STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) IN THE SENATE REGARDING AN EDITORIAL ON THE SUBJECT OF TRIAL BY JURY, APRIL 17, 1957.

Mr. President, in yesterday's edition of the Washington Star, the lead editorial was on a subject which I believe is close to the heart of every freedom-loving American citizen. Also, I believe it is not only a subject close to the hearts, but one that discusses a right longed-for by the citizens of many nations ground under the heel of conquerors.

The subject of the editorial was "Trial by Jury."

This editorial pointed out that the distinguished junior Senator from Wyoming has "joined the ranks of those who look with misgivings on the prospective denial of jury trials under the Administration's civil rights bills."
The editorial further placed the newspaper on the side of those who believe in trial by jury. This is what it said about denying such a right:

"This, it seems to us contemplates a radical and even dangerous projection of the Federal judicial power. In principle, why should not the defendants in civil rights disputes be entitled to at least the same jury protection as defendants in labor disputes?..."

The editorial cites the words used in a recent speech of an Assistant Attorney General in which he said the trial-by-jury bill was "a clever device to nullify" the civil rights bills. "...We are not prepared to accept the view of Assistant Attorney General Olney...," the editorial concluded.
Also, appearing on the same editorial page is a cartoon on the same subject. It was drawn by the distinguished cartoonist, Jim Berryman, and shows Senator O'Mahoney directing civil rights advocates along the road to jury trial.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have this editorial printed in the Record.

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