

there are militant people in the black community who are lenient, who are very intelligent, who are very well motivated and who act with restraint. I don't put Rap Brown in that category. Anyone who has listened to this tape would agree with me that the characterization of the President of the United States as some honky, the characterization of Abraham Lincoln as a person who really didn't care about black people, the characterization of George Washington as a slave owner, is less than a fair analysis of those individuals.

Q. On a more parochial point, the head of the Baltimore County Liquor Board with whom you had a meeting today was quoted afterwards that pinballs are not a matter of extreme urgency in the county. Would you comment on this?

A. No, I certainly didn't want to indicate to the Liquor Board that I'm trying to direct them in what they do. I never have wanted to, because my original statement in regard to the pinball machines was qualified by a statement that I don't control them. I don't want to push them into taking action that they don't think is appropriate. The purpose of our meeting today was for me to bring them to date on what I knew about the subject, and the fact was that I was expressing a very strong personal opinion which I don't think I'm going to change. Now, I asked them to investigate it carefully and arrive at an independent conclusion. And if their conclusion is different than my conclusion, I'm not going to begin criticizing them or putting pressure on them, but I wanted to see that they were in possession of the facts.

Q. Governor, did you accept an honorary membership in the Police Union?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Does that signify your approval of the union?

A. I have no objections to the Police Union or to the Fraternal Order of Police or to any other labor organization that conducts itself in the proper fashion toward its members. I think they are entitled to organize.

Q. Governor, could you discuss a little more what your full-scale plans are for dealing with the Baltimore problem, going beyond simply the backlog, the WPA-black community problem?

A. I can't do it today, because we are still in the process of evolving exactly how we are going to attack this thing on a definitive basis, but I expect that within a week, maybe within a few days, we'll have a better idea of exactly what actions we are going to take.