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President of the Citizens Council during Little Rock, Arkansas school integration crisis, 1957-58.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Comments on the states rights aspects of the integration crisis. Why Little Rock was the focus for a school integration crisis. The Citizens Council; educational purposes of the Council; Council's assistance in bringing Roy Harris and Governor Griffin of Georgia to speak at Little Rock on problems of integration; Council's close, personal connections with Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus; Council's support of boycott of Arkansas Gazette; fund raising for the Council. Short comments on the integration crisis; the Brooks Hays-Dale Alford election; why DDE reacted as he did; importance of Virgil Blossom.

[Columbia University Oral history Project interview by John Luter, 1970]