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NEWS STATEMENT BY SEN. STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON ADDRESS BEFORE RURAL LETTER CARRIERS AT SALLEY, S. C., SEPT. 23, 1955.

SALLEY, Sept. 23--Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) warned a large gathering of rural letter carriers at Salley, S. C., tonight against placing too much faith in Communist "sincerity and sweet, sugar-coated words" toward establishing a lasting peace.

"The acid test of Communist sincerity," the South Carolina Democrat stated, "lies in the Soviets' refusal to renounce their goal of communizing the entire world. Actions, not sweet words, are what really count in bringing about world peace."

In his opening remarks, Thurmond told the letter carriers that he supported the postal and federal employee pay raise legislation during the past session, voting to override the President's veto on the first postal pay bill.

In further challenging Communist intentions, he pointed out that if the Soviets are sincere then they can demonstrate their good faith by agreeing to the re-unification of Germany and Korea with free elections for both countries. He also advocated other constructive peace steps the Reds could take.

While speaking on the problem of German re-unification, the write-in Senator told the crowd it has been reported that Secretary of State Dulles is preparing three proposals that are "more than reasonable" in an effort to bring about re-unification.
"If these proposals are offered and are not accepted by the Soviets," he declared, "then we should take that as a clear sign that the Reds have no desire for creating a lasting peace."

The former States' Rights presidential candidate refuted what he termed Red and NAACP propaganda which says that segregation is discrimination.

He also warned against Red propaganda which he said is prevalent in America, such as talk that Communism is not a serious danger to the United States, all our security measures are un-American, all congressional investigations persecute innocent persons, and that a strong defense force is unnecessary.

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