

Q. Governor, do you see any signs of an increasing interest in the election?

A. I haven't seen a great deal of enthusiasm yet. I'm not really discouraged about it, because every election I can remember begins with a certain amount of apathy and generally catches fire in the last few days before the election. This is a little more difficult because unfortunately there are no Statewide candidacies involved. Everything is on a local basis, which makes it more difficult to trigger some overall enthusiasm.

Q. Wouldn't you like to see the political leaders of the districts and the counties come out and get some action across country?

A. About the Convention election, I think the political leaders should do everything in their power to stimulate attention to this election and to encourage all of their workers who normally participate in regular elections to participate in these elections.

Q. Even to the extent of supporting a certain candidate?

A. Well, I think certainly they would like to support, and will support, certain candidates. If they do, other candidates will then find it necessary to have assistance on their behalf and that's how the thing will get some attention.

Q. Governor you've given us a statement earlier today on the Comptroller and the tax program. Do you expect immediate action in court by the Attorney General?

A. In the statement I gave you relative to certain accusations that have been raised against the constitutionality of the tax law, I want to point out that I discussed this personally with the Attorney General last night and that we agreed that it was circumspect to seek a declaratory judgment immediately, rather than wait for any further detailed opinions on the issues that were raised by the Comptroller. The Attorney General will seek such a declaratory judgment as quickly as he can so that these questions can be put to rest once and for all.

Q. Governor, would you explain to us the legal procedures, which court the Attorney General will go to, and whether or not a declaratory judgment can be sought?

A. Well, I'm sure it can be sought. I'm not certain in which court he will bring the action. Those mechanical details are best left to the Attorney General's discretion. But certainly he raised no question about his ability to do this.