

sider ourselves to be highly sensitive to the problems of the City. We're interested in the City's rehabilitation, and we intend to do everything we can to assist Mayor D'Alesandro and the newly-elected City Council in furthering the course of conduct most advantageous to the citizens of Baltimore.

I tried to reach the Mayor-elect today, but I haven't been successful yet. I intend to sit down with him at the earliest possible moment to get some of his thinking on the attack of City problems. He and I worked well and successfully in the past on the Metropolitan Area Council, and I'm sure we'll continue to do the same in the future.

Q. Governor, you said that the State recognizes Baltimore's peculiar problems. Is there more help that the State can give for the City?

A. Well, I think there's a selectively better way to employ what help the State can give. If you mean by more help, is there more money, I'm not sure of how much more money there's going to be. We've raised the taxes, all that the traffic will bear for awhile, as far as the individual is concerned. We are now targeting in on making economies in the government to provide additional money for more important purposes. Yet, we recognize the City's problems and we're sensitive to them. As I indicated, we are going to do everything we can to help.

Q. Do you believe that the people working in the City ought to contribute more of the money?

A. I've never been a believer in the mere fact that if a person goes into the City, it makes it necessary for him to contribute to City services. I believe that the City is the responsibility of the entire metropolitan area, and I believe that the welfare of the City is essential if the metropolitan area is to flourish and prosper. So I don't think it's imperative that we reach a decision that users of the City for the purposes of working should support the City, because these same users contribute to the economic welfare of the City by supporting its business, by utilizing the Baltimore Transit Company, which pays a tax to the City alone, and in many other ways.

Q. Do you favor or oppose direct Federal aid to the municipality, rather than to the State?

A. Yes, I do oppose that, and I was successful in sponsoring a resolution at the National Governors' Conference — which passed unanimously — which would require, or request rather, the Federal government to include the state as a fully-qualified working partner in all Federal-city assistance programs. I feel it's wrong to leave the state