

News statement of Strom Thurmond, Democratic candidate for United States Senate, October 28, 1954.

My opponent in the Senate race charged in a statement published in the press this morning, ~~that statements that he has made and~~
~~made in 1948~~ that ~~+~~ "The State this morning carries a tissue of lies" with reference to statements ~~that he~~ that he voted for me in 1948 when I ran against Truman, ~~for President.~~

I have avoided entering into personalities in this campaign and I shall continue to campaign upon the issues.

However, I cannot permit my opponent ~~to~~ to deceive the public when the evidence is clear that he has on more than one occasion stated that he was a State's ^{righter} and that he supported me in 1948.

I have here the file of The State ^{newspaper} for ^{October} 1952. On page 8C of the issue of October 10, 1952, a part of the text of my opponents speech on behalf of Adlai Stevenson carries the following statement:

"We voted for Thurmond and Wright four years ago because they were the ~~best~~ candidates of the Democratic Party of South Carolina and because they were the best Democrats in the race."

My opponent ~~had~~ ^{had} delivered that speech the previous night in a ~~radio~~ radio broadcast which originated in Barnwell. In addition to the statement ~~contained~~ ^{handed out to newspaper} contained in the text of his speech, ~~Mr. Brown~~ ^{Mr. Brown}, ~~ad libbed~~ ad libbed an additional comment which made his radio statement ~~as follows:~~ as follows:

"We voted for Thurmond and Wright four years ago because they were the candidates of the Democratic Party of South Carolina and because they were the best Democrats in the race. There is no relation whatever between them in 1948 and the bolt ~~to~~ to the Republicans of this year."

I have here for you photostats of the text of the speech as it appeared in the State newspaper on Oct. 10, 1952. You can see for yourselves the actual file of the newspaper here, and ~~is~~ a copy of the text of Mr. Brown's speech which was handed out to newsmen on that day in 1952. You will note it is authentic because it is written in the large type my opponent uses ~~rather than in regular~~ *in reading speeches,*

~~to my opponent.~~
If further evidence is needed to prove that my opponent stated in 1952 that he supported me in 1948, I quote from a letter he wrote to Mr. J. O. Ouzts of Johnston on September 17, 1952. The ~~letter~~ letter said in part:

"There is no relationship between the States Rights Movement of four years ago, which pretty well all of us supported and the now drift to the Republican Party." (Here is the original letter for you to see.)

As recently as October 19, 1954, only 10 days ago, when my opponent addressed a group at the Spartanburg County Court House and his ~~speech~~ speech was broadcast over radio, he stated:

"Bless your soul -- in 1948 he (Thurmond) was starting him a new party, and we gave him the treasury of the Democratic Party and I was a States' Righter... For being a States' Righter we gave him the treasury of the South Carolina Democratic Party to run on the States' Rights ticket. That was all right..."

All of this is more than ample evidence that my opponent did support me, and, according to his own statement, vote for me, in 1948.

~~the tissue of~~ *I leave it to the public to say whether*
~~lies exists~~ *and the*
lies exists ~~in~~ in my statements ~~in~~ in the reporting of the newspapers, *or in Mr. Brown's statement.*

If my opponent did not vote for me in 1948, he deserted the Democratic Party of South Carolina and had to vote for Truman, Dewey or Wallace.