

STATEMENT BY STROM THURMOND, CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATE, AT
CAMPAIGN MEETING, COLUMBIA, S. C., JULY 7, 1950.

HASTIE

President Truman appointed William Hastie as United States Circuit Judge for the 3rd circuit a year ago. They held a hearing on his nomination on April 1, 1950, but my opponent did not appear in protest. This Truman negro judge is still holding office and my opponent, who supported Truman, is doing nothing about it.

Not only that, but Truman appointed this same negro Hastie as Governor of the Virgin Islands. He was confirmed by the Senate May 1, 1946, and my opponent did nothing to stop him. Several Southern Democrats spoke against his confirmation but not my opponent.

My opponent helped get a bill through creating three new judges in the district of Columbia. My opponent is on the District of Columbia Committee. The man my opponent supported for President also appointed a negro to a federal judge-ship to preside over white people in Washington, and what has my opponent done to prevent this?

My opponent sat in the Senate and permitted a Truman negro Judge, Herman Moore to be confirmed as Federal Judge in the Virgin Islands and did not open his voice in protest.

That is the kind of stuff Truman has been getting by with in Washington because my opponent did not have the courage to get on the floor of the Senate to fight for Southern Democracy. And that is another reason he is going to be defeated next Tuesday.

Harry Truman, the man my opponent supported for President, has appointed more negroes to high political office than any other President in American history. I think my opponent should apologize to the people of South Carolina for supporting such a man for President.

as Harry Truman