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STATEMENT BY E. C. RHODES AND R. CLIFF HARPER REGARDING PLANE AND TRAIN FACILITIES TO HOUSTON, TEXAS FOR SPEECH OF GOVERNOR J. STROM THURMOND ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AS THE STATES' RIGHTS DEMOCRATS CANDIDATE, AUGUST 11, 1948, 8:00 PM, CST.

Great interest is being manifested in Governor Thurmond's acceptance speech to be delivered at Houston, Texas on next Wednesday night, August 11. This address will be broadcast over the major radio networks of the Nation.

In view of the great interest and the desire of so many South Carolinians to go to Texas to attend this meeting, a special train will be run to Texas to take them. The train will be run over the Southern Railroad and will leave Columbia at 11:20 next Tuesday morning, August 10, which gives the people an opportunity to vote before leaving the State, and will arrive at Houston on Wednesday afternoon. Persons in the Piedmont section, if they prefer, can board this train in Spartanburg. The train has Pullman accommodations and no hotel arrangements in Texas will be necessary, since the persons can sleep on the Pullman.

Responses are coming in from all over the State and it is expected that a full train load of South Carolinians from the home State of our Presidential candidate will make this trip.

Arrangements are also being made for special plane trips to Houston, Texas to leave Columbia Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock and arrive at Houston that afternoon around 5 o'clock. Persons going by plane will return home the next day, arriving Thursday afternoon.

Those desiring to go to Houston, Texas by train are requested to contact General E. C. Rhodes, Comptroller General of S. C., who is in charge of transportation arrangements. His office telephone number is 8361, his residence number is 5353.

Those desiring to travel by plane are requested to contact R. Cliff Harper, 1228 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C., who is in charge of the plane accommodations. His office telephone number is 2-2131, his residence number is 2-9934.
Hotel arrangements can be made for those going by plane by Mr. Harper. As stated, no hotel accommodations will be necessary for those going by train.