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By CLIFF SESSIONS JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 25.— (UPI)—Gov. Paul B. Johnson has set out to change his national image.

That is why his inaugural address had a tone of modera-tion foreign to the stump speeches he delivered last

summer.

Governor Johnson billed himself during the gubernatorial campaign as a national symbol to resistance to Federal integration orders.

He boasted when national publications referred to him as the most defiant and vocifer-ous segregationist in the race.

He said the state "stirred the admiration of the world by her spirited stand against the Federal invaders" during the Ole Miss integration show-down, and he repeatedly pointed to his part in the show-

down. All this helped to give Gov-ernor Johnson the candidate's he desired image among voters.

Now he is working for the governor's image he desires among Americans. He believes the different image would be beneficial in the continuing effort to make economic gains

for Mississippi.

Governor Johnson had his Governor Johnson had his national image in mind when he sat down to write his inaugural address. "Hate, or prejudice, or ignorance will not lead Mississippi while I sit in the Governor's chair," he wrote. He also put in a reminder that "we are Americans as well as Mississippians." pians."

Johnson the Governor sounded more like Johnson the candidate later in the speech when he vowed to fight "with every fiber of my being" any authority which he considers authority which he considers morally or constitutionally

wrong.
Still, the address as a whole carried a moderate tenor which was not in evidence while the Governor's race was being run.