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Senator Edmund S. Muskie, in outlining his program for breaking up giant monopolies, today linked President Nixon and Alabama Governor George Wallace for their service to special privilege.

Campaigning in Indiana, where he picked up the endorsement of that state's Senator Birch Bayh, Muskie proposed legislation to curtail the expansion of corporations with more than \$250 million in sales, such as International Telephone and Telegraph. (See Thursday, March 16 release, "Muskie Outlines Trust-Busting Plans," for details.)

"It is time," the Democratic presidential candidate said, "to restore free enterprise to a central place in American life. As President, I will fight against the monopolies and the mergers that fix prices, destroy jobs, diminish competition and buy influence over our public officials and our lives."

In contrast, he said, "George Wallace's friends are not in the factories or small business of this land. His friends are in the wood-panelled boardrooms of corporate power."

"And just as Richard Nixon's Southern Strategy is a mirror image of George Wallace's racism, so also is the Nixon favoritism for the special few a mirror image of the Wallace giveaways to big business."

The text is attached.