

granting the random pay raise of policemen on July 1st and moving it back to September 1st. Was it your opinion that when the Legislature passed that bill recommending money for the pay raise, that it was the intent of the legislature to have the pay raise go into effect on July 1st?

A. I was asked this question about the dedication of those monies to the particular purpose of police protection when we visited Baltimore City recently, and, as I see it, it lines up this way. The money should be dedicated to police purposes, unquestionably. The State has no right, however, to dictate to the City or to any subdivision receiving the money within a police use what the subdivision should do with the money. Whether it is salaries, equipment or any other legitimate public safety expense, I think it is up to the subdivision receiving the money, and they should have flexibility within expenditures for police purposes.

Q. Governor, can we get back once again to this civil rights question. The militant activists like Carmichael and McKissick maintain there is a direct link, you say a twisted one, between the civil rights movement and the war, in that the money that is going for the war ought really to be spent helping those Negroes to get out of the ghettos. What is your response to that?

A. Well, there has to be an America to spend money on and if we're going to forfeit our place in the free world and retreat into what is hoped would be an isolationist's position, someday there is going to come a day of reckoning for that retreat, and it is going to be a great deal more expensive in both lives and property and money when it happens. And after it happens, if we're not able to pull it out, there won't be any need to worry about any anti-poverty programs or any other type local programs because the successful conqueror of this country would dictate the policies without regard to our wishes in domestic matters, anyhow.

Q. Governor, on a more practical subject, have you discussed with Mr. Wolff the recent difficulties of the design concept team?

A. Yes, I have, and Mr. Wolff tells me he has had many conferences with Mr. Owings, the architect of the design concept team, and that they have reached a measure of accord in that controversy. I think there has been some misunderstanding over what might be considered architectural prerogatives as opposed to engineering prerogatives, and my last word from Mr. Wolff was about three days ago when he told me that the controversy had been apparently resolved.