

Realizing the people of South Carolina are determined to prevent thirty-one men sending him to the Senate for a six-year term, the committee candidate has resorted to making false accusations and mud slinging.

The committee candidate, speaking at Spartanburg last night, stated I sought the nomination which he received from the committee. He knows this is not true. He knows I urged that the people be given a primary, as did every other Democratic leader in South Carolina who had the best interest of our Party at heart and who did not selfishly seek the office for himself.

In public speeches I have repeatedly stated that a member of the committee asked me to permit my name to be presented to the committee for the nomination if the committee rejected a primary. I told a number of the committee not to present my name for a committee nomination under any condition. I told them that unless the people nominated me in a primary I would not want to represent South Carolina in the Senate.

Since the committee candidate failed to win a Democratic senatorial nomination in two previous Democratic primaries, I could understand why he voted two of the thirty-one votes against a primary for nominating and electing a successor to Senator Maybank. However, I am surprised that the committee candidate would now undertake to justify his undemocratic and dictatorial action by falsely stating I sought the nomination.

I can now understand also why the committee candidate has declined every invitation and effort to hold customary joint campaign meetings for senatorial candidates. He knows he could not get by with the things he is saying at his private meetings in a man to man, face to face campaign meeting discussion of the

issue confronting the Democrats of South Carolina.

The Democrats of South Carolina will resent this type campaign the committee candidate is now resorting to in his desperation to overcome the indignation which has swept over South Carolina as a result of the committee action.

The good people of South Carolina are determined that November 2d shall be a day of rededication in South Carolina to true democracy and their right to vote.