

this had not been determined, and when asked when it would be determined, his answer was:

"We will make up our minds when we make up our minds."

I don't think Gilruth was being curt and impolite to the reporter. Sometimes that is about all we can say.

Before ending my statement, I should like to make note of two laws on the statute books of Maryland which I believe accurately reflect the attitude of the people of my State toward a free press and their zeal for its preservation. In our Code since 1896 is a law which protects news reporters from criminal prosecution for refusing to disclose their sources of information. Another, enacted in 1954, decrees that meetings of legislative bodies, boards, commissions, bureaus and agencies of State and local governments are public meetings and open to the public at all times."

I am pleased that these measures have been taken to afford you a greater measure of protection in the gathering and publication of information about the people's government.

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The State of Maryland is highly honored to have as its guests the distinguished newspaper publishers who have come here for this 1962 annual banquet of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. As the Governor of the State, and on behalf of all of its citizens I extend to you a warm and cordial welcome to the Free State.

We are pleased and honored, too, to have in our midst the illustrious Attorney General of the United States, the Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, the guest of honor at this banquet.

Like every other person I know in public life—and I believe Mr. Kennedy will agree with me—I have a healthy respect for what some one has called the "microscopic and telescopic eye" of the press. There is the temptation at times, I confess, to feel edgy and irritable when one is lashed by the press, but on the whole the continuing