

STATEMENT OF SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) RE
ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE DINNER, FEBRUARY 27, 1958.

I have no intention of being present at the Anti-Defamation League's dinner for Members of Congress on March 3. The plan to recognize the 85th Congress "for distinguished contributions to the enrichment of our heritage of freedom" because of the enactment of the so-called Civil Rights Law is an insult to those Members of Congress who stood firm against this nefarious legislation.

It is inconceivable to me that a law that abridges the fundamental right to trial by jury can be regarded as enriching "our heritage of freedom." Just the opposite is true.

I shall not attend a dinner to celebrate the prostitution of the Constitution.