

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN
BEING LAUNCHED BY BENEDICT COLLEGE, COLUMBIA,
SOUTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER 26, 1948.

The Benedict College campaign to raise \$150,000 for permanent improvement gives to the white people of South Carolina a real opportunity to help the Negroes of this State through education.

For many years this Christian institution has contributed greatly to the upbuilding of the Negro. Among its graduates are leaders in many fields of endeavor. The college has proved its worth.

The campaign for funds should give Benedict College the facilities to do a better job of educating Negroes, and therefore, should contribute toward raising their standard of living.

As one who believes that racial harmony can prevail between the races in the South, I congratulate the College on its decision to present its needs to the white people of South Carolina.

I feel sure the white people will respond generously. By so doing, South Carolina can prove its genuine desire and determination to help its Negro citizens help themselves.

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