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**Beasley Speech**

BIRMINGHAM—Lt. Govern-  
ment Jere Beasley, ac-  
cused of speaking at a na-  
tional Ku Klux Klan meet-  
ing Saturday said he made  
the speech but refused to  
name the Klan as sponsor of  
the gathering.

He said he appeared "be-  
fore a large group of citi-  
zens" and "spoke on the sub-  
ject of law and order, giv-  
ing the same basic speech  
that I have used the past six  
months."

Beasley, who had refused  
comment since the "klonvo-  
cation" at Tuscaloosa was  
reported Sunday night, is-  
sued a prepared statement  
but refused to answer re-  
porters' questions.