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STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, URGING SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS TO ATTEND PRECINCT MEETINGS, MARCH 7, 1950.

All good Democrats in South Carolina should take note of the statements in news dispatches of March 6 from Washington, D. C., boldly asserting that the Truman machine is going to make every effort to control the county and state conventions soon to be held in this state. We accept the challenge.

There are not enough federal jobs and patronage in Washington to cause the real Democrats of our state to turn their backs on the democracy of South Carolina so clearly enunciated by the 1948 State Convention. Mr. Boyle and his Pendergast machine may as well realize now that they are not going to run the politics of South Carolina. We know that Maxie Collins and the others who speak for the Truman supporters in South Carolina are already at work seeking to build up a heavy pro-Truman enrolment with the hope of dominating our heretofore white Democratic meetings. We will meet Mr. Boyle and those who speak for him in the precincts, in the county and state conventions, and on the hustings. When the campaign is over South Carolina will demonstrate again that it stands for real Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy.

I urge all real South Carolina Democrats to attend their club meetings and prepare to follow through in sending real Democrats to the county and state conventions. We must see to it that these zebrine Truman-Waring doctrines shall not take root in South Carolina.