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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported that a "Ku Klux Klan spokesman of Greenville reported the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many Klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP) reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party" with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of the Ku Klux Klan and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue #19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that EDWARD R. FIELDS, the Information Director of the NSRP, is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

The March, 1959, issue of the Anti-Defamation League Bulletin contained an article by JEROME BAKST entitled "Angry Young Men of Hate." Regarding EDWARD R. FIELDS, the article stated, "FIELDS, 26 years old and a Louisville chiropractor, is a key figure in the National States Rights Party and co-ordinator of all its activities, contacts and liaison with leaders of other hate groups. He apparently started Jew-baiting in his teens,

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aided STONER in the Christian anti-Jewish Party, and got involved in newspaper notoriety while attending chiropractory school in Davenport, Iowa. There, early in 1954, according to newspaper reports, he pasted anti-Jewish stickers on store windows during Brotherhood Week."

A source advised in May, 1961, that Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS participated in the disturbance at the Trailways Bus Station, Birmingham, on May 14, 1961, involving the "Freedom Riders" and, in fact, caused the fighting there.