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STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, DURING SOUTHERN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE,
OVER A NATION WIDE HOOKUP OF AMERICAN BROADCASTING
COMPANY FROM FLORIDIAN HOTEL, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,
FEBRUARY 7, 1948, 11:00 P.M.

The people of the South have been shocked by the spectacle of the political parties of this country engaging in competitive bidding for the votes of small pressure groups by attacking the traditions, customs, and institutions of the section in which we live.

It is our purpose to demand and attain for our people the respect and consideration to which they are entitled but which they have not received from the nation's political leaders.

Under my resolution the Southern Governors have gone on record as deploring ill considered legislative proposals designed only to divide our people at a time when national unity is vital to the establishment of peace in this troubled world. By joint and common action we intend to prevent the Democratic party from being engulfed by those who advocate a doctrine alien to the American way of life. Before the next meeting of the Governors' Conference, to be held within 40 days, we expect to present a program which will carry out our objectives which we sincerely believe are for the best interest of the nation as a whole.

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