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COLUMBIA, S. C., DEC. 3 (AP)-FORMER GOV. LEROY COLLINS OF FLORIDA SAID TONIGHT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS FOSTERED BY "DIXIE BATTLE CRIES WHICH INCITE SICK SOULS TO VIOLENCE."

HE SAID A CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE HAS BEEN CREATED BY "THE RABBLE-ROUSERS' CALL TO 'STAND UP AND FIGHT'" FOR SEGREGATION AND STATES RIGHTS."

REFERRING TO UNNAMED SOUTHERN POLITICIANS, COLLINS ASKED:

"HOW LONG ARE THE MAJORITY OF SOUTHERNERS GOING TO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE CARICATURED BEFORE THE NATION BY THESE CLAGHORNS? HOW MANY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE TO BE DYNAMITED TO DEATH? HOW MANY NEGRO LEADERS HAVE TO BE SHOT IN THE CHEST? HOW MANY PRESIDENTS HAVE TO BE ASSASSINATED?"

COLLINS, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS, SPOKE TO 500 PERSONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE WAS INTRODUCED BY GOV. DONALD S. RUSSELL.

THE NBA EXECUTIVE SAID THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND THE OTHER "EVIL HAPPENINGS" HE CITED ARE "THE PRODUCTS OF ENVIRONMENTS WHERE HATRED HAS BEEN PREACHED AND LAWLESSNESS EXTOLLED..."

SUCH ACTIONS ARE REPUGNANT TO MOST SOUTHERNERS, COLLINS SAID, ADDING, "AND IT IS TIME THE DECENT PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH...TOLD THE BLOODY-SHIRT WAVERS TO CLIMB DOWN OFF THE BUCKBOARDS OF BIGOTRY.

"IT IS TIME WE STARTED SPEAKING AND ACTING MORE LIKE LOYAL AMERICANS AND SELF-RESPECTING SOUTHERNERS. FOR TOO LONG WE HAVE PERMITTED THE SOUTH'S OWN WORST ENEMIES TO SPEAK FOR IT. WE HAVE ALLOWED THE EXTREMISTS TO SPEAK FOR THE SOUTH--THE VERY ONES AGAINST WHOM WE IN THE SOUTH HAD TO STRUGGLE IN OUR TOWNS AND STATE CAPITALS FOR MUCH OF THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE."

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