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STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR "TEMPERANCE DAY" PROGRAM. PREPARED SEPTEMBER 27, 1949.

In every attempt to offset the tremendous deleterious effects of alcohol upon our society, the proper education of our children should be given first consideration. The harmful effects of whiskey and narcotic drugs upon the human body should be made crystal clear to our young people, and the desirability of temperance should be ingrained in them beginning with their earliest years in school.

Adequate legislation in the control of alcohol and narcotics is necessary and desirable, but it can accomplish little unless it is based on an educational program which emphasizes the importance of temperance in the building of strong bodies and strong minds.

Our public school teachers, therefore, are to be congratulated for their efforts to instruct our children in the problems of alcohol.

As Governor of South Carolina, I urge our teachers and school officials to observe Temperance Day by giving special emphasis to the necessity for a complete understanding of the vast human problems with which alcohol has burdened our people.