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OUTLINE OF ADDRESS BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF WINTHROP COLLEGE, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA, JUNE 1, 1947.

A. Introduction
1. Congratulations
2. Splendid service of Winthrop
3. Remain S. C.
4. Facts to be presented.
   a. Refuse to believe them
   b. Accept with indifference
   c. Face truth squarely and correct.
5. Leadership: Whether homemakers, teachers, business or other.

B. Picture of S. C.
1. Education.
   - Illiteracy: almost 3 times high as natl. av.
   - 8% no school yrs.
   - Attendance: 18% not enrolled, 20% absent every day.
   - Drop out: those entering 1st yr., 50%; 7th yr., 25% before graduation, 1 of 4 grad.
   - 15% reject. for war.
   - Audio visual
   - Radio (21 St.)
   - Teachers: 1839 permits last yr., 1 of 8; salaries.
   - Coordination colleges.

   - 33% reject. for war
   - 90 to 95% elem. children need dental attention.
   - 16,000 mothers had babies without doctors.
   - 3rd. highest St. in infant deaths.
   - 5th highest St. in venereal disease.
   - Schools for doctors, and nurses.
   - Hospitals

   - 6 mill arrest. and fignerpt.
   - 1 every 23 inhab.
   - 21% under 21.
   - 17 yr. old boys & 18 yr. old girls.
   - 70% adult crime, juv. delin.
   - S. C.
     - Murder and manslaughter:
     - Aggravative assault: 6
     - Larceny: 14
     - Burglary: 23
     - Robbery: 23

   Prevention not punishment.
   - Individualization of treatment.

4. Industrial Dev.
   - 1929-45 per capita income increased 163%, highest increase in U.S., S. C. 3rd lowest per capita income in nation, only above Ark. and Miss.
   - Low per capita income due to low income agr.
   - Rank 44th among Sts. in money spent per child on Edn., altho 19th in effort.
- More smoke stacks.
- Resources: timber, sand, clay & kaolin (alumina in Aiken Co.), cotton seed.
- Conn: 75% by S.S.; 99 of 1,000
  S.C.: 42% by S.S.; 249 of 1,000.

5. Ports.

- 61% schools no libraries.
- 43% cities no libraries.
- $ book per person.
- U.S. $1.00 per person, S.C. 17¢.

7. Reforms in Government.
   a. Women.
   b. Reorganization sta. govt.
   c. Co. govt.
   d. Merit sys.
   e. Liquor.
      - 3½ mil. gals, 64 mil $.

C. Form