

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) IN UNITED STATES SENATE ON RED DRIVE TO INTEGRATE THE RACES, MARCH 26, 1956.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have inserted in the body of the Record an article by the Associated Press, published in The State, of Columbia, South Carolina, March 25, and in other newspapers throughout the country. The headline on the story says: "'Red' Drive Against Dixie Is On In Ohio."

This article is direct evidence that the Communists want to create disorder and to disrupt the harmonious relations which have existed for generations between the white and Negro races in the South.

The office of the Attorney General of Ohio is quoted as saying that a communist-inspired drive is on in Ohio to enlist members of the Labor Youth League in a campaign for federal intervention in the racial segregation issue which has been thrust upon the South. The Labor Youth League is described as the communist party's "youth arm."

Objective of the drive is to mobilize members and friends to bring maximum pressure on President Eisenhower and the Federal Government to intervene in the South to force integration of the races.

Mr. President, this is a concrete example of the efforts of the agitators to create trouble in this country between persons who normally would be living harmoniously. Their approach through the youth of Ohio will be noted because it is easier to sway youth into making wrong decisions than it is to mislead more mature minds.

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This is a vicious attack/upon the people of the South and the people of this entire nation/who believe in constitutional government. It is a serious matter/and the Attorney General of Ohio is to be commended/for alerting the nation/to this subtle new danger which has been conceived by the communists. It is evidence of their avowed purpose/ of creating trouble/by infiltration/and by the planting of un-American ideas in the minds of our youth.

Mr. President, I hope this will serve as a Red~~x~~ stop light/to persons who have agitated <sup>for integration</sup> ~~this~~ issue. They should be forewarned/by this information from Ohio/that such agitation/serves the will of the communists. It breaks down constitutional government, just as the communists wish, instead of strengthening constitutional methods.

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