

A. Well, I think that he was concerned about the safety of his child, and naturally he's emotionally involved. But our conversation led me to believe that he'd been rather objective in his examination of what took place, and he hadn't restricted himself to what happened to his child alone. I can't brush off the validity of what he says simply because he's personally involved.

Q. Has Mr. Cole, your program coordinator in this area, gotten as many reports as you have on the poor conduct?

A. Well, I don't know that. I don't know whether he's received as many reports, but he has been involved in looking into the situation since Senator Dorf made his initial disclosures and has voiced his concern about Pimlico. I know this, that Mr. Cole feels that the fact that Pimlico has been singled out for this attention doesn't make it unique among the schools. I think the situation exists throughout the State, as I indicated before. And it just so happens that a great amount of spadework on Pimlico has been done.

Q. Governor, don't you think if this problem does exist there it's because of overcrowding?

A. No, I don't. I don't think this has anything to do with it. As a matter of fact many of the attacks that have been taking place on children have been when a major part of the student body is long gone and in isolated halls and in places where there are only one or two persons present. I don't think overcrowding has anything much to do with this.

Q. Governor, Pimlico is one of the few really integrated schools in Baltimore City. Do you think that has any effect on it?

A. Not a thing.

Q. Senator Dorf mentioned yesterday, when I interviewed him, that he seems to me to put as much blame on the children getting on transportation of the Baltimore Transit buses, and several of the girls have made complaints that they have been molested and that the bus driver and the company did little about it. Did he mention that at all?

A. Yes, we talked about that and we know the position of the bus drivers, that they have been duped into leaving their money unattended to run back to investigate a disturbance in the rear of the bus and then someone up front has taken their money. They have got a problem in trying to keep themselves from being robbed. With regard to buses, it's interesting if you remember — and I remember that