

*Barron's Magazine* are interesting. I read everything that seems to hit a subject that I think is important for me to have some collateral information about that might affect my judgments in matters of government.

Q. In light reading, do you ever read detective stories?

A. I never read detective stories. I have enjoyed a certain number of war stories. I just finished reading a history of the division I served with in Europe, and naturally it was very interesting to look back through that and relive some of those days during World War II.

Q. Sir, you mentioned Senator Bishop of Baltimore County. I was wondering if you had any Republicans in Anne Arundel County that might look good, like Mr. Alton.

A. I don't think that Mr. Alton — well first of all that's not part of that Congressional seat that I was asked about — but Mr. Alton is in Mr. Morton's district and I'm sure that Mr. Alton would not, unless Mr. Morton sought the Senate seat, run against Mr. Morton. If Mr. Morton does seek the Senate seat, I think Mr. Alton would be a fine candidate for the Congressional seat, if he wants it. When I was County Executive of Baltimore County, I was always quick to point out, and I feel this very strongly, that I think that the building of the party and the responsibilities of being the head of a metropolitan county outweigh those of the Congress, of an individual Congressman. So I would think that Mr. Alton would be stepping into a position of lesser dignity.

Q. Well, isn't it true, Governor, that the arithmetic on this is that there are only two Congressional seats that logically should go to Republicans that are not already held by Republicans? You have three in Baltimore City that one assumes are firmly Democratic seats at the moment.

A. Well, we've got to get in and start working on those seats. We can't assume that they are irrevocably Democratic. I admit that they are long shots right now, and coming off the City election just as we have they become even longer. But we've got to begin our rebuilding process on those seats. I think that Congressman Machen's seat is certainly a vulnerable seat and Congressman Long's.

Q. But you have three seats held by Republicans now and you have three Baltimore City seats. That's six of the eight. So the arithmetic is two other seats.