

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR USE IN PROGRAM OF 13TH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA STATE-WIDE SAFETY CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 12, 1950.

South Carolina Industrial Commission
Calhoun Office Building
Columbia, South Carolina

Gentlemen :

In view of recent international developments, the South Carolina State-wide Industrial Safety Conference of 1950 will be one of the most important in recent years. When the nation is threatened with war, the added burdens placed upon industry demand the development of efficient safety programs to conserve manpower and boost production.

It has been said that the United States is spending more each year on accidents of all types than the entire cost of the Marshall Plan. Today, accidents are costing an average of \$200 for every family in the United States every year. But that is merely the economic side of it. The cost in human suffering cannot be estimated.

With South Carolina's vast industrial development program now well under way, we must continue to exert every possible cooperative effort to prevent accidents in our industries, and thus protect our working people from the misery such accidents cause.

Please call upon me for any cooperation I can give in promoting our safety program, and with kindest regards, and best wishes,

Very truly,

J. Strom Thurmond
Governor

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