

Thurmond Joins Goldwater Drive



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Senator Barry Goldwater and Senator Strom Thurmond, Republican of South Carolina, at rally in Greenville.

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NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 17 —Senator Barry Goldwater and Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina embraced politically today. The event was symbolic of what may be a defection of conservatives of the Deep South to the Republican Presidential

candidate. As Mr. Goldwater campaigned through the Carolinas and Louisiana today he told Southern Democrats that their fathers up in heaven would say, "Thank God," if they left the national Demo-

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cratic party. In an emotional scene at Greenville, S. C., Mr. Thurmond, who yesterday switched from the Democratic to the Republican party, introduced and endorsed Mr. Goldwater amid the wild cheering of a crowd estimated by the police at from 15,000 to 20,000 persons.

As Mr. Goldwater alighted from his campaign jet he found Mr. Thurmond at the bottom of the ramp, wearing a golden elephant on his left lapel and a Goldwater button on his right lapel.

Senator Thurmond, one of the few members of the Senate who is said to be as conservative as Mr. Goldwater, told reporters, "I think we can carry South Carolina for Senator Goldwater" and most of the rest of the South, too.

Mr. Goldwater also campaigned today in Raleigh, N. C., Shreveport, La., and here in New Orleans.

Mr. Goldwater spoke here in the Tulane Stadium. Despite an early evening rain the 83,000-seat bowl appeared to be about a third full.

The crowd gave Mr. Goldwater a rousing ovation, and repeatedly boomed references to President Johnson.

Senator Thurmond also spoke. Mr. Goldwater was introduced by Louisiana's Lieutenant Governor, C. C. Aycock, who runs as an independent.

Mr. Aycock told the audience that "this may well be the last time we have a clear-cut choice in a national election."

In his talk, Mr. Goldwater said that if President Johnson had his way, Congress would adjourn "in the biggest splash



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REALIZES BOYHOOD WISH: Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois, Senate minority leader, tries hand at piccolo in Senate office. He donated it to charity.

of whitewash Washington has ever seen."

He said that "Bobby Baker haunts this election—Bobby Baker haunts the White House itself."

He accused Mr. Johnson of attempting to hide "scandal" from the voters until after election day, and questioned Mr. Johnson's intentions on such questions as the admission of Communist China to the United Nations.

Leander Perez, the ultracon-

servative Louisiana political leader who was excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church for his violent opposition to integration of schools, attended the rally.

Mr. Perez sat with Senator Thurmond throughout the speech applauding frequently.

During the day Mr. Goldwater campaigned in an informal manner.

At a fund-raising breakfast in Raleigh he denied that he

was an enemy of peanut farmers of the South, saying:

"I'm probably the most violent advocate of peanut butter in history. On a dare from one of my sons, I actually shaved with peanut butter and it wasn't bad, but it smells."

In front of the Wake County Court House in Raleigh, he advocated a "reorientation" of American political parties in which conservatives would gather under the Republican banner and liberals under the Democratic banner "so we can travel under our true colors."

However, Mr. Goldwater next told a panel of conservative Southern newsmen on a television program: "Oh, well, this is not an absolute necessity," and he added that such a realignment of parties "is not going to happen."

In Raleigh he defended himself from Democratic charges—which could cut his vote in this tobacco and cotton-growing area—that he would end Federal price supports for farmers.

He said no sensible man would advocate an "immediate" end to supports, and he said that, as President, he would sit down with farmers "crop by crop" and attempt to work out solutions to their problems.

Later at the television program, however, he said that "in most crops, a return to the market, with sufficient time for it, would be a better choice."

At Greenville, Mr. Thurmond called Mr. Goldwater a man who had "risked the ire of the liberal, left-wing, socialist establishment in this country—even in his own party—in order to stand by his convictions as to the meaning and intent of the founding fathers."

Mr. Goldwater responded by praising Mr. Thurmond's switch of parties as "courage of the finest sort."

Throughout the day Mr. Goldwater attacked the Supreme Court. He said it was trying to achieve social ends by "illegal means."