

# Thurmond Tells Youths Nation Is Entering Guerrilla Warfare

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HARTFORD, Sept. 11—United States Senator Strom Thurmond told a national meeting of conservative youths today that the country was entering a period of guerrilla warfare.

"We are now on the threshold of a crisis situation," the South Carolina Republican said, "a crisis which may even come to a head before the fall semester ends."

Speaking at the 10th anniversary meeting of the Young Americans for Freedom at the University of Hartford, Mr. Thurmond characterized the guerrilla warfare as the next phase in the "dissolution of society," following "state-managed" urban and campus riots, which, he said, have conditioned the nation to "accept the idea of violence on a grand scale."

He said the riots would have been stopped long ago if more force had been applied to those involved. "Nothing encourages a riot mood [more] than the belief that authorities are powerless or too weak-willed to enforce order," he asserted.

The youths applauded, whistled and cheered when Mr. Thurmond used the same logic on the war in Vietnam, declaring that American soldiers should have been given "all the power" they needed to win.

"Will we learn from the riots?" he asked. "Will we learn from Vietnam? Or will the war against the would-be American guerrillas also be a no-win war?"

## Meeting Closes Today

The anniversary meeting of the conservative organization began Wednesday and will close tomorrow after a lunch and lawn party at the home of William F. Buckley, the editor of *The National Review*, in the town of Sharon in northwestern Connecticut. It was in Sharon 10 years ago that Mr. Buckley, Senator Barry Goldwater and a handful of other conservatives created the group.

The organization now has a membership of 50,000 persons in some 550 chapters across the nation. Randal Cornell Teague, the 26-year-old executive director of the group, said the membership was "very middle-class and strongest at state universities." He said 2 per cent of the membership was black.

Last night, the youths gave Senator Goldwater a tumultuous welcome, chanting "We Want Barry," and "Viva, Viva,

Viva Barry." They hissed and booed at the mention of such figures from the liberal Establishment as John Kenneth Galbraith, the economist, and Senator J. William Fulbright.

Mr. Goldwater was critical of the Federal Government. "If freedom disappears," he said, "it will disappear because of a concentration of power in the hands of a few in Washington. We're not going to be overrun by the Huns or the Communists."

There has been a series of lectures and seminars on the war, campus and party politics, religions, the environment and conservative thought. In nearly all of the sessions there has been talk of an offensive against the radical left.

Tactics discussed by the conservative youth range from infiltrating student government and publications — both of which they maintain are dominated by liberals — and legal action.

During the last college year, for example, members of the organization filed suits against two universities that had closed after the uproar that followed the entry of American troops into Cambodia. They also were able to obtain injunctions that prevented three other institutions from closing.

Most of the young men and women attending the anniversary meeting have been neatly dressed in convention fashions. Most of the men have relatively short hair and many wear coats and ties.

But some of the young men said they intended to grow beards and stop getting haircuts so they would look like radicals while proselytizing for the conservative cause.

David A. Keene, the 25-year-old national chairman of the group and a law student at the University of Wisconsin, said he was convinced that "the new left is in its death throes and falling to pieces."

"Conservatives have an opportunity to come in and fill the void," he said.