

A. Well, I expect the committee will recommend something in this area, and I would like to see what it recommends before I say specifically what the content should be. But my viewpoints are the same as they were during the campaign.

Q. Mr. Agnew, you mentioned some bureaucratic jobs briefly. Do you have any plans to cut back in this area?

A. Our Task Force on Modern Management has as its primary purpose—this is the one recommended by the Curlett Commission—a continuing study of State agencies. Now, what generally happens when you revise government is that new agencies are created but very often the old agencies that they create are not removed or taken out of existence. We are going to look through the agencies to see which ones are necessary, look through the organization and functioning of each separate agency to see whether there are portions of the agency which have become obsolete or which are being duplicated in other areas. I have a pretty good feeling, based on what's happened in other states, that when this is done efficiently there will be quite a bit of elimination of jobs within the State government.

Q. Might it result, as it did in Ohio with Governor Rhodes?

A. Well, I'm going to consult with Governor Rhodes, as a matter of fact, because I watched that reorganization with some interest, and I hope to achieve something substantial.

Q. When he did cut back in the jobs, he was faced with strikes and great opposition. Do you expect the same reaction?

A. I don't think it's reasonable to think that patronage jobs being eliminated creates a very pleasant atmosphere. But I think we have got to face the fact that if it's good and it is reasonable, we are going to do it.

Q. When were you supposed to consult with Governor Rhodes?

A. I have no immediate plans for a time or place, but when the modern management group gets into full swing, I certainly want to see him personally, and I would like his key people who were involved in that reorganization to have a chance to be available to our group for questions.

Q. Governor, a few weeks ago a columnist for one of the local newspapers suggested in his column that the post of State Treasurer be eliminated. Do you think this would be a wise move?