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Pre-election comments on Senate primary

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The cause of [Democratic] South Carolina Democracy, with which I am proud to be associated, is sweeping our State from the mountains to the sea. Our opposition is already aware that their only hope to win this election is to get the organized Negro vote. They obviously rely on the help of the National Advancement of Colored people to regiment them from outside.

Our people are seeing more clearly every day that if the Democrats of South Carolina split up, the organized bloc voters will set themselves up as the balance of power, as they have done in New York and other states.

We have received reports from each of the 46 counties, and our leaders tell us that our people are not going to run the risk of having the will of the real Democrats of South Carolina overruled by outside regimentation of voters who have no right to be in our primary because they are opposed to the social and educational separation of the races and the defeat of the Truman program.

We whipped the Trumanites in 1948, and with the continued good work of our friends in every county we will win a victory on July 11th for the cause of South Carolina Democracy which will make the whole nation stop, look and listen and realize once and for all that South Carolina is not going to accept the Truman program to destroy our civilization in the South or have a Trumanite in the United States Senate.

Thank you and good night.