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For the Press

Tuesday, May 25, 1948

The names of those to be appointed by Governor J. Strom Thurmond to membership on the newly-created State Marketing Commission and the Committee of Twenty-One to study revision of the State Constitution will be announced in the Governor's annual report to the people on the accomplishments of the 1948 General Assembly, the Governor's office announced today.

According to terms of the Acts passed by the Assembly, Governor Thurmond must name five members of the Marketing Commission and five members of the Constitutional Committee.

The General Assembly address will be heard Wednesday night in a statewide radio broadcast originating at W.I.S., Columbia. The speech will be picked up by seven other major radio stations throughout the State and will be heard from 8:00 to 8:30 P. M. Wednesday.

The Governor last year launched an annual practice of making such reports to the people when he discussed on June 4 the activities of the 1947 Legislature, and outlined his hopes for additional legislation.

The State Reorganization Act, passed by the General Assembly during its 1948 session upon the recommendation of the Governor, is expected to occupy an outstanding position in Governor Thurmond's
report, since it has been a prominent feature of his four-year program.

As enacted by the 87th General Assembly, the Reorganization Act provides for the creation of a Reorganization Commission of 13 persons who will study various departments of the State Government and recommend legislation designed to eliminate overlapping functions, duplication of services, and lack of coordination in State departments.

The Governor also is expected to ask for wide public support of the proposed Constitutional Amendment which restricts the pardoning power of the Executive except in capital cases, leaving nearly all powers of clemency in the hands of the State Probation, Parole and Pardon Board. The Amendment is to be voted on by citizens in the next General Election.

Governor Thurmond said today he had been hard at work on the Legislative report despite his intensive activities in opposition to the Truman Civil Rights controversy.

"I feel that the people of our State have a right to a frequent report on the progress of their Government," he declared. "There are pressing issues which should be brought to their attention as often as possible. I want not only to report to them on recent progress but also to ask their help in securing many other improvements in our State's governmental structure which still have not been provided by the General Assembly."
The Governor Friday night declared he did not intend to offer himself as a candidate for the U. S. Senate this year. In response to a question asked by a student at a Carolina University Young Democrats Club meeting, he reiterated his campaign pledge that he would not run for the U. S. Senate in 1948.

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