

1 about the crime problem in those counties.

2 I think it is useful state-wide to have the
3 state's attorneys running on the same ticket with the
4 governor and the attorney general, committed to a common
5 program of effective action against crime and lawless-
6 ness.

7 It seems to me that if we are going to have
8 effective state's attorneys, they need to be, they
9 desperately need to be integrated in the total government-
10 al and political framework.

11 I am not afraid of politics. It seems to me that
12 politics is the way in which we achieve the objectives
13 we want in a civil society. If we are going to elect
14 state's attorneys, let's elect them in an open and above-
15 board process. Let's not have a situation in which we
16 are trying to put together a program in a county to fight
17 crime, and we go to a man who wants to run for state's
18 attorney, we say to him, "John, I can't do that, you know
19 I am a non-partisan official and I certainly wouldn't
20 jeopardize my chances of election by joining any other
21 candidates."