

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ANNOUNCING THE RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM LOWNDES DANIEL, JR., EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 1948.

Governor J. Strom Thurmond has announced that his Executive Secretary, Colonel William Lowndes Daniel, Jr., of Columbia and Greenwood, has resigned his position, effective today.

He said Colonel Daniel had indicated to him some months ago that he would like to return to private life. A date for the resignation had been agreed upon, but Colonel Daniel has remained longer than anticipated because of unforeseen developments connected with the Governor's nomination as a Presidential candidate.

"It is with considerable regret that I have accepted Colonel Daniel's resignation," Governor Thurmond said. "His service to the State of South Carolina has been of exceptionally high quality, and he has handled the exacting duties of the office with great ability.

"My association with Colonel Daniel has been a genuine pleasure to me, and I greatly appreciate his energetic assistance in the Governor's office. He has given unsparingly of his time, often working far into the night out of a devotion to duty and a desire to render the best possible service to our State," the Governor added.

Colonel Daniel has served as Executive Secretary throughout Governor Thurmond's administration, having accepted the position at the time of the Inauguration in January, 1947. A great portion of his career has been devoted to the public service and to the Armed Forces. During the war he was a Colonel and was a member of the War Department General Staff under General Marshall. He was one of the planners of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the world-wide troops of the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard.

On returning to private life, Colonel Daniel said he would follow the further career of Governor Thurmond with the greatest interest.

"I have profound admiration for Governor Thurmond and for his able, progressive, determined, and courageous leadership in the affairs of our State," Colonel Daniel said. "I also admire the

firm stand he has taken in matters that affect the Nation and the world at this critical time. I feel that Governor Thurmond is one of South Carolina's outstanding statesmen of all time and one of the Nation's greatest men. The Nation and the world will hear more and more of him as time goes on. Those who are attempting to tear down what our ancestors struggled so hard to establish and fought so hard to preserve, will have to reckon with him in no small way."

"It has been an honor and a privilege to be associated with him in both public and private life," he added, "as well as with each member of the office staff."

Colonel Daniel expressed his personal appreciation to all those with whom he has been associated in connection with the duties of the office, including each member of the General Assembly and their attaches; each member of the Judiciary and their staffs; officials and employees of all state institutions, departments, boards, and commissions; all members of Congress and their associates; the editors and reporters of newspapers and other publications throughout the State; the management and personnel of the State's radio stations, and to all the members of the Governor's personal staff and friends throughout the State who have given constant assistance in affairs connected with the office.

He said he planned to leave immediately for a vacation trip of several weeks. Because of leaving over the week-end he said he would be unable to say goodbye personally to those with whom he has been associated, but that he hoped to visit them for that purpose upon his return to the State.

Colonel D. H. Kennedy, of Williston, will serve as Acting Secretary until the new Executive Secretary reports for duty in the next several weeks, Governor Thurmond said.