

STATEMENT OF SENATOR STROM THURMOND ON THE SENATE FLOOR, FEBRUARY 21, 1958

MR. PRESIDENT,

In this afternoon's edition of the Washington Evening Star, there appears an Associated Press news article date-lined Little Rock. The headline reads, "Little Rock Asks Court to Suspend Integration."

The article reports that the Little Rock School Board has asked the Federal District Court to permit it to suspend racial integration at Central High School.

The folly of forced racial integration has been clearly demonstrated.

I hope that the Federal District Court will realize now that it was wrong last September in insisting on immediate compliance with its integration order.

I hope, too, that the administration in Washington has learned that the use of Federal troops for local police duty can only stir up bitterness and resentment.

I will have more to say on this subject on the Senate floor at a later date. The action of the Federal administration in this matter was illegal and irrational.

I ask unanimous consent that the article from the Evening Star to which I referred be included in the body of the Record as a part of my remarks.

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