

public to read a technical discourse about taxation, which is not a very interesting subject for most people. And it's a reluctance to become informed. That's why I took the trouble to go on television in the hope that this would be a little more palatable way to present some truths about the program. But even then, I would guess I'd have trouble competing with a good movie or something that had genuine entertainment value.

Q. Governor, there were reports last week that said Governor Rockefeller and Senator Javits had some sort of secret pledge that would keep Rockefeller in the running. Would you verify this report?

A. No, I don't know. If you want to be totally informed about the Rockefeller situation, as interesting an account as I have ever seen was in last night's Bradford Jacobs article.

Q. You said Jacobs? Was that accurate?

A. No, but it was as accurate as some of the other speculations I have heard.

Q. Does Senator Javits call you from time to time about your progress?

A. I have talked with Senator Javits since I have been in office, and before, at least a dozen times on the phone, yes.

Q. Was it about the Rockefeller campaign?

A. Well, I think that those conversations are private ones, and I don't want to comment on them at this time, publicly.

Q. How are you doing in your search for a suitable Republican candidate for the Presidency?

A. I'm also searching for a Senatorial candidate.

Q. Have you decided on your replacement for Martin Brown, Superintendent of State Buildings and Grounds?

A. No, it won't be my decision. Mr. Brown's job comes within the merit system, and we've asked the classified officers to begin to find someone for that.

Q. Who will make the decision?

A. The personnel officer, Mr. Davis.

Q. Going back, Governor, you said that you're searching for a Senatorial candidate. We have heard the names of Congressman Mathias