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Barnett Continues 'Join Or Die' Plea

New Orleans Group Told To Form Solid South

NEW ORLEANS, June 19.—(UPI)—Gov. Ross R. Barnett of Mississippi Wednesday renewed his plea for Southern states to unite in "a compact" to "provide a common front against Federal encroachments."

Governor Barnett said "many politicians are timid and reluctant to act," but "we must no longer remain idle or complacent."

Speaking to a meeting of the Young Men's Business Club here, the segregationist chief executive said, "Let me urge you to call on your representatives, your senators, your governor and other officials and plead with them to join with us for a United South."

Although Governor Barnett did not mention the unpledged elector plan by name, his plea was that Louisiana join Mississippi and Alabama in a program to withhold electors in 1964 and throw the election of the president into the House of Representatives.

"We must work together, pool our energy and our talents to perpetuate our ideals and principles and save this nation from destruction," said the Governor.

"Loyal Americans are hungry for leadership" he said. "The South has the leadership."

Governor Barnett told the young business leaders of the port city that he was "convinced that once the right of a state to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over a local program is lost, human rights, liberty and freedom will absolutely perish."