Wallace to Be 'Involved' in '76 I

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18-Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama inched a little closer to announcing his candidacy for

announcing his candidacy for President today, promising a cheering audience here that he intended to be "involved" in the 1976 campaign.

At the end of a 45-minute speech in which he criticized "elitists" who he said were "trying to grind down the middle class," the Governor declared:

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"My intention at this time is that I am going to be in-volved in 1976. Of course, I reserve the right to change our mind. I will have a more formal announcement some-time at a later date."

Mr. Wallace erought repeated applause from about 1,000 deleapplause from about 1,000 delegates to a convention of the National Federation of Independent Business with attacks on what he called "the exotic noise-makers of the New Left," the press, especially The New York Times, the "permissiveness of the courts" and "the welfare mess."

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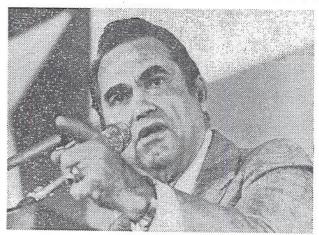
The central issue of next year's Presidential campaign, the Governor said, will be "the strongest country economically and militarily on the face of the earth," Mr. Wallace said. "If I were President, I would demand some respect. You wouldn't look me in the eye and spit in it—and if you did, I'd spit back."

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Reply to McIntyre

Replying to Senator Thomas H. McIntyre's assertion that Mr. Wallace offered only criticisms, not solutions, the Governor said of the New Hampshire Democrat, "It's pretty hard to find solutions to clean up the mess that he and his colleagues have created."

"I've got plenty of gas," he said, referring to a comment last week by Gov. Edwin W. Edwards of Luisiana, who said that Mr. Wallace had the support of about 20 per cent of the nation's voters but "runs out of gas" after that.



Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama addressing National Federation of Independent Business in Washington.