

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE, ANNOUNCING PLANS FOR THE 1950 CONFERENCE AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER 26, 27, 28, 1950.

Governor J. Strom Thurmond, Chairman of the Southern Governors' Conference, has announced that the 1950 annual meeting of the conference will be held at Charleston, South Carolina, November 26-27-28.

Guest speakers during the Conference will include General Lucius D. Clay, former military governor of Germany, who is at present national director of the Crusade for Freedom; Dr. Josiah Crudup, President of Brenau College, Gainesville, Georgia; and Dr. Colgate W. Darden, President of the University of Virginia and former Governor of Virginia.

Dr. Crudup will make the address at the luncheon on Monday, November 27, General Clay will speak at the State dinner that evening, and Dr. Darden will speak at the luncheon on Tuesday, November 28.

Governor Thurmond has appointed L. W. Bishop, director of the South Carolina Research, Planning, and Development Board, in charge of arrangements for the conference. Mayor W. M. Morrison, of Charleston, is cooperating fully to make the conference an enjoyable occasion. One of the features of the meeting will be a boat trip to historic Fort Sumter, where the first shot of the War Between the States was fired.

Governor Thurmond said that this year's Conference will provide one of the best programs ever presented to the group. He is contacting each of the 15 Southern Governors personally to extend them an invitation and calling to their attention that the program will have as speakers some of America's outstanding citizens, as well as an opportunity for visiting one of the Nation's most historic cities. Governor Thurmond stated that he has invited Governor-elect James F. Byrnes, and that he has accepted the invitation to attend the Conference. He also stated that other Governor-elects from the member States of the Conference will be invited.

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Among the items on the agenda for the Governors will be Regional Education, Civil Defense, and Industrial Development in the Southern States.