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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) FROM CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON SUPREME COURT DECISION, SEPTEMBER 29, 1958.

Today's decision of the Supreme Court is even worse than I had anticipated. I can imagine no one who will rejoice more from this decision than Nikita Khrushchev and his cohorts.

In effect, the Court has reversed its "Black Monday" decision of May 17, 1954, by striking therefrom the words "all deliberate speed," the only hint of moderation contained in that decision. Caution was today thrown to the winds just as legality and law have been abandoned repeatedly in recent decisions.

The anarchism of the Court long suspected has been confirmed. The Court has attempted to render a decision on private schools which are not in being and on facts which have not yet arisen.

Thus the Court has chosen a course of force rather than law. The South has been trampled by force before, but it has never submitted on a question of principle. The South will not submit to the tyranny of the anarchist Court but will remain steadfast and adamant in the fight for a government of laws and not of men.

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