

Gov. Wallace Honors a POW

Eufaula, Ala.

Governor George C. Wallace, who once vowed to maintain "segregation forever" in Alabama, welcomed a black former prisoner of war home yesterday and appointed him an honorary lieutenant colonel in the Alabama National Guard.

"We are going to realize

the American dream of peace and prosperity for all Americans, regardless of who they are," Wallace told Army Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Davis, 25. "We appreciate your helping bring peace, we hope, to Southeast Asia."

When the governor made Davis an honorary lieutenant colonel, he said: "As far

as I'm concerned you are a colonel. God bless you."

An estimated 1000 persons — more than half of them black — crowded around the flatbed truck trailer that was hung with red, white and blue bunting for the occasion.

Davis was held prisoner in both North and South Vietnam for five years.