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Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Rep. John Bell Williams of Raymond called Monday for the firing of Dr. James W. Silver, University of Mississippi professor who has repeatedly criticized state segregation policies.

Williams told delegates to the Mississippi LP Gas Dealers Association convention at the King Edward Hotel that "Silver has bitten the hand which has fed him for 28 years. It's time we call his bluff and get rid of him."

He said it is time for "Mississippi to fumigate its college staffs" and replace the casualties "with professors who will teach Americanism and not foreign ideologies."

CITES SPEECH

The veteran congressman, now in his ninth term, referred to a recent speech by Silver at Asheville, N.C., in which the professor called Mississippi a "closed society" where the white man does not dare speak out and the search for truth has "become a casualty."

Williams accused the Kennedy administration of attempting to set up a "totalitarian dictatorship in this country" and that the maneuver could succeed thanks to "the thousands and thousands of gullible people who accept the promises of power-hungry politicians to give them something for nothing."

He said that unless "the Kennedys are booted out of office in 1964 "I'm afraid this country has seen its last free election."

Williams said it is the aim of liberal politicians to turn this country into a "faceless society in which all people look to the government for sustenance. In return, the people will have to surrender their freedoms."

The congressman said many Americans are beginning to believe the government is a "great white father to take care of them in their old age

or during adversity. This kind of thinking leads to a belief that there is no need to work—just let the other fellow do it and then share in the fruits of his labor."

LIKE COMMUNISM

Williams said this philosophy is identical to "Communism with which are now engaged in a cold war."

He said the Kennedy administration, through the Federal Communications Commission, is imposing censorship on radio and television news and comments; that the so-called "equal time doctrine" is being imposed against conservative groups but not against liberals and socialists.

Williams said the South is being bombarded by television commentaries designed to "embarrass the people for alleged mistreatment of Negroes. But not a single minute is devoted to the process of defending segregation of the races."

"Fortunately," he said, "the Kennedys have not gained control of the printed media. If they ever do, we will truly be living in a totalitarian state."