

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA AND STATES' RIGHTS PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE ON RESULT OF GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER
2, 1948. NOVEMBER 3, 1948.

I have just sent the following telegram to
President Truman:

"PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN AT THE BALLOT BOX AND YOU
ARE ENTITLED TO THE UNITED SUPPORT OF A UNITED PEOPLE. YOU
CAN REST ASSURED THAT AS GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA I SHALL
COOPERATE WITH YOU AND YOUR ADMINISTRATION IN EVERY
CONSTITUTIONAL ENDEAVOR LOOKING TOWARD THE PROGRESS OF OUR
PEOPLE AND A LASTING PEACE. MAY GOD GIVE YOU THE STRENGTH
TO MEET THE TREMENDOUS TASKS THAT LIE AHEAD."

I want to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks
to the people of every State in which we campaigned for their loyal
and unflagging devotion to the cause for which we were fighting.

Four states carried out the program chart^{er}ed
by the Southern Governors' Conference. Had other Southern States
followed a similar course the election would have been thrown into
the House. Regardless of the outcome of the election we feel that
a definite contribution has been made to constitutional government
in America. ~~We set out to prove a point in American political life~~
~~and it is clear that we did it.~~

It is our duty as good Americans and true
Democrats to close ranks and work together as a nation for peace
in the world and the continued progress of the American people at
home.