

RADIO SCRIPT OF SENATOR STROM THURMOND FOR HIS REGULAR WEEKLY BROADCAST, RECORDED JANUARY 9, 1958.

MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS:

I am pleased to be speaking to you each week over this radio station/during the present session of the Congress. I am deeply grateful to this radio station/for cooperating to make it possible for me to report to you/on the many happenings in Washington which affect our State and Nation.

The Second Session of the 85th Congress, which got underway Tuesday, will be one of the most important and eventful sessions in our history. Many questions affecting our form of government and our survival as a nation/will have to be resolved during the next seven months. Since the adjournment of the First Session, two crises have developed. One strikes at the very heart of constitutional government/and the other threatens our defense posture and ultimately our survival as a nation.

You are familiar with the President's unwarranted and unconstitutional use of federal troops/to force the mixing of the races in Central High School at Little Rock, Arkansas. Likewise, you are all familiar with the recent advantage from the military and propaganda standpoints/which the Russians have gained over us by the launching of Sputniks I and II.

As an American, a citizen-soldier in the Army Reserve, and as one of your representatives in the Senate, I am deeply concerned about our defense posture. During the session, I shall propose legislation which I believe will aid us/in regaining whatever leadership we have already lost or stand to lose in the future.

On Thursday I introduced a bill which would establish a United States Science Academy to train scientists and other technical personnel which we need to speed up and enlarge our efforts in the fields of space control, missiles and other scientific matters vital to our national defense. This is an effective plan and a constitutional one, similar to that of the U. S. Military Academy, ~~the~~ U. S. ^{and U. S. Air Force Academy} Naval Academy. It is my feeling that the Federal Government has no business in the field of education unless it is for the purpose of promoting the national defense or other constitutional program.

Later I shall introduce legislation which would unify the organization of our armed services. The present organization of the Defense Department has demonstrated that when we rely on a system of voluntary cooperation among co-equal services, then duplication, extravagance, waste, and inefficiency are the inevitable results. It is my belief that the handicap of inter-service rivalry can be replaced by a traditional Esprit de Corps that is based on pride in the efficiency of the overall unit rather than on any particular branch or service.

The other crisis which I mentioned earlier is also of deep concern to me as a firm believer in the principles of constitutional government. I have legislation pending which would rectify many of the recent Supreme Court decisions, executive orders, and other actions by federal officials which seek to override the Constitution. I plan to introduce more legislation and I plan to continue speaking out to call attention to the vital need for a return to

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the principles which were laid down by our Founding Fathers. I strongly believe that those principles are still sound. If the American people desire to change them, they may do so by the process set out in the Constitution.

I have stood alone in the Senate before, and I shall not hesitate to do so again/whenever I believe that such a course of action/is in the best interest of our State and Nation. ~~And,~~
This applies not only to the issue of preserving constitutional government, but also to any other issue that may come before the Senate.

This is Strom Thurmond in Washington. Thank you for listening/and this station for making this time available each week.

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