The eleventh hour attempt of my opponent to inject false issues in this campaign for Governor are fooling no one. His futile attempt to hide his record of opposition to the renomination of our great war President, the late Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1944 Democratic Convention behind a CIO smoke screen will not succeed.

My opponent realized as the campaign drew to an end that the people of South Carolina were aroused against the efforts of the liquor ring to control the political life of this State and he knew the good, honest, home-loving people of South Carolina were going to elect Strom Thurmond Governor next Tuesday and assure this State four years of good, clean, progressive government.

Like a drowning man grasping at the last straw my opponent in his broadcast Friday night sought to mislead the people into believing that I am a CIO candidate and intimated that my election Tuesday will be a victory for the PAC and communism in South Carolina.

My opponent is an intelligent man and when he made these assertions he uttered untruths which reflect no credit on a candidate for public office. He knew that on August 25 the CIO labor leaders of South Carolina in the public press said his organization was not taking part in this campaign. He knew that in the public press on August 29 I stated I was not the candidate of the CIO or any other organizations, group, clique or ring. I am the people's candidate and the people know it.

I resent the silly and ridiculous implications that when I am Governor
I will be in sympathy with PAC and communistic policies, especially in relation to racial matters. I come from the rural county of Edgefield, which gave to South Carolina Ben Tillman, Mart Gary and many other great statesmen, and everyone knows how we in Edgefield stand on this question. No man can challenge my loyalty to the ideals and customs of South Carolina. And further no one can challenge my Americanism. I left the security of the Judicial bench and gave my blood on the beaches of Normandy where I was wounded fighting to preserve democracy not only in this country but throughout the world. The people of South Carolina know I am just as much opposed to Communism as I was to Fascism. I will fight again if need be to prevent Communism from engulfing this world, and certainly this question has no place in this campaign.

I have based my campaign for Governor on the principles of government for which I stand. This is well known to the people of South Carolina. I have not engaged in personalities. I did expose to the people the record of my opponent envolving the will of Democrats of South Carolina in opposing Franklin D. Roosevelt at the 1944 Democratic National Convention which was held at the very time the fighting forces of America of which he was Commander-in-Chief, were seeking to break the
back of the Axis powers of Europe. My opponent has no record of public service other than his record as a delegate to the 1944 Democratic Convention when he opposed Roosevelt and supported Harry Byrd. I have no apology to make for bringing this record to the Democrats of South Carolina.