

Many leading newspapers outside the South have pointed out that Governor J. Strom Thurmond is a liberal and a progressive. Among them --

The Christian Science Monitor said on July 19: "They have picked a strong, able southern politician to lead them, a young, vigorous man of forthright appeal, a Clemson graduate, a lawyer in his early forties, who was borne off the beach at Normandy wounded. He came home after four years of army service wearing 14 decorations for valor in combat to be elected governor --- His nomination gives people everywhere pause. Many of those whom he earnestly referred to as the 'good people of the South' will think twice between now and November before writing off a man of Governor Thurmond's stature. His leadership of the Dixie revolt, it is believed, will make many Southerners wonder if his acceptance of the nomination does not hold out a warning that the civil rights program attempts to achieve by revolution what the majority of southern politicians in the Deep South insist can only come with the gradual, growing process of time."

The Washington (D. C.) Evening Star said on July 21:

"Governor Thurmond's record as a progressive advocate for a better deal for the Negro in the South entitles him to a respectful hearing when he says that he has become the presidential candidate of the rebellious Southern Democrats as a matter of principle resting on States' rights, and not as a champion of white supremacy."

The Hartford Courant, declaring Gov. Thurmond was conducting himself with "dignity and intelligence," said on July 23: "In taking his stand now Governor Thurmond is being consistent with his own record of decency. Furthermore, in his stand on States' Rights, he is also consistent with the historic traditions of the Democratic Party .... There are many serious students of government who believe that this country can attain fullest vigor only by strengthening local government and further developing local leadership."

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