

ment at Oregon Ridge leased from the Federal government. Has this been successful?

A. Well, I haven't heard yet because it was just yesterday we made that request of the Senator. I understand that this postponement procedure is entirely feasible and that such postponements have been granted in the past.

Q. Well, on the same line, has Baltimore County indicated any willingness to buy the property and run it for a year?

A. We have made no contact with Baltimore County. My sole communication has been to Senator Tydings, feeling that he could better make an approach to Baltimore County than the State administration since he initiated the idea.

Q. Governor, it appeared to me at the meeting of the Board of Public Works the other day that you were rather strongly in favor of a new State board to govern the community colleges and also a separate board in the counties.

A. Yes, I think that the community college system, whether it be concerning itself with what is referred to as a two-year, terminal, semi-higher educational effort — in other words, people who would take courses leading to a degree of Associate in Arts or some proficiency in a particular undertaking or whether they use the community college as the first part of a formal four-year college education — the best opinion that I can find, including that among the educators, seems to be that this should be administered by a separate board of trustees having a high degree of autonomy. The opposite argument is that the State Board of Education and the local boards of education charged with the administration of the twelve years, now with kindergarten, thirteen years of formal schooling, should annex these two years onto the secondary education. I don't think this is a good decision, because rather than giving the young person a college outlook it simply perpetuates, for another two years, a high school outlook. I favor the autonomous college approach.

Q. And in local governing boards too?

A. And in local governing boards too. I think it's ineffectual to separate the state boards and still leave the community college system under local boards. I think there should be a complete separation.

Q. Will you make this a part of your legislative program?

A. I expect to, yes.