

A. Yes, you know I have been a great admirer of Mr. Eney for a long time. I think the convention is in the hands of an extremely capable and dedicated person. I also believe that Mr. Eney has no political connections that might impair his effective functioning as chairman. But the major consideration which seems to be generally recognized, even among those who supported other candidates and certainly we had two other fine candidates, is that Mr. Eney has spent the time in familiarizing himself with the basic instrument and is probably one of the best constitutional lawyers in the State of Maryland.

Q. Governor, the State Auditor recently audited the welfare funds. He indicated that some of their records were quite a bit out of date, especially in what most people consider more important areas, assistance, for instance. Are you planning on doing anything about that?

A. Yes, I am. I spoke with the State Auditor yesterday in Baltimore. And, first of all, I wanted him to know that he had my complete approval for delving into, at whatever depth he considered necessary, any existing procedures. I certainly want to see all practices in the state conform with the recommended established auditing procedures, and I want Mr. Wiedey to work in that regard. It may be a little embarrassing here and there if we find ourselves not in compliance, but we've just got to get ourselves straightened out.

Q. When do you plan to meet with the Liquor Board, Governor?

A. I talked with Mr. Cyrus Horine, the chairman of the Baltimore County Liquor Board, yesterday. I tried to meet with them yesterday but unfortunately it couldn't be arranged because one member was out of town. We have no date established, but I hope that it will be within the next three or four days.

Q. Governor, getting back to what was asked at the beginning, what specifically are you going to ask the Welfare Department?

A. I haven't talked with the Welfare Department or any member of that department, and I have simply asked Mr. Wiedey to give me a succinct report of his recommendations of what should be done to overcome the deficiencies he's found there. When I get that report, then I'll be in touch with the Welfare Department, probably through Dr. Ware, the program executive assigned to that department.

Q. Governor, you asked Mr. Horine to crack down on the county taverns on these pinball machines. Would you ask the same thing of Mr. Shay in Baltimore City?