

the general city problems that are monetary and which need to be cured by a distinct reversal in philosophy. I think the Republican Party can win this year's campaign by forgetting about the Vietnam issue, about which it has little or no information, and concentrating on a complete turnabout of programming for the urban areas of this country, programming that's dedicated and devoted to reversing the trend of population from the rural areas into the cities and changing it into moving the people out of the cities into the outlying areas where the industry has gone, utilizing programs for satellite cities, and generally attempting to clear the area, the slum areas, so that it can properly be knocked down and condemned by execution of housing and health codes.

Q. Well, in his speech to the opening session to the Constitutional Convention, Mr. Eney said that most states have gotten into the habit of depending on the Federal government for a few crumbs, and he said that he thought the states ought to start doing things on their own. How do you feel about it?

A. This is one of the major reasons that I think Nelson Rockefeller is the greatest candidate the Republican Party can produce this year. The State of New York has done things on its own. It has resorted to **prefinancing in programs that the Federal government is just thinking about** and then taking advantage of Federal contributions at such time as the law is passed to make them available. The State of New York under Rockefeller's leadership has never waited for Federal assistance, it's gone on its own with the hope that the Federal government would catch up with the state later on.

Q. Governor, would you explain your remark about forgetting about Vietnam?

A. Yes, if I were a presidential candidate today, one of the things that I certainly wouldn't do would be to make judgments about Vietnam without having the benefit of information as detailed and accurate as that which I assume the President has. In other words, I wouldn't talk about Vietnam unless I had asked the President to provide me with a detailed and intensive briefing by the intelligence people, by the military people, and by the diplomatic service. Once in possession of that information, I may feel qualified to venture an opinion on how the war should be fought. But it just makes me a little bit ill to see candidates of both parties who have no information whatsoever, except what they're imagining and conjecturing and receiving secondhand, taking positions on whether we should escalate or de-