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## Join Citizens' Council

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## EDITORIALS:

# Join Citizens' Council

The Jackson Citizens' Council is now carrying a recorded message from Governor George Wallace on its telephone program, "Dial For Truth."

Governor Wallace, the great champion of the South, recorded the message especially for Mississippians. It contains one of the finest appeals for joining the Citizens' Council we have ever heard.

In the recorded message Governor Wallace says:

"We in the South face difficult and challenging times in the days and months ahead. We have been subjected to countless acts of provocation by outside agitators. Federal bureaucrats and Federal judges are trampling upon our rights as free men and women.

"How can we meet this challenge? What should we do? I've thought about this, and it appears to me that we have three choices.

"First, we could lie down and surrender. If we were weak — or lacking in backbone — or if our principles were for sale for a few Federal dollars or a few bloc votes — we could roll over and play dead. But we won't — because it's **wrong!** It's **wrong!** to gamble with our children's birthright!

"Second, then, we could try to solve our problems by resorting to reckless acts of physical violence. But this is no solution — it only multiplies our problems. We in the South are a law-abiding, God-fearing people. We reject wanton acts of senseless terrorism as irresponsible!

"Then what are we to do? My friends, I am convinced that our proper course of action is the third alternative — **organized, intelligent resistance!**

"This is why I'm happy to support the Citizens' Council movement. A united and determined white majority, with responsible and effective leadership, can accomplish virtually any goal! The Citizens' Council has an action program which is our best example of intelligent resistance! By joining and supporting your local Citizens' Council, you can hasten the day of victory!

"And I might point out that our effort in the Citizens' Council throughout this country is not against any segment of our population. But we believe that if we preserve local government and States' Rights and constitutional government that we are doing something for every man, woman and child in our state and in our country.

"Won't you join with me in becoming an active member of your local Citizens' Council? We need **your** help, **your** support and **your** prayers!"

We wholeheartedly endorse Governor Wallace's statement. Every segregationist — every believer in local government, states' rights and constitutional government — owes it to himself and his principles to be a part of the fight to preserve our way of life.

Join the Citizens' Council today. For information contact J. B. Collier, P. O. Box 27 or 117 Shields Building, telephone 483-4857.

Contribute to the Citizens Council either locally or to the Association of Citizens Councils, P. O. Box 886, Greenwood, Mississippi.

In unity there is strength. Do your part.