Baldwin on Wallace

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Novelist James Baldwin, one of America's best-known black writers, has called Alabama Gov. Wallace a "true symbol" of America and said he would not be surprised if he were elected President.

"For the black man, the difference between the North and the South has always been a delusion. Gov. Wallace is a national hero," he told a news conference here yesterday.

The Governor, who is recovering in hospital after the attempt on his life last week, is a true symbol of the real desires of the American people, Baldwin added.

The writer was brought to Los Angeles by the Committee of the Arts to Free Angela Davis.