

that the situation is critical. However, because of the past record of this national States' Rights Party in Princess Anne and in Baltimore City where what purported to be political rallies turned out to be really racial instigations, I have talked with the Attorney General's office and asked them to be prepared to seek an injunction if anything gets off the track. I've also been in touch with General Gelston and with Dr. Ware and the people in Cambridge to do what we can do to keep the situation as quiet as we can. We are not going to send any large number of troopers or the guard or anyone else to Cambridge, because frankly we think that the Negro community in Cambridge is responsible enough that they are not going to let a few statements made by these people, who seem to be moving around with the express purpose of selling discontent, inflame them to the point that they will do something precipitate.

Q. Governor, these same people, States' Rights Party people, are under appeal to the State Court of Appeals on a conviction of inciting to riot last summer in Baltimore. Are there any steps that can be taken to speed up this court action? Would that be under the State Court of Appeals? Would they have to take that in turn?

A. It's before the Court of Appeals and it's up to the Court as to whether they would want to accelerate that particular hearing. I don't know whether or not the determination would affect any future convocations of this crowd. Certainly, different people may be involved than those convicted for inciting to riot, if the convictions stand up in the Court of Appeals.

Q. If you ask the Attorney General to have an injunction against the States' Rights People, could it be broadened to include perhaps Stokely Carmichael, whom they want to bring in?

A. Well, I haven't seen any desire on the part of Mr. Carmichael to appear. He hasn't appeared yet, and I think they will use any well known name they can to further their cause. I think we'll have to face the situation as it occurs, but whatever the Attorney General would decide is necessary to preserve the public peace, if anything should happen, I hope he will do and I'm sure he will do.

Q. Governor, have you paid similar attention to Laurel where there has been an attempt to burn a Negro house there?

A. I've been following the Laurel situation as reported in the newspapers, but I haven't really done anything about it because the evolution of it appeared to indicate that the mayor had it under control. He hasn't called on me for any assistance, and I think it's a local