

STATEMENT BY Strom Thurmond Sept. 9, 1954

The national Democratic party has never been able to dictate to the people of South Carolina as to how they should vote and I'm sure it cannot do so today.

The Democratic National ~~and~~ Committee today threw its weight behind Edgar A. Brown, a regular Democratic candidate for the United States Senate from South Carolina, ~~in a~~ sharp ~~rebuff~~ rebuffs to ~~Ex-Governor~~ Ex-Governor J. Strom ~~Thurmond~~ Thurmond, who bolted the party in 1948.

National Democratic ~~Chairman~~ Chairmank Steven A. Mitchell said in a statement that the Democratic party will support the Democratic ticket in South Carolina headed by George Bell Timmerman, ~~and~~ Fritz Hollings, and Brown.