

THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION IS BY GOVERNOR FRANK CLEMENT, OF TENNESSEE, AT EXERCISES IN JOHNSON CITY CELEBRATING UNIVERSITY STATUS FOR EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY:

"WE HAVE PROBLEMS IN TENNESSEE.

"WHEN IT GETS TO THE POINT FOR THE STATE TO ACT...WE WILL ACT.

"I DO NOT INTEND TO INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHT AND DUTY OF LOCALITIES.

"BUT IT IS THE DUTY OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO SEE THAT LAW IS ENFORCED... AND WE WILL CONDUCT AFFAIRS IN THIS STATE SO THAT FEDERAL TROOPS WILL NEVER MARCH IN."

GOVERNOR CLEMENT WAS REFERRING TO RACIAL PROBLEMS, AND OBVIOUSLY TO DISORDERS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED AT NASHVILLE AND KNOXVILLE OVER THE INTEGRATION OR NON-INTEGRATION OF EATING PLACES AND THEATERS.

I REPEAT PART OF HIS STATEMENT: "WHEN IT GETS TO THE POINT FOR THE STATE TO ACT....WE WILL ACT."

THE GOVERNOR HAS THUS SERVED A WARNING AND A CHALLENGE.

IT IS A WARNING TO THOSE WHO ARE DEMONSTRATING TO THE POINT OF VIOLENCE OVER SITUATIONS WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE BASIC RIGHTS AND BASIC FREEDOMS.

IT IS A CHALLENGE TO ALL TENNESSEANS TO LOOK SENSIBLY AT THEIR RACIAL PROBLEMS...AND LET NO ONE MISTAKE IT, IF A TIME COMES FOR ROUGH ACTION BY THE STATE, FRANK CLEMENT WILL TAKE IT.

IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE THE GOVERNOR AND MANY LEADERS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY STATUS CELEBRATION IN JOHNSON CITY.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS IT HAS BEEN REFRESHING TO VISIT THAT CAMPUS. TODAY IT WAS EXHILIRATING.

PRESIDENT DOSSETT REMARKED THAT NEVER BEFORE HAS ANYTHING PULLED THE PEOPLE OF EAST TENNESSEE SO CLOSELY TOGETHER AS THE VIGOROUS FIGHT FOR UNIVERSITY STANDING.....NEVER BEFORE HAS A MOVEMENT OR EVENT FOCUSED SO MUCH ATTENTION ON THE REALITIES OF THE EDUCATIONAL, INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS SCENE---BOTH NOW AND ITS POSSIBILITIES---IN UPPER EAST TENNESSEE.

....AND THERE IS NOT ANYTHING IN THE REGION THAT CAN RIVAL THE IMPACT OF A MULTI-PURPOSE UNIVERSITY WITH A STRONG FACULTY EXERTING AN INFLUENCE ON THE GROWTH OF INDUSTRY, TRANSPORTATION AND BUSINESS.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT ASSERTED THAT THE MULTI-PURPOSE UNIVERSITY WITH A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS TO DEAL WITH DIVERSE TRAINING DESIRES, MUST ALSO HAVE WELL DEFINE OBJECTIVES, AND THESE OBJECTIVES MUST BE FUSED TOGETHER IN A COHESIVE PROGRAM HE CALLED FOR THE SCHOOL TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AREA.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY ALREADY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AREA; ALREADY IT IS GIVING GREAT ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING TO INDUSTRY PERSONNEL AT BRISTOL, KINGSPORT, JOHNSON CITY AND OTHER POINTS IN AN ENORMOUS INDUSTRIAL REALM.

DR. DOSSETT SAYS THE SCHOOL HAS ACCEPTED ITS CHALLENGE; THAT IT LOOKS FORWARD TO RENDERING GREATER SERVICE. THE FACULTY LONG AGO ACCEPTED IT. AND STUDENTS AT EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY HAVE ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE.

TRY VISITING THAT CAMPUS, AND ASK A FEW INTELLIGENT QUESTIONS.

YOU WILL BE WARMED BY THE REFRESHING ATTITUDE OF STUDENTS; YOU CAN BECOME EXCITED BY THE VIGOROUS INTELLECT IN THE CLASSROOMS.