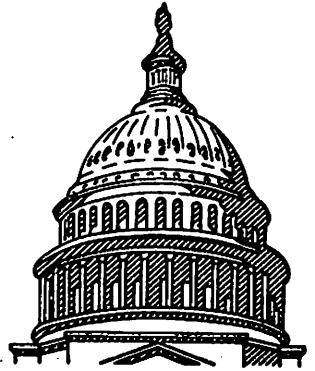




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## Reports to the people



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HEAVY VOTE IN WISCONSIN FOR GOVERNOR WALLACE CONFIRMS MY ESTIMATE  
THAT RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE FED-UP WITH SIT-INS, RIOTS

DEAR FRIEND:

The spectacular vote for Governor George Wallace in Wisconsin dramatizes and confirms more than ever what I have been saying now for many months:

Millions of responsible Americans in the North as well as in the South are fed up and disgusted with Negro demonstrations, boycotts, "freedom" marches, sit-ins, rioting and all the other reckless acts of violence and lawlessness which mark the drive for so-called racial equality.

In Washington, on June 29, 1963, I said:

"The civil rights proposal has stirred up a hornet's nest throughout the length and breadth of the South. But there is growing evidence now that reasonable people everywhere are just plain sick and tired of the unreasonable insistence of Negro extremists for immediate and total 'equality.'

"Several Members of Congress from the North tell me privately that racial ill-feeling in their areas has reached the point that a hardening--and, to them, unexpected--wall of opposition to the civil rights bill is springing up."

A lot of folks outside the South accused me of talking "through my hat" when I made that statement ten months ago--but events since then, including Governor Wallace's great showing in the Wisconsin primary, emphasize the truth of what I said.

Some Members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation attempted to hand their people the "line" that Governor Wallace does not have the support of the people of Alabama and the South. As soon as I heard about it, I moved immediately to nail down this obvious falsehood. I sent the following telegram to our governor at his headquarters in Milwaukee:

NO WISCONSIN MEMBER OF CONGRESS IS AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK FOR ME. I APPLAUD YOUR STAND IN TAKING THE STATES RIGHTS FIGHT OUTSIDE THE DEEP SOUTH. THIS IS A NATIONAL PROBLEM AND NOT A SECTIONAL ONE. YOU HAVE DONE A MAGNIFICENT JOB IN ALERTING THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION TO THE DANGERS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL AND, IN THIS EFFORT I STAND WITH YOU. Signed Carl Elliott, Member of Congress.

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The death of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur takes from our midst one of the greatest and most inspirational military leaders of all time. General MacArthur was a man of valor and courage, one who placed duty, honor, and country above all other considerations. I mourn his passing, as, I know, all Alabamians do.

*Carl Elliott*