

THURMOND URGES DOUGLAS TO QUIT

In Newsletter, He Denounces

'Political Activity'

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Senator Strom Thurmond, the conservative Republican from South Carolina, called today for the resignation of William O. Douglas as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

In a newsletter to his constituents, Senator Thurmond scathingly denounced Justice Douglas for what he called his "political activity" and his politically liberal friends.

Mr. Thurmond described Justice Douglas's work for the Albert Parvin Foundation and the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions as "a front for gambling enterprises and persons of antidemocratic character."

The Parvin Foundation, from which Justice Douglas resigned last week as president and a director, was created with the profits that Albert Parvin, a multimillionaire Los Angeles businessman, derived from the sale 10 years ago of the Flamingo Hotel and gambling casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

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"Justice Douglas is the next one who must go," said Senator Thurmond at the end of his newsletter. Earlier, Mr. Thurmond charged that the case of Abe Fortas, who recently resigned as an Associate Justice, and the controversy over Justice Douglas's connection with the Parvin Foundation "are intertwined."

Senator Thurmond recalled that Mr. Parvin had been named a co-conspirator—but never tried—in a securities law violation case along with Louis E. Wolfson, whose Wolfson Family Foundation offered Mr. Fortas a \$20,000-a-year consultation fee. It was after disclosure of the Wolfson-Fortas link that Justice Fortas resigned from the Court. Wolfson is in prison for security law violations.

"The salary of a Justice and his life-time appointment are supposed to insulate him from social and political movements, as well as from associations of unsavory character," the newsletter said.

Senator Thurmond was especially harsh in criticizing Justice Douglas's role as chairman and director of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions. He charged that the center, which is situated in Santa Barbara, Calif., was "overtly political in its program" and had actively encouraged "revolutionary radicalism" as well as "détente with the Soviet

Union."

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"No Federal judge, or Justice of the Supreme Court, should be allowed to practice law, serve in a corporation or partnership, or as a trustee or director of a foundation, for any consideration whatsoever, cash or otherwise," Mr. Thurmond said.

Harry S. Ashmore, the author and editor who is a director of the center and the Parvin Foundation as well, responded to Senator Thurmond's charges by calling them the old right wing lies.

He denied a charge in the newsletter that said the center had played host to the founding meeting of the National Conference for New Politics (which

Mr. Thurmond described as "Communist-black power dominated"). He explained that while the conference had been held in Santa Barbara, "it was not at the center and we had nothing to do with it."

Mr. Ashmore added; "If Senator Thurmond doesn't like Supreme Court Justices associating with people at the center, then Judge [Warren E.] Burger shouldn't be seated as Chief Justice."

A year ago, said Mr. Ashmore, a conference on criminal law sponsored by the center

was presided over by Judge Burger, and an analysis of the issues by the judge were published in the center's magazine. Judge Burger also received air fare and hotel expenses.