

Q. Which war in your mind, personally, do you think is more important?

A. Well, that's a question that I couldn't answer because I don't even know how important the Vietnam war is at this point.

Q. Governor, may we get back to the state do-it-yourself thing? You said that you felt that New York was making great strides because it started things before the Federal government would come in. With reference to Maryland, are you going to present any programs to the upcoming session of the Legislature with regard to the poverty situation?

A. We're thinking about looking at the programs in prefinancing that New York has used in some of its recent issues. Fortunately, because of the pioneering that Rockefeller did, we don't have to worry about prefinancing pure waters or prefinancing transportation or the urban development corporation that he's thinking about. But, yes, we are going to look at programs of that type and it well may be that we will come up with the conclusion that Maryland should be doing something that the Federal government has not shown the leadership in, and, if so, I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it.

Q. Governor, at the Southern Governors' Conference one of the newspaper reports indicated that when Governor Maddox got up and began to rant against the Federal government, there was no support for him from some of the deep South governors. Did you detect, perhaps, a little softening of anti-federalists among southern governors?

A. Well, Governor Maddox didn't really rant against the Federal government. His comments were directed in opposition to a report of the Southern Regional Education Board concerning the upgrading of Negro colleges and universities, and I found little sympathy for his position in that regard. I don't detect among the southern governors any appreciable hostility to the Federal-state partnership, and certainly during the first day of the conference when the whole discussion went to Federal-state relationships, we found that these people are knowledgeable and interested in using the Federal programs wherever they can. We heard on the third day of the conference Mr. Bridwell, the Federal highways administrator, talk about some of the problems in his department, along with Secretary Boyd, and I was delighted to find that Undersecretary Bridwell singled out Maryland for special praise because of the solution to the City's interlocked highways and the