

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, CONCERNING REGIONAL UNDERSTANDING SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL DECEMBER 26-30. DECEMBER 14, 1950.

We have long known that the South is a badly misunderstood section in other parts of the nation. Even among those in high places who are presumed to be well informed, we sometimes find an amazing degree of ignorance about conditions in the South.

For that reason, it is gratifying to learn that our own Opportunity School at West Columbia plans to hold a seminar on Regional Understanding December 26-30, so that leaders from other sections may visit our State and learn the truth about a Southern state at first hand.

Miss Wil Lou Gray, director of the Opportunity School, and Miss Marguerite Tolbert, Supervisor of Adult Schools, are to be congratulated upon their initiative and enterprise in launching this new movement. I hope it will be the forerunner of many such seminars, which may help to acquaint the nation with the truth about conditions in the South.

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