

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EMERGENCY FUEL OIL COORDINATOR,
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, JANUARY 2, 1948.

Governor J. Strom Thurmond announced today the appointment of Edward H. Talbert as Emergency Fuel Oil Coordinator. He will serve until the present winter has passed.

Governor Thurmond stated: "Mr. Talbert is already in the employ of the State as Director of the Surplus Property Procurement Division of the State Research, Planning and Development Board. I have chosen him to do this temporary work because of his knowledge of South Carolina and his past experience with the oil industry when he was District Director of the O.P.A."

Governor Thurmond further said, "I am going to cooperate in every way to relieve as many hardship cases as possible. This fuel oil shortage exists in the New England states and all of the Eastern Seaboard states. Many of the oil companies and distributors here and elsewhere have volunteered to cooperate in an effort to improve the overall acute situation. We need and solicit the cooperation of everyone to prevent many families from suffering from cold before the winter is over. I want to request custodians of all State, County, and publicly-owned buildings to set the example by conserving as much fuel oil as possible during the conservation program in this crisis. Mayors, office holders and other public-spirited citizens will be called on to lend their assistance to the program. Detailed information will be released by Mr. Talbert as the program develops."

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