

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) FOR HIS WEEKLY RADIO BROADCAST OF JUNE 6-7, 1959 (RECORDED JUNE 4, 1959).

MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS:

I have received notification from the nation's Subversive Activities Control Board that four new organizations have been declared "Communist-front" in character. Many would never realize that the Communists were behind these groups by the names: California Emergency Defense Committee, Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights, Washington Pension Fund, Colorado Committee to Protect Civil Liberties.

It is interesting to note that two of these groups are in favor of so-called civil rights and civil liberties. The Communists are naturally attracted to such groups, for their idea of civil rights and liberties clash so viciously with the concepts of most Americans that strife is bound to result. As a general rule, strife in the United States amounts to success for the Communists.

World affairs have been especially in the news during recent weeks because of negotiations among the foreign ministers of the major countries of the Free World and the Communist World in Geneva, Switzerland. It is far too early to appraise the efforts of new Secretary of State Christian Herter; however, indications are that he will not be bluffed by the loud talk of Russia's Krushchev and Gromyko.

Russia began her bullying tactics at the conclusion of World War II hostilities in Europe in May of 1945.

Respecting Russia as an ally, while mindful of her tremendous armed manpower, our leaders made many concessions to the Russians. It soon became apparent that there would be no end to these concessions/and that the traditional Communists of pre-World War II days/was back in business. Russia was no longer an ally but an enemy/whose goal, like that of the Nazis we had just conquered, was world domination.

James F. Byrnes of South Carolina was Secretary of State at this time. He began the "get tough with Russia" policy early in 1946/when Russia broke its wartime treaty agreement with our mutual ally, Iran. The Byrnes policy was to stand firm behind Iran. Russia threatened armed conflict if she did not get her way, but she backed down at the clear sign of U.S. firmness.

Also in 1946, Russia tried to coerce Turkey into an undesirable treaty/affecting control of the Straits of the Black Sea. When the United States backed the Turkish position, which was clearly the right one, Russia made warlike noises but ultimately dropped the subject.

In 1948 and 1949, the Berlin Airlift blocked Russia's attempts to eliminate Western influence/in West Berlin. While preventing the West from supplying Berlin by land, the Russians never dared hinder our planes from supplying the city by air.

More recently, Secretary of State Dulles has refused to be frightened by the threats of Russia. For six years, the Cold War has been a stalemate. Russia has gained no ground; but, in fact, was forced out of Austria.

There are some who have criticized our so-called "unyielding" policy/with regard to the Russians. What they fail to recall/is the "yielding" policy/which existed during the latter stages of World War II/and immediately thereafter.

Most of Eastern Europe is still under the yoke of Communist tyranny/as a result of deals made then.

The "stand firm" diplomacy advanced by Secretary of State Byrnes/and practiced for six years by the recently deceased John Foster Dulles/has kept the Communists from taking over all of Europe. I hope that Secretary Herter, who incidentally owns a farm in Colleton County,^{S.C.} which he frequently visits, will continue to be firm/on the side of right.