

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE NEED FOR SAFE DRIVING ON JULY 4, 1948.

Governor J. Strom Thurmond today urged South Carolina drivers who plan automobile trips during the July 4 holiday week-end, to observe extra safety precautions because of the danger of fatal accidents during a holiday period.

"Anyone who plans to drive a car next week-end will do well to remember that traffic accidents always increase during holidays," Governor Thurmond said.

The Governor said South Carolina's accident record last July 4 "does not make pleasant reading."

"There were 15 persons killed in traffic accidents in this State on July 3-6, 1947, according to records of the State Highway Patrol," Governor Thurmond said. "In addition, 90 persons were injured, and 139 accidents were reported."

"Driving a little slower and a little more soberly and carefully may save many lives during the holiday," the Governor added.