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Wallace

'Fiendish'

Moscow

The Soviet Union yesterday termed as "fiendish" Alabama Governor George Wallace's recently disclosed remark that the United States may have fought "the wrong people" in World War II.

"Wallace made it clear that he would prefer to see his country fighting on the side of Hitler Germany and militarist Japan against the Soviet Union," Tass news agency said. It added:

"This is truly a fiendish statement timed for the 30th anniversary of the routing of Hitler Germany. It is more than just a flagrant abuse of the sacred memory of 20 million Soviet people and several hundred thousand Americans who died fighting fascism."

Wallace made the controversial comment on March 3 to a group of foreign journalists, including a Russian. The remark only came to light last week.

At a news conference Thursday, Wallace said that while he believed "you can't trust a communist," he had not meant to imply that Americans should not have fought against Nazi Germany.

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