

count because we control the urban areas. It doesn't take long to convince the people that if the candidate provides the programs and the initiative and the energy that they are looking for, that they should support him. Now, this doesn't mean that they are going to reregister immediately; the reregistration comes later. We've got to keep on creating and working and show that the success wasn't simply an accidental blunder before we can convince people to reregister. But the best part about our situation, as I see it, is that the census report recently completed shows that the median age of our population is 27½ years, which means that there is a very substantial number of young people who will reach voting age and who can be persuaded by party activity to register either way. This registration figure can be seriously affected for the good, I hope, by what these young people do as they come to voting age.

Q. Governor, what was your reaction to suggestions about Mr. Eney's candidacy for a Statewide office?

A. Well, I've already said I'm an admirer of Mr. Eney's, and I am. I think he is a tremendously competent man, and I don't know whether he's even considering a political expedition or not. My guess would be that he probably isn't at this point. I would just have to face that when the time came, and I would have to look at the office he was going after.

Q. Do you mean he has the qualifications for a higher office?

A. I think he has the qualifications for high office, and I think he'd make an excellent governor.

Q. Is that an endorsement?

A. This is not an endorsement, no.

ADDRESS TO MARYLAND MANUFACTURERS'
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Several weeks ago I attended the National Governors' Conference. Today I would like to report to you on our principal area of concern — one which, I believe, not only interests but involves you deeply.

Despite the priority attention given by the news media to our failure to reach a consensus endorsing the President's Vietnam policy,