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Farris Bryant returned to home base in Ocala last night (Saturday) for observance of Easter after two weeks of vigorous campaigning which took him into all sections of the state.

Bryant drove to Ocala from Plant City after visiting in Sarasota, Palmetto and Bradenton yesterday. In Palmetto he was met by a motorcade which escorted him into Bradenton.

Appearing on television in Ft. Myers Friday night, the gubernatorial candidate said the fight for segregation is another phase of the fight of the states to "determine their own destinies" in those areas reserved to them.

"This is a continuation of the fight that has been going on for 175 years," he declared. The fight against the loyalty oath in the Democratic national convention in 1952 when Bryant led the Florida delegation in favor of Sen. Richard Russell was a part of that issue, he said.

"The edicts and laws issued from the plush offices in Washington are made without an understanding of the problems in our section of the country," he said, "and do not fit the needs of our state."

"Government is remote and unresponsive when it is not close to home," he continued.

The segregation problem must be met with "determination - not violence, love - not hatred," Bryant declared.

"I believe the segregation problem should be solved on a basis, not of violence, but of lifting each race to its highest level of development in its own sphere," Bryant said.

He said that as early as Aug. 20, 1954 he charged that if integration were forced on the South "it would result in the destruction of the public school system." "We can't let that happen," he added.

Segregation can be maintained with firmness, patience, tolerance and intelligence," he said.

Bryant began his second week of active campaigning in Miami, where he appeared on two television stations and answered listeners' questions on a three-hour radio program Monday night. "The response indicated genuine interest in an honest administration," he said. "Many people who had seen me on television have stopped me on the street assuring me of their whole-hearted support."

In his first Miami television appearance Bryant challenged the Miami Herald's ~~xxx~~ editorial statements that he had opposed the turnpike. Bryant said he introduced the turnpike bill in 1953, and wrote the amendment calling for a study of the full-length turnpike bill. ~~xxx~~ In 1955 he led the fight for passage of the full-length turnpike bill, the candidate said.

In Orlando Wednesday, the Governorship candidate was met by a 50-car calvalcade which had driven from Coala, Leesburg and points in between. The Bryant rooters canvassed the downtown area urging people to listen to their candidate that night.

A visit to Polk county Thursday included handshaking excursions in Haines City, Davenport and Bartow and a speech at Mann Park in Lakeland that night. Friday, Bryant was a guest at a Kivania luncheon in Arcadia and greeted people in Punta Gorda before moving into Ft. Myers for meetings with supporters and his television appearance in the evening.

Bryant reported that strong organizations have been established in the cities he visited. "Organizations have been set up in practically all of the large counties," he said, "and in most of the smaller counties."

He said he has enough money now to present himself to the people on television five nights a week throughout the campaign. "I will be in this race until the last ballot is counted," he added.