

A. Well, I don't see a thing wrong with that. I imagine that if in the *News American* the board of directors was considering abolishing the job of reporter, you might be talking to people too.

Q. Governor, what are your feelings about single member legislative districts? What effect do you think they would have on the Republican Party?

A. Well, they're not going to cure the ills of the Republican Party. They're not going to make it easier for us to make a quick showing of some improvement. But, as I said during the time I was County Executive of Baltimore County, I espoused a councilmanic system that didn't lead to the election of councilmen from specific areas, and although I recognize that we could very easily — meaning we the Republican Party — could very easily elect a couple of councilmen if we had districtwide elections instead of county wide elections, I also felt that that is a superficial showing of strength that forecloses the growth of the party generally. I think that the meaningful growth of the Republican Party will take place only when it's able to command the respect, attention and votes of a majority of citizens. So I don't think that the single member district, because it may create a very small area where a Republican could be elected immediately, is of necessity an assistance to the party generally. We have to look on a much broader geographic basis.

Q. Governor, has the City Republican committee come to you asking to appoint Attorney George Hubbard as chairman of the City organization?

A. No, but I intend to meet with the City committee as my first step in my attempt to revitalize the City organization, and I intend to bring into that effort the total Republican State party.

Q. Governor, as a new Republican governor, what do you hear from Nelson Rockefeller?

A. Well, he's still doing a pretty good job of administering the State of New York.

Q. Governor, you mentioned the revitalization of the Republican Party in Baltimore City — well, the Democrats outnumber them 5 to 1. How much revitalization do you think they need to be a force?

A. It won't take long. Two years ago the Republican Party was said to be dead nationally, was said to be pretty well floundering on the State level four years ago, yet now we command the majority among the governors and also a tremendous majority in the electoral vote