- Q. Mr. Bresler is, of course, very heavily involved in the urban renewal program in Washington as a redeveloper down there in the Southwest area. Do you see any potential conflict between his duties representing the State and the Department of Housing and Urban Development and other federal agencies, and his own personal interests in Washington?
- A. No, I don't. We have discussed this area and should any possibility of conflict arise, Mr. Bresler will remove himself from such enterprises.
- Q. That is the private enterprises in Washington?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Governor, there has been a good deal of discussion as to the makeup of the Constitutional Convention, and the commission recommended today that members of the General Assembly not be permitted to run. Would you care to comment on the kind of people you would like to see in the Constitutional Convention?
- A. Yes, I believe the restriction recommended by the commission comes about because of the desire to pay the delegates to the Convention on a per diem basis, and this is in conflict with a prohibition to that effect. Certainly, we have got to have the highest quality people serve on this Constitutional Convention. I think we in government, with the members of the Legislature and the Governor, should take whatever steps are necessary to attempt to encourage people who have the highest qualifications, who occupy positions of trust in business and industry, to seek these positions. It's a very difficult job. It's going to be a time-consuming job. It's going to be in many cases a thankless job, but we must have high caliber people in this important position of trust.
- Q. Governor, yesterday Commissioner Pomerleau proposed a \$10,115, 000 package from the State Legislature. Are you aware and fully behind this program of the Police Department, of Baltimore City's needs?
- A. I'm aware, certainly, of the proposals, and I am also aware of the fact that Senator Hughes' committee has just completed its recommendations on fiscal reform but has not yet transmitted them to me. They have some thoughts in this area, and I would like to defer any comments I might have about the scope of the program or how it's to operate until I have an opportunity to see what the Hughes group has recommended as a proper means of implementing this assistance.