

EDITORS: THE FOLLOWING STORY REFERS TO REMARKS MADE BY FORMER GOV. LEROY COLLINS OF FLORIDA IN COLUMBIS, S.C., DEC. 3.

COLUMBIS, S.C., DEC. 16 (AP)-FORMER FLORIDA GOV. LEROY COLLINS, IN A RECENT SPEECH HERE, SAID THAT SOUTHERNERS "FOR TOO LONG...HAVE PERMITTED THE SOUTH'S OWN WORST ENEMIES TO SPEAK FOR IT."

COLLINS TOLD THE GREATER COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY HAD CAUSED HIM TO DISCARD THE SPEECH HE HAD PLANNED AND DELIVER SOME THOUGHTS "BROODING IN MY MIND."

"WE HAVE ALLOWED THE EXTREMISTS TO SPEAK FOR THE SOUTH--THE VERY ONES AGAINST WHOM WE IN THE SOUTH HAVE HAD TO STRUGGLE IN OUR TOWNS AND IN OUR STATE CAPITALS FOR MUCH OF THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE," SAID COLLINS, NOW PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS.

HE SAID THE EXTREMISTS SPOKE ON THE FLOOR OF CONGRESS, IN THE NATIONAL PRESS AND ON THE NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ACCOUNT OF COLLINS' DEC. 3 ADDRESS HERE INACCURATELY REPORTED HIM AS SAYING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS FOSTERED BY "DIXIE BATTLE CRIES WHICH INCITE SICK SOULS TO VIOLENCE."

THE TEXT OF HIS SPEECH, FOLLOWING HIS REMARKS ABOUT SOUTHERN EXTREMISTS, SAID:

"AND ALL THE WHILE, TOO MANY OF THE REST OF US HAVE REMAINED CRAVENLY SILENT OR LAMELY DEFENSIVE WHILE DIXIE BATTLE CRIES HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED TO INCITE SICK SOULS TO VIOLENCE--EDGED ON BY THE RABBLE-ROUSERS' CALL TO 'STAND UP AND FIGHT!'"

"IT IS LITTLE WONDER THAT OTHER AMERICANS FAIL TO REGARD US ON OCCASIONS AS BEING IN THE MAINSTREAM OF AMERICAN LIFE AND CITIZENSHIP."

"AND I ASK YOU TONIGHT, 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 BACK? HOW MANY GOVERNORS HAVE TO BE SHOT IN THE CHEST? HOW MANY PRESIDENTS HAVE TO BE ASSASSINATED?"