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POLICY STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE JACKSON CITIZENS' COUNCIL

1. On July 3, 1964--the day it was signed into law--the Citizens' Council began a nationwide campaign aimed at repealing the so-called "Civil Rights" act. We pledge to continue and intensify our efforts, and to enlist the support of white Americans in every section of our nation who oppose this vicious and tyrannical legislation. Every citizen is perfectly within his legal rights in working to repeal the "Civil Rights" act.
2. We are convinced that many parts of the so-called "Civil Rights" act are unconstitutional--especially the "public accommodations" section. We therefore urge our fellow citizens to wait until this statute has been tested fully in the courts, rather than hastening into blind compliance. Certainly, every citizen retains the right to test the constitutionality of any law in the courts, and we are convinced that the "Civil Rights" act will be thus tested at an early date.
3. The Thirteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution states plainly that "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist within the United States." Forcing anyone to serve another against his wishes is, by definition, "involuntary servitude," and is thus in plain violation of the Constitution.
4. Integration cannot be imposed upon an unwilling white majority by the business community in Jackson, or anywhere else. Businessmen cannot play both sides of the street; they must ultimately choose whether to serve white or negro customers, especially in social or semi-social situations. We applaud the actions taken by the many courageous and principled businessmen in Jackson who are determined to retain the right to operate their own businesses. The few who have broken faith with the community will soon learn that principles are to be valued far above temporary financial gain or a pat on the head from a Washington politician.
5. Businessmen in Jackson and elsewhere are still protected by laws against trespass and disorderly conduct. They are still free to call for police assistance to remove from their premises those who enter for the purpose of causing trouble.
6. Information available to us shows conclusively that a majority of the members of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce are not in sympathy with the surrender statement recently issued by a few Chamber directors, meeting in a secret rump session to pass a Washington-sponsored integration resolution. We deplore such misleading actions by which a fine name is used for an unworthy purpose, and urge all members of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce to make their protests known.
7. We applaud the sound and well-reasoned statements on the "Civil Rights" act issued by Governor Paul B. Johnson, Governor George Wallace of Alabama, and other Southern leaders, and urge citizens to act accordingly.
8. We urge the white majority in Jackson and other communities throughout the nation to make known its opposition to the "Civil Rights" act by refusing to eat, swim or sleep under integrated conditions. If negroes enter a restaurant, swimming pool, hotel or motel to force themselves into mixed social situations (which the many self-respecting negroes of Jackson will not do), then the whites present can protest effectively--and in a peaceful, lawful and non-violent manner--by vacating the premises immediately. There is no law requiring whites to eat with negroes--yet. Any whites who do remain would--by their failure to protest--contribute to the cause of integration and delay the strong white reaction which is essential for repeal of this impossible race legislation.

9. Finally, we urge the white majority to take a lesson from the opposition and start now to bloc vote. Repeal of the "Civil Rights" act ought to be the foremost issue in every campaign for public office from this day forward. Any candidate who gives any air or comfort whatsoever to the "Civil Rights" force bill, or who aligns himself in any way with those responsible for its enactment, should be firmly opposed by every white voter who believes in freedom and respects his own race.

Explanatory Statement

Due to the unprecedented conditions brought about by the enactment of the mis-named "Civil Rights" bill and the consequent imposition of the negro revolution on Southern white people by the power of the Federal government, we feel it is necessary to state our present policy and plans for action insofar as the Jackson Citizens' Council is concerned.

While conditions may--and probably will--change rapidly in a situation as volatile as the one now forced upon a resentful populace, we feel that certain basic truths will not change, and that our people need to be reminded of them now.

First and foremost is the proven fact that the overwhelming majority of white people, regardless of compulsory legislation, regardless of the lip service they may pay to "liberal" propaganda slogans, and regardless of the region in which they live, will not--we repeat, WILL NOT--integrate with substantial numbers of negroes! There is simply no power on earth which can make them do it! This is just as true of New York and California, which have attempted to enforce stringent "Civil Rights" laws for years, as it is of Mississippi. Therefore, the widespread enforcement or acceptance of the "Civil Rights" act will not result in much integration--but it will result in chaos!

Secondly, the overwhelming majority opposed to imposition of the negro revolution on our society is by no means helpless, as some panicky statements by those urging blind and passive submission seem to suggest. If integration leaders had only taken such an attitude of compliance during the past 50 years, we would never have had our present troubles.

The white majority is not empty-handed! Among the many possibilities, there are two principal avenues of action open to us. These include the use of powerful socioeconomic and political weapons which, until now, have scarcely been touched. A nine-point program for action is outlined above.

"Civil Rights" bills have been enacted against the South before, and they were beaten back--not through supine acquiescence, but through organized socioeconomic and political unity!

We vow that we will spare no effort to work unceasingly for the earliest possible repeal of the present "Civil Rights" act--or for its successful challenge in the courts. We urge every citizen to join with us in giving no aid or comfort, by word or deed, to the avowed advocates of negro political domination and integration.

We can buy white--we can vote white! By so doing, and with a massive, united and determined protest, we can hasten repeal of this vicious anti-Southern force bill!

SOMETHING YOU CAN DO

We understand that the Jackson Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is meeting Friday. If you are a member of the Chamber of Commerce and you disagree with the surrender statement issued a few days ago, please write the Chamber of Commerce and express your disapproval of such unwise action. Their statement urging compliance with the "Civil Rights" act is being used by NAACP leaders to encourage massive use of all such restaurants, hotels and motels now cooperating with them. Now is the time to speak up! We urge every member to let the Chamber know how he feels. The address is: Board of Directors, Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Lamar Life Bldg., Jackson, Miss.

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