Roy Wilkins' statement to the CORE Convention could serve as a critique of the Kerner Report. "We need now," Mr. Wilkins said, "to turn our attention to ourselves, not in the spiteful criticism that has marked the past, but in the cool and honest evaluation demanded by the times."

Mr. Wilkins touches the heart of the matter when he says, "We do not correct white racism by erecting black racism." If then we are not to move toward two nations — separate and unequal, black and white — let us move away from treating problems as black versus white. Let us move toward a concept of responsible Americans with a stake in society versus those who would exploit despair to destroy.

And let all Americans be guided by the prophetic words of Abraham Lincoln:

"Property is the fruit of labor; property is desirable; it is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise.

"Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built."

MESSAGE AT DEDICATION CEREMONIES, TIDEWATER COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

(Delivered by Avery W. Hall)

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Today marks the culmination of one great effort and the beginning of another. Today's ceremony celebrates the dedication of a college and the dedication of a community to its creation.

Six years of concentrated and concerted efforts have gone into the establishment of Tidewater College. At a time when our State and nation desperately need higher educational facilities, the many benefactors of Tidewater College are to be commended and congratulated for their imaginative development of Francis V. duPont's gift to the Cambridge community.

Horn's Point was bestowed to expand "the educational, cultural and economic" growth of this area. The precise utilization of the