

Grady, Walter Graham and Phil Goodman will have the support of every single solitary Democratic voter in Baltimore City! If you don't believe that, ask one of the gamest political fighters of them all—Mayor Tommy D'Alesandro! As a matter of fact, Harold Grady has emerged from the primary election as one of the strongest political figures to appear on the Baltimore scene in a long while. It is quite apparent to everyone that the very existence of the Grady, Graham and Goodman ticket has somehow deflated the Republican campaign.

With the exception of the last few months, it has been eight long years since the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland have both had Democratic chief executives. As Governor of the State, I am eagerly anticipating the opportunity to continue working together during my term of office with a Democratic mayor of Baltimore. The City of Baltimore is, after all, the center and pivot on which the entire State depends. Nothing really beneficial and valuable can be accomplished for the state that does not also serve and benefit the best interests of Baltimore and its citizens. As Governor, I am looking forward to the opportunity of working closely and intimately with Harold Grady. As two Democrats working closely together, I am confident that we will be able to accomplish many things for the City of Baltimore that would not be possible should the Republican Party grasp control of the City administration.

There are so many pressing problems, which cannot be solved without the closest and most continuous cooperation of both the mayor and the governor. Among other things that come to mind are the working out of a useful group of common metropolitan services for Baltimore and the surrounding counties; the development of an efficient and rapid mass transportation service; the continued growth and development of the Port Authority; the legislative approval of the various loans and enabling acts which the City needs if it is to continue its progress in redevelopment and urban renewal; the integration of the State and City highway systems into a harmonious whole; the bringing of new and diversified industry into the metropolitan area. All these, and many more things, will be accomplished easier, sooner and better if the mayor and the governor are able to work together in complete accord and harmony. And Harold, I want to take this occasion to assure you that when you become mayor of Baltimore, I am going to do my level best to help you get your projects started, and to provide you and the City of Baltimore with every possible assistance that the governor is able to give!

I want to close, if I may, on what I consider a very important note.