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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) REGARDING THE
APPOINTMENT OF SIMON E. SOBELOFF TO THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT
OF APPEALS, JULY 15, 1955.

I shall vote against the confirmation of Mr. Sobeloff to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals when his nomination is presented to the Senate.

A brief review of his record convinces me that he could not sit in impartial judgment as a member of the Court which may review cases involving the constitutional rights of the States. He has been a strong advocate of integration of the races in the public schools.

Such appointments by this administration and the previous administration prove that the States which believe in the Constitution and States Rights can expect no comfort from either major political party. Both parties appear to be more interested in making political appeals to the bloc votes of minority groups than in adherence to constitutional government. We must maintain our political independence if we are to receive any consideration from either party.