

George Wallace's Record No Platform for Election

To the editor:

George Wallace's bid for the presidency will apparently be based on the nation's rising crime rate, declining morality and his advocacy of local control of schools.

If murder is any index of crime then George must have failed somewhere. The rate of murder in Alabama is the highest in the nation at 11.5 per 100,000 population and is more than twice the 5.1 national average. Further, there are only three states that have a higher aggravated assault rate than Alabama.

With regards to declining morality, George failed again if venereal disease is any index. In 1962 Alabama ranked eighth in the incidence of venereal disease, but now ranks second. Only New Jersey has a higher per cent of venereal disease than Alabama. Alabama ranks fifth in divorces.

Regarding Alabama schools, the control thereof has shifted almost entirely from the local school boards to the capital in Montgomery under the Wallace regime. This can be verified by almost any county superintendent of education.

This, based on his own record, in areas of his own choosing, Wallace's performance has been to say the least very sad.

The following examples indicate the failures of the Wallace administration in other areas:

EDUCATION: Alabama ranks 47th in expenditures per pupil. The student load per teacher is among the heaviest in the nation.

TAXES: Under the Wallace administration, sales tax has been increased 25 per cent, automobile tags over 300 per cent, drivers license 100 per cent and similar increases have been made in taxes on cigarettes, whiskey, etc. In addition, the Wallace administration has increased the indebtedness of Alabama

more than any previous governor in the history of Alabama.

HOUSING: The per cent of sound housing in Alabama is 53.5 and only 3 other states have a lower rate. Alabama has the most persons per household than any other state in the Union.

RACE RELATIONS: Wallace's segregation now and forever statement, his schoolhouse door stand and his repeated attempts to prevent Negroes from attending state universities are well known.

INCOME: Alabama ranks 47th in per capita income and 49th in per family income. There is a higher per cent of Alabamians (26.6) receiving less than \$2,000 per year than any other state in the Union, except Arkansas. The national average is only 13.1 per cent.

With the natural resources and fine citizenry that Alabama has it should be and could be one of the most productive and prosperous states in the Union. It stands to reason that George Wallace could not do any better as president than he has done as governor of Alabama.

It should be noted that less than 12 per cent of the voting age population in Alabama voted for George Wallace in his successful bid for governor. This surely cannot be considered a mandate for his views. Further, the votes received by George Wallace in Maryland, Wisconsin, and Indiana were largely protest votes against local candidates and conditions.

It would behoove us all to vote for a man based on his own merits rather than his opponent's faults; and, to support or "stand up" for those true American principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots of every race, color and creed have sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

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Dr. R. Bedotto (left) hands over his office as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for North Las Vegas to newly elected officers, Hal Fincher, Chairman, and Theron Goynes (right), Vice-Chairman.

Dr. Bedotto was presented a plaque to mark his term of service by R. O. Forson, Director of Parks and Recreation, on behalf of the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department. (Dick Walpole Photo)

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