STATE OF THINGS

Local governments question takeover

By VAL HYMES

It was like a rerun of an old movie.

County commissioners and councilmen and women from Maryland's 24 subdivisions had migrated to Ocean City for their annual summer ball and blast sessions, seeking an encouraging word about the fate of local governments.

They might as well have stayed home to read their notes from last year's meeting.

Although the county and city officials learned they still don't agree about several issues, including State control of education and its costs, they stood together to mourn and protest what appears to be the final laying to rest of their hopes for new taxing authority.

Baltimore City was represented by Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro (along with fiscal advisor Mrs. Janet L. Hoffman), who voted for a gradual state takeover of the operating costs of education. County and city administrators, attorneys, planners and health officers also tackled mutual problems, but the recurring theme was where to find the money to solve those problems.

It's a basic fiscal argument rapidly turning into a head-on confrontation between state and local politicians: which taxes belong to the State and which to the local governments? Muddling the issue is the question of the congressional battle over which programs are to be under Federal thumbs.

But to every local official present, the words from Lt. Gov. Blair Lee III that an increase in the state income tax might be necessary next year, but that sharing there is no money without Federal revenue for school aid, were like hammer nailing the coffins shut on local governments.

The local governmental body is "already suffering from hardening of the categories," said Prince George's Councilwoman Gladys N. Spellman of congressional wishes to continue earmarking Federal funds for counties, cities and the states.

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"Don't give us money," she said. "Leave it with us. It's our money, the taxpayers' money to start with."

Mrs. Idamae T. Garrott, president of the Montgomery County Council, said the counties need "a whole basket of taxes" to draw from for their different needs plus "general purpose grants" from the State where poverty levels dictate amounts.

And with the prediction from a recent tax study that the counties and Baltimore City will be $311 million ($150 million in the City) in the hole by 1973, came the warning from tax expert Donald E. Hoon that the local governments will lose their constitutional right to govern as the State assumes more responsibilities and demands more dollars.

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Baltimore, September 10, 1971.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the registered qualified voters of BALTIMORE CITY, that the registered as DEMOCRATS or REPUBLICANS that a PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in said City on the DAY AND TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER, NEXT PRECEDING THE FOURTH DAY OF THE MONTH, SEPTEMBER 14, 1971, AT WHICH TIME THERE WILL BE THE NAMES POLITICAL PARTIES FOR A NOMINEE FOR MAYOR, FOR PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE AND FOR THREE NOMINEES FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FROM EACH OF THE SIX CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF BALTIMORE CITY.

LIST OF DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES AND PLAYER NUMBER

CITY WIDE OFFICES

(VOTE FOR ONE)

FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR MAYOR — Clarence H. Del Mar (1), Thomas J. D'Alesandro (2), Edward S. Mitnick (3), George L. Russell (4), Joseph Sherbert (5), Francis X. Gallagher (6).

FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL — Frank O. Conaway (24), Maurice J. Cullinane (25), Walter S. Orlinski (26).

FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR COMPTROLLER — Frank O. Conaway (24), Maurice J. Cullinane (25), Walter S. Orlinski (26).

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

(VOTE FOR THREE)

FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION IN FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT — Irene E. Alexander (27), Anthony J. Bennecoff (28), Charles Bernstein (29), Dominic Mimi DiPietro (30), Frank Fiorani (31), Catherine A. Pugh (32), Philip L. Rizzo (33), Patrick J. Sudano (34), Hans Gottschalk (35), Charles S. Iser (36), Eugene Leonard Raymond (37), Nicholas S. Lascarides (38), Joseph Lee Segal (39), Paul Sarbanes (40), Barbara A. Mikulski (41), Robert E. Sisk (42), Robert Kenneth Lee (43), Ralph Jerome Cox (44), Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. (45), Lawrence Bell, III (46), Clarence Burton (47), Harold Dixon (48), Nathaniel Pearson (49), Clarence Mitchell (50), Ruth Fisher (51), Harold Dixon (52), Nathaniel Pearson (53), Clarence Mitchell (54), Ruth Fisher (55), Harold Dixon (56), Nathaniel Pearson (57), Clarence Mitchell (58), Ruth Fisher