

A. I can't recall their names from memory, and frankly I don't think I should identify them until I have established that they are at least interested in the position. They are men who hold responsible positions in other governments and it may jeopardize their positions.

Q. This means Mr. White is interested?

A. Well, this is the committee's recommendation. Mr. White, I would assume, would be interested.

Q. Was Mr. White the only Maryland candidate?

A. Yes, the only candidate submitted by the ad hoc committee.

Q. Governor, you're aware of the Giles decision in which the Giles brothers were granted a new trial last Monday by a Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge. They came very close to being executed if it had not been for the commutation of their sentences by your predecessor. Do you see in this an argument for the Legislature resuming consideration of abolition of capital punishment next year?

A. Yes, I think the Legislature should take it under additional consideration. And I'm presently tracing back the studies regarding capital punishment, by previous governmentally appointed commissions, to see whether there is any real need of appointing a new commission or whether simply an updating of the existing information is all that the Legislature would require to resume its study. I expect either to decide to appoint a new commission or to refer to the Legislative Council a suggestion that they entertain previous studies within the next month.

Q. Would you think that your position may be the same as it was last time? In other words, you would want certain safeguards concerning punishment?

A. I feel very strongly that if capital punishment is to be abolished, and I think the enlightened view is that it should be abolished, it should not happen unless, concurrently, steps are taken to make certain that people who are presently committed or sentenced to execution, people who have committed crimes of such a serious nature that they are presently being sentenced to be executed, are removed effectively from society and not subject to a parole after a fraction of the sentence has been served.

Q. Governor, you have asked Senator Tydings to ask the Small Business Administration to postpone its public auction of the equip-