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## Beckwith Relates Financial Needs

Editor, Daily News — Here are my thoughts to you and your readers expressed as best as I can express them under the circumstances.

Because of the crushing burden of personal expense now on our shoulders I am forced to go beyond the scope of my family and friends and let people who do not know me, except by reputation, also do something in our behalf, financially that is.

But let me point out with great emphasis the need for much sound financial assistance to flow, in torrents, into the White Citizens Legal Fund, P. O. Box 738, Greenwood, Miss. This WCL Fund was gotten up by my friends to pay my lawyers whom I chose to defend me. I think that my lawyers are as fine and as capable as any in the state to defend me. The money you send to the WCL Fund must go directly to the fund.

The White Citizens Legal Fund must provide legal assistance to many white persons in the future who may be dragged under the civil rights lash and flogged as unmercifully as I am now flogged. The Fund must grow and grow and grow. So send the Fund money to the Fund and personal assistance to me here at the jail address. I will give it to my wife who looks after our personal affairs. All my mail follows me wherever I go or am sent.

I wish to thank all who have had me in custody, so far, for their kind and considerate treatment. I further observe that any one in jail in this state is as well treated as he or she wishes to be treated. Furthermore from what I have seen at our splendid mental hospital at Whitfield (which I can well believe is among the finest anywhere) all patients are treated with as much care and courtesy as any of you would be treated in the most expensive private hospital anywhere in America.

Thank you for your attention to our situation. I am a friend to all of you and a brother to many, ever anxious to serve you in any way I can—even if it takes my life or my liberty to do it. Proof of this is in my record book as I proudly volunteered and cheerfully served as a United States Marine regular from 1942 to 1946.

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