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GREENWOOD, MISS.
Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Guests and Fellow Members of the Citizens’ Council:

As a preface to the remarks I will make I would like to quote from the Holy Scriptures, Galatians 4:16:

“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?”

This verse describes very accurately the position we in the Citizens’ Council have occupied in the past few years and still find ourselves in today.

The welfare of this great nation and of the world itself has been jeopardized because of a malicious untruth which has been thrust upon the people by the various propaganda and communications media. Because of skilful propagandists and repetition many citizens now accept this lie and believe it to be a fact. In our northern cities, throughout the South and over the world the white and black races today look upon each other with distrust because of this untruth. Both races seem to know instinctively that their relationship is based upon falsehood and is, therefore, unsound.

Simply stated, the great lie that has permeated our airwaves and the written word is that there is no difference between the races, that all men are equal.

Undoubtedly, modern propagandists have lifted out of context the phrase “all men are equal” from the Declaration of Independence. To show how the meaning of this phrase has been perverted I would like to quote from the Declaration of Independence:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

This statement is plain enough and certainly does not define the modern concept of “civil rights”. The author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, clearly stated his views on race at other times and I quote his words: “Nothing is more certainly written in the book of fate than that these (negro) people are to be free; nor is it less certain that the two races, equally free, cannot live in the same government. Nature, habit, opinion have drawn indelible lines of distinction between them.” A rereading and study of the entire Declaration of Independence,
the cornerstone of our republic, would certainly be worthwhile to all who are interested in “rights”.

Many of us do not dispute the theory that all men are created equal in the sight of God, that they should be equal before the law and that they should have equal opportunity according to their abilities and aptitudes. However, we do not believe that Negro rights should take away the rights of the white people. We do not believe that the public school system should be destroyed for the sake of integration. We do not believe that personal property rights should be sacrificed for integration.

The Citizens’ Council, along with the majority of Southerners and millions of Northerners, has proclaimed over and over the fact that the races are not equal when judged by the white man’s standards. Our challenge, our mission as an organization is to assist our nation to recognize this truth. Those who speak this truth are immediately and arbitrarily set upon and branded as racists, hate-mongers and bigots. We now stand battered and bloody, but unbowed, confident that we are right and that history will prove our case.

The Citizens’ Council is the only national organization which denies this egalitarian untruth. We proclaim that there is a difference between races in addition to skin color. We don’t want to turn the clock back. We just want to turn the lights on.

The truth cries out with voluminous evidence that the Negro as a race does not measure up to the white man’s standards in a white society.

This evidence is further borne out in the recent, and certainly unbiased, McCone report on the Los Angeles riots and “The Negro Family”, a study prepared by the United States Department of Labor.

In “The Negro Family” on Page 8, it is stated that nearly one-quarter of all Negro births in the United States are now illegitimate. Since 1940, the illegitimate birth rate among Negroes has gone from 16.8 percent to 23.6 percent. The Negro illegitimacy ratio is eight times the white ratio.

On Page 38, it is stated that a majority of crimes against the person in the United States such as rape, murder and aggravated assault are committed by Negroes. On the urban frontier the ratio is even worse - - 3 out of every 5 arrests for these violent crimes nationwide were of Negroes.
On Page 44, it is stated that in 1963, Negroes made up 54 percent of the narcotic addict population of the United States.

On Page 75, it is stated that 56.1 percent of all Negroes in the United States drafted by the armed services in 1962, failed to pass the basic mental test and were rejected.

These are just a few shocking facts. I urge you to study for yourself "The Negro Family".

It is tragic that the facts which are finally brought to light in these two reports have been deliberately and successfully repressed over the past ten years by the nation's press. The Citizens' Council, along with such patriots as Ross Barnett, George Wallace, and others, has attempted to get these facts concerning racial differences before the public for the past eleven years. At the same time, our nation's press has relentlessly swept "The Negro Problem" and evidence of racial difference under the rug.

The "Cult of Equality" theory propounded by many in powerful places, and including the Communist Party, is simply theory. It is not a fact. History proves that idealistic theories often crack up on the rocks of reality and the facts of life.

Because there is a difference in races which cannot be overcome by education or environment, we maintain that in the interest of peace and good will that the races should be treated "differently".

The government report entitled "The Negro Family" recognizes that the Negro race should have special treatment because of the difference in "achievement". It is amusing to see them arrive at the same conclusion arrived at by Southerners nearly a century ago. We called this special treatment, if you will pardon the expression, segregation.

The Negro child should receive "special and different" treatment from white children. That is why the South has had separate schools for generations. That is why today, there are more Negro colleges and universities in any southern state than there are in the entire North. That is why there are more Negro college and university students in the South than there are in the North and West. That is why Mississippi has fifteen Negro college and junior college presidents while the combined states of New York, Illinois and California have not one.

The South's method has been separate development, to develop Negro leadership to serve and lead the Negro people in the Negro
community rather than to force the Negro into unequal competition in a white society. When an attempt is made to force the Negro as a race to conform to the standards of a white society disappointment, friction and bitterness inevitably result.

According to the Labor Department study, "The Negro Family", it appears that many Negroes are simply not educable beyond an elementary level. The Labor Department's suggested solution is the spending of vast sums of the taxpayers' money to educate the uneducable so that he can become a skilled artisan or white collar worker.

Perhaps it would be more realistic to provide unskilled jobs for those who cannot develop skills and to teach them that physical labor is honorable. Certainly, a reasonable attempt should be made to ascertain the aptitude of any individual and provide opportunity for him, but beyond that there is a point where such efforts become ridiculous.

The mean IQ of the average Negro child in the United States is approximately 80, while the mean IQ of the average white child is approximately 100. I am told by experts in the field that to be a successful college student one should have an IQ of 110. This means that even the average white student does not have the aptitude to complete a college education. In my opinion such a student, whether he be my child or yours, should go to work and learn a trade so that he can make a living rather than take up space and waste time in college.

The McConé report, the Department of Labor report and other reports state that the Negro has a huge crime rate. Perhaps this is due to the Community climate in which a Negro lives and the outlook on crime in that area. It is no accident that the Negro in the South is a much better citizen than he is in the North with reference to crime. The State of New York has six or seven times as many Negroes in its state penitentiary as does the State of Mississippi, and yet it is alleged that we Mississippians throw a Negro in jail for the slightest provocation. Mississippi, with the highest percentage of Negro population in the nation, last year had the lowest crime rate in the entire nation and this year has the second lowest crime rate. It would appear that such an astonishing regional difference in Negro crime should attract the attention of some of the intellectual sociologists who have been denouncing the South and criticizing our methods.
We admit that our methods are not perfect, and probably never will be, but years of experience in living with the Negro are bound to have brought about certain logical methods and conclusions which produce effective results.

Undoubtedly, many innocent do-gooders, reformers and some sincere people have joined with the sinister forces of Communism and the political witch doctors in perpetuating the falsehood of racial equality. Many good people have been misled into supporting a cause which is neither Christian nor humanitarian. It has uplifted no one and has certainly not been beneficial to either race. It has contributed nothing to peace and good will anywhere on earth as our news headlines testify. Heinous and treacherous crimes are now committed as our nation's Constitution is callously sacrificed on the altar of "civil rights".

Citizens of this country have watched in horror and disbelief as our federal government forcibly registers illiterates throughout the South. What will be the destructive results of mass registration of illiterates? News stories and polls tell us that in many cases the majority of registrants don't know the name of the congressman in their own district or who is president of the United States. They don't know why they are registering or what is decided in an election. Many of these illiterates have been told by the political organizations that herded them to the registration offices that if they didn't register they would lose their social security benefits and welfare checks.

The tragedy of the enrollment of illiterates is bound to have a terrible effect on governmental processes in this country. But the influence of the illiterate will extend beyond the voting booth. For one thing, juries are drawn from the list of registered voters. What law abiding citizen, with an important matter respecting one's freedom or property before the court, would want to be tried by a jury containing illiterates?

If a person cannot read and write, how can he possibly vote intelligently or administer justice as a juror?

While an illiterate can be qualified to vote by a federal registrar in a Southern state, the same illiterate cannot be qualified in other states of this nation. Is this violation of our Constitution another sacrifice to the Golden Calf of racial equality?

Race is a physical condition, a fact, just like being twelve years old or being a woman
is a physical condition which must be recognized and dealt with. Telling Negroes that they are merely black White men and then expecting the Negro as a race to measure up to standards set by the white man is a great disservice to both races and is a lie to begin with.

Among the propaganda lords of this nation and the heads of state no consideration whatsoever has been given to the South’s dissent, “There is a difference between the races which must be recognized and dealt with”. How long will this madness go on. We in the South watch in awe as our nation appears to writhe in an orgy of Negro worship. At the same time the Negro leaders bemoan the plight of their people and state that the situation is getting worse each day, which it is. Evidently, the approach has been wrong.

Integration and the cult of equality can certainly not be justified by the Holy Scripture. For years we in the Citizens’ Council have challenged the integrationist preachers to show us where the Bible advocates integration. This they could never do. On the contrary, it would appear that the Scripture justifies the separation of races according to their talents and ability.

We Southerners are sustained by faith that “the truth will out”. We are convinced that eventually even the most apathetic and complacent Northerner will be forced to look at the facts concerning race. We are convinced that racial differences will, at long last, be recognized and dealt with in a realistic manner devoid of perverted religious concepts and political expediency.

Great Americans in the past have recognized race differences. I would like to quote now the immortal words of one who could certainly not be accused of being a bigot or a hate-monger. These are his words:

“I will say, then, that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races; that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people, and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality, and inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together,
there must be a position of superior and inferior, and I, as much as any other man, am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race.'"

These are the words of Abraham Lincoln, The Great Emancipator, and certainly a friend of the Negro race, spoken on September 18, 1858.

Let us now pledge our hearts, our minds, our fortunes and our organization to the task of preserving our nation and our race.

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