The most popular man in the State of Mississippi today is Governor Ross. R. Barnett, a segregationist's segregationist.

People cheer him when he appears on the streets. He is on the front page of every newspaper in the country. Millions watch his face on television everyday. Yet not long ago he was booed by 50,000 people at a University of Mississippi football game. His prison system was pock-marked with scandals. The press and political moderates attacked him this year when he spent $10,500 for gold plating in the bathroom in the governor's mansion. Even the rednecks who form his strongest base of support were wild. Today, all that is forgotten in even in Oxford, Mississippi which has always been a stronghold of former Governor J.P. Coleman territory, people are lining up strongly behind King Ross in his battle with the Federal government.

(Today Barnett drove to Oxford from Jackson, and went into seclusion in the University Alumni house. The campus is swarming with police. They are wearing helmet liners and steel pots, carrying gas masks and night sticks. There are also several car loads of police dogs, and more than 100 deputy sheriffs wearing white arm bands.)