

NEWS STATEMENT BY SEN. STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON ENGINEER HURRICANE
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WASHINGTON, Oct. 28--The Department of the Army today furnished Senator Strom Thurmond with an interior report on Army Engineer activities in South Carolina in connection with the damage caused by the three major hurricanes of 1955. The report pointed out, however, that no recommendations can be made as to what South Carolina might do to mitigate hurricane damages until completion of its authorized hurricane and beach erosion studies.

It said the engineers have been primarily concerned with maintaining liaison with local, state, and other federal agencies; making technical advice and assistance available; collecting basic data and making damage studies for use in disaster relief and rehabilitation; making emergency dredgings in the interest of navigation; and coordinating with Third Army troops assigned to rebuild sand dunes along the coastal areas of South Carolina.

Senator Thurmond, a member of the Senate Public Works Committee, has taken a special interest in hurricane preventive measures. He sponsored legislation during the past session which included South Carolina in the Army Engineer survey currently being conducted to determine the best possible means to prevent hurricane damage.

The South Carolina Democrat also co-sponsored an appropriations amendment which increased funds for equipping coastal weather stations with modern long-range radar equipment to track down hurricanes and give earlier warnings.