

**MESSAGE OF**

**STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, WELCOMING DELEGATES TO THE  
SOUTHERN FEDERATION OF SYRIAN-LEBANON AMERICAN  
CLUBS, AUGUST 7, 1948.**

It is a great pleasure to extend the hand of good fellowship and heartiest greetings to our good friends, the delegates to the Southern Federation of Syrian-Lebanon American Clubs. Your splendid organization has long been of much interest to me, because of the many personal friends I have among your membership.

These are critical days in our Nation. We are faced with momentous questions which deserve the prayerful attention of all those who cherish our way of life, and who believe that way of life must be preserved if all our peoples are to go forward in peace and harmony for a happier existence.

The Syrian-Lebanon Clubs will have the hearty cooperation of us all in South Carolina's Capital City, in making your convention a success.

With every good wish for your prosperity and happiness,

Cordially yours,

J. Strom Thurmond  
Governor

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