L. Edwards
Selma, Alabama

December 3, 1962.

Mr. G. L. Edwards,
Route One,
Selma, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I received your letter and agree with you 100%.

I asked Ralph Draughon at our November board meeting who was responsible for having Ralph McGill on the campus. I did not get a direct answer, but a generalization about the number of organizations on campus and their guest speakers.

I hope you have mailed a copy of this letter to all members of the Board, including Dr. Draughon and Governor-Elect Wallace. This may not bring any direct action, but discussions between one Alum and another can do a lot of good.

I would like to see your very fine letter to Mr. McGill published in the Lee County Bulletin. If you will send it to the Lee County Bulletin as a "Paid" article, I feel sure Neil Davis, Editor, will have to print it, and I will be glad to share your cost on this.

Our local paper very seldom, if ever, gives any space to the "sick" people of the South and there are so many of us.

Sincerely,

G. B. Wright.