

Q. Could this conceivably involve asking the Legislature for increased involvement of the State for urban affairs?

A. It could. I expressed the view in Washington, when I met with the Congressional delegation, that the Federal government for too long had been preoccupied with sending a disproportionate amount of tax money for subsidies of the farmers, less to the urban areas. I think the ratios are completely out of balance, and I do think that if we could take what steps are necessary to persuade Washington, persuade the legislatures of the states, that they have got to provide greater financial ability in the urban areas, we'd be doing a service to putting down some of the natural unrest that comes out of such things as the failure of Congress to enact this rat control program and other very important programs for the highly populated urban areas.

Q. Do you have a meeting with Mayor McKeldin this afternoon?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Is that interracial?

A. I suppose that will be one of the principal areas of discussion.

Q. Governor, the House passed a bill a week or two ago which was called the Stokely Carmichael bill, but I guess it could also be called the Rap Brown bill. Would you be in favor of this?

A. I don't think we really needed that bill, desperately. We have laws on the books that protect us against this sort of inciting to riot and other crimes connected with the abuse of the right of free speech. I think that the passage of that bill is a little bit along the lines of political expediency.

Q. Would you say that the fact that Maryland and the Federal government in cooperation were able to apprehend the man accused in Maryland, proves the state laws can do the job with the present mechanisms in the anti-riot law?

A. Well, there are technicalities involving the non-necessity of extradition that make the enforcement of Federal laws a lot easier than state laws. But what I'm saying is that the anti-riot law that was recently enacted by Congress is not as effective a step as many people think it is. It is redundant to some extent on the state statutes. Frankly, I don't like to see the people in leadership of government getting into a position where they are taking pro forma steps because they think that's what the people want to hear. I regard this somewhat in that light.