

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, IN CONNECTION WITH FURNISHING ASSISTANCE TO THE SHERIFF OF GREENVILLE COUNTY TO PRESERVE THE PEACE AT WOODSIDE MILLS. SEPTEMBER 7, 1950.

The Sheriff of Greenville County has informed me that his forces are inadequate to cope with acts of violence occurring in connection with a strike at the Woodside Mills plant in Greenville and has requested assistance.

I am not concerned with the merits of the controversy which precipitated the strike, but it is my responsibility to furnish adequate protection to the citizens of this State in exercising their right to work or not to work. This I propose to do.

We have furnished the Sheriff the assistance he has requested to maintain law and order through cooperation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the State Highway Patrol. Such further assistance as the Sheriff feels he needs to preserve the peace will be furnished him.

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J. Strom Thurmond
Governor*