

Q. Well, would you tell the committee, in effect, that they have to tread cautiously because of these potential problems?

A. Tread cautiously?

Q. Yes.

A. No, I certainly wouldn't tell them that. I've said in my speeches to the Convention that I think they've got to look at the tremendous importance of what they are doing and they've got to follow the dictates of their consciences and set their sights high. This doesn't go along with treading cautiously. But they can be intelligently politic in how they present their views.

Q. Well, would you say that after the Constitution has been modernized the Convention has to be responsible for the way it handled the status quo?

A. Yes, there are certain ways that you do things that create an absolute outburst of rage. In other ways you can do the same thing and be persuasive and nice about how you handle it. It's a political matter of how you project what you're trying to do. But the overall impact should be to make a good document.

Q. Governor, who was trying to defeat any changes?

A. Well, I don't think that I would care to run through the enumeration of delegates. All you have to do is read in the newspaper to find out who proposed the status quo. I don't want to comment on that.

Q. Governor, you explained there is no request for abolishment of the death penalty in the Constitution. Are you considering it?

A. No, I don't think it belongs there, because we already have a prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Now what is cruel and unusual punishment could change from generation to generation, and has changed as a matter of fact. So I think it should be left flexible for legislative determination of how the people feel about punishment at that particular age.

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