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Press releases from the office of Senator Strom Thurmond, 1959 July 20

Strom Thurmond

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WASHINGTON, D. C. --For the second time in five years, a native of South Carolina is president of the national Reserve Officers Association. In 1954-55, it was Brig. Gen. (and U. S. Senator) Strom Thurmond; in 1959-60, it is Col. John W. Richardson.

Col. Richardson was born in Camden on July 14, 1910, and was educated in the State's secondary schools. A graduate of Virginia Military Institute, he served with distinction in World War II and is presently associated with the DuPont Company in Detroit, Michigan.

WASHINGTON, D. C. --Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) cited as "just one more example of Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler's insincerity" a recently-made-public document written by Butler in December of 1954 proclaiming a "hands off" attitude on the racial problem.

"When Mr. Butler needed the South's support to be elected National Chairman, he was willing to let the South iron out its own difficulties," Senator Thurmond observed. "Now the same Mr. Butler feels it more expedient to appease minority pressure groups in non-Southern states than to remain true to his word offered to the majority of citizens in the South."

Senator Thurmond has called for Mr. Butler's removal on several occasions in recent years.