

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
(Iron Curtain Refugee Month)

WHEREAS, the International Rescue Committee, Inc., has launched an Iron Curtain Refugee Campaign to provide CARE packages to refugees recently escaped from Communist-dominated countries in Europe, and

WHEREAS, this most worthy project will provide physical assistance, and with it, hope, to those persons who have sacrificed all of their possessions because of faith in democracy, and their desire to remain free;

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the American people should demonstrate their solidarity with their allies who have fought and suffered for democracy in Europe and who are today homeless because they refused to compromise with tyranny.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of June to be IRON CURTAIN REFUGEE MONTH and do invite all citizens of the State to contribute to this most estimable cause. Contributions are to be sent to Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Chairman of the "Iron Curtain Refugee Campaign", 103 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of June in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and forty-nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor